

Cast Into Torment

Brodequin

Placed in a large iron hop hinged in two halves hands
bound behind the back
Forced to kneel on the lower half with the executioner
straddling the victim

Turning and tightening the screw clamping down the other
section immovable agonizing
Pain begins anew

Pressing the body ever closer sweat and tears fill the
eyes a slow swelling
Of the throat muffling the cries chest against the knees
stomach against the thighs
Spine slowly dislocated breastbone and ribs obliterated