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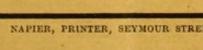
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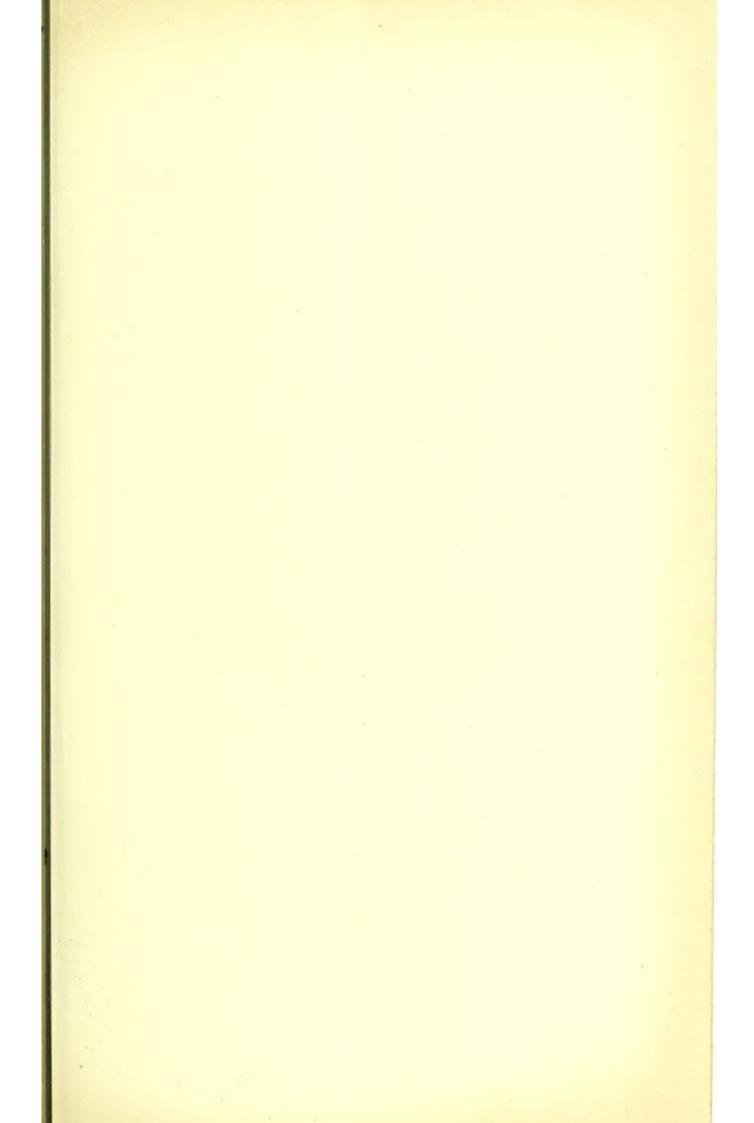
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"PORO-PLASTIC JACKET,"

AS APPLIED TO

"SAYRE'S" TREATMENT OF SPINAL DISEASE.

This Poro-plastic, already so well known in its use for splints, was tried a short time ago by several Surgeons with a view of superseding the "Plaster of Paris bandages," at present largely used in "Sayre's" treatment of spinal disease, but the attempt proved a failure, owing to the endeavour to mould it from the sheet—an impossibility.

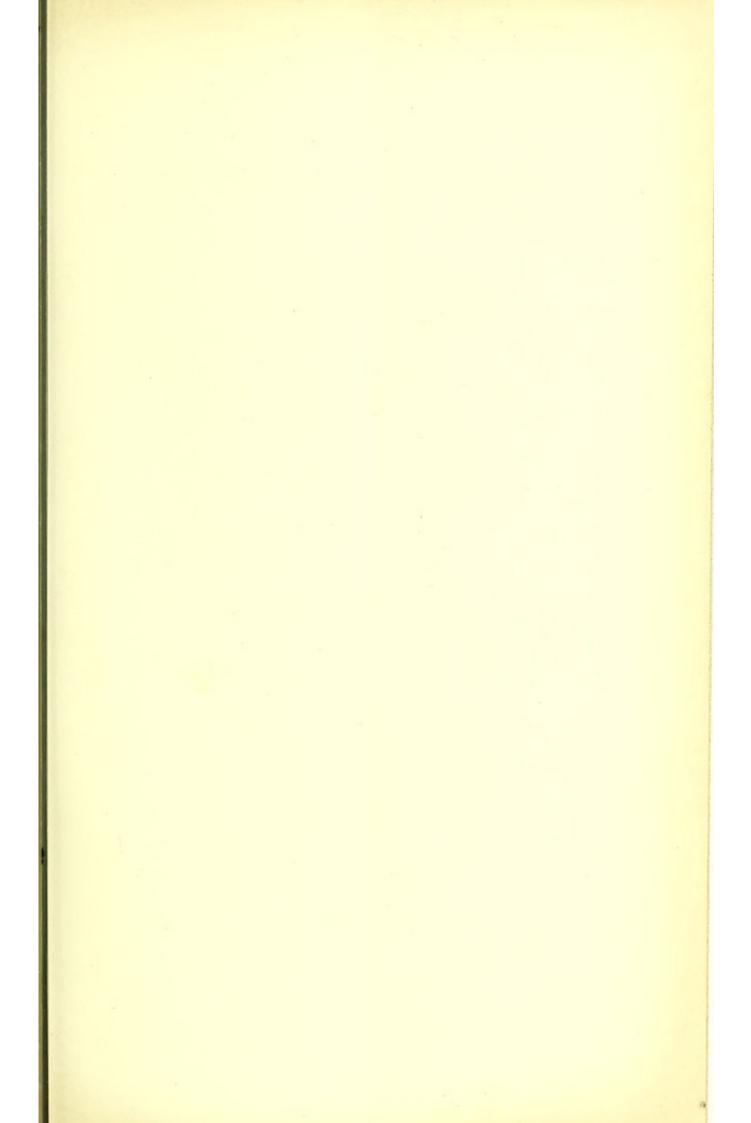
This difficulty having been overcome, Mr. Ernst has now much pleasure in introducing to the Profession the Poro-plastic manufactured into a kind of Jacket in several sizes to suit the requirements of each particular case, and which he is sure will do away with many of the present disagreeables of, and objections to, the "Plaster of Paris" application.

It possesses the following advantages:—

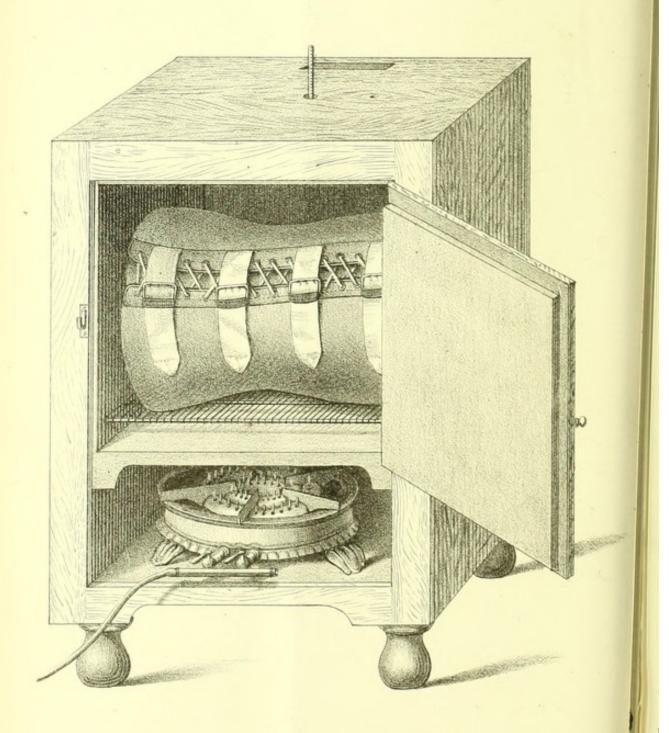
- 1. Ease and cleanliness of application.
- 2. Perfect rigidity before releasing the patient from extension.
- 3. Increased pressure on any particular spot can be obtained, by simply warming that part of the "Jacket" with hot water, and, after having depressed and so secured the desired object, cooling immediately with cold water.
- 4. Facility of removal for ablution, gymnastic exercises, &c.
- 5. Lightness and porosity.
- 6. Facility of adapting metal attachments in severe cases.
- 7. Economy; the same "Jacket" being capable of remoulding frequently as the case progresses; and it will last a year or more.

MODE OF APPLYING THE JACKET.

This process can only be properly carried out by means of hot air—this means being more pre-



COCKING'S PORO-PLASTIC SPINAL JACKET.



HEATING APPARATUS.

ferable than water—at a temperature of 160° to 180° Fahr., and for which purpose Mr. Ernst has constructed an apparatus which is heated by gas.

To adapt the "Jacket," cut it as near to the patient's size as possible before warming, then place it in the heating apparatus—which must be already at the required temperature—till it becomes thoroughly pliable; this takes from 3 to 5 minutes. In the meantime the patient having been suspended and one of the vests applied*—as in the "Plaster of Paris" treatment—the "Jacket" is taken from the heating apparatus and quickly buckled round the patient, at the same time worked with the hand into the extended form of the body and retained there by means of a double roller bandage. By the time this has been done the "Jacket" will have set, the roller bandage is then removed and the "Jacket" tightly laced like an ordinary corset.

In following out the above simple directions it is hardly necessary to add that rapid and dexterous manipulation is necessary for the success of the "Jacket," as it hardens so quickly.

^{*} A very great improvement was suggested by Professor D. W. Yandell, M.D., of Louisville, Kentucky, U. S. A., during the application of a "Poroplastic Jacket" at the National Orthopædic Hospital, June 6th, 1878, viz.:—wrapping a sheet of cotton-wool once round the patient previously to the application of the Poro-plastic: thus forming a very soft padding, and not in any way interfering with the efficacy of the "Jacket."

The "Jacket" and heating apparatus are supplied by, and all information respecting them obtained from,—

MR. ERNST,

80, Charlotte Street,

Fitzroy Square, London, W.,

the agent for "Cocking's Poro-plastic Spinal Jacket."

In ordering the "Jacket" the following measures should be sent—having been taken during suspension:—

circumferences $\begin{cases} 1. & \text{under the arms,} \\ 2. & \text{the waist,} \\ 3. & \text{the pelvis,} \end{cases}$

4. length from axilla to head of great trochanter,

and a description of the case.

FOR ITS VALUE AS A SPINAL JACKET,

The following Opinions are given.

HENRIETTA STREET,

CAVENDISH SQUARE.

June 13th, 1878.

I have made trial of Cocking's Poro-Plastic Spinal Jacket as a substitute for the Plaster of Paris Jacket as used in Sayre's treatment of spinal curvature, and it seems to me to be admirably adapted for this purpose.

When softened by hot air, the felt Jacket is firmly bandaged on the patient during the process of extension or self-suspension, and becomes thoroughly hardened as it cools in two minutes, so that it retains the improved form gained by extension. It can be removed at pleasure, and the same Jacket softened and re-applied as the improvement in the spinal curvature takes place. Many of the disadvantages, therefore, of the Plaster of Paris Jacket are avoided, and it seems to be equally efficient in retaining the improved form of the spine.

WM. ADAMS, F.R.C.S.,

Surgeon to the Great Northern Hospital and the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic; Consulting Surgeon to the National Orthopædic Hospital, &c., &c. GROSVENOR STREET, W.

May 27th, 1878.

One of Cocking's Poro-Plastic Jackets has been applied to a hospital patient of mine who is suffering from Pott's disease of the spine, with severe angular curvature in the lower dorsal and lumbar regions.

The Jacket having been heated, was, in its softened condition, moulded to the trunk during suspension of the patient; it set firmly in about two minutes. The casing thus formed fitted perfectly, and was in no respect inferior, as a mechanical support, to the Plaster of Paris Jacket which the patient had previously worn, whilst over the latter material it possessed the great advantage of being easily and quickly applied.

F. R. FISHER, F.R.C.S.,

Surgeon to the National Orthopædic Hospital and Victoria

Hospital for Sick Children.

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Size A...... complete.
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FOR

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Cocking's Adaptable Poro-plastic Splints

In order to treat fractures, the use of some form of splint is imperative, and hitherto those made of wood, gutta-percha, plaster of Paris, &c., have been used, but with many objections; wood being hard, and not made to fit the limb perfectly, often causes abrasions and chafings from undue pressure, gutta-percha when over-heated becomes sticky, plaster of Paris is troublesome in application, &c. The only splints which fulfil all the requirements in cases of fractures, and which do not possess the objections referred to are

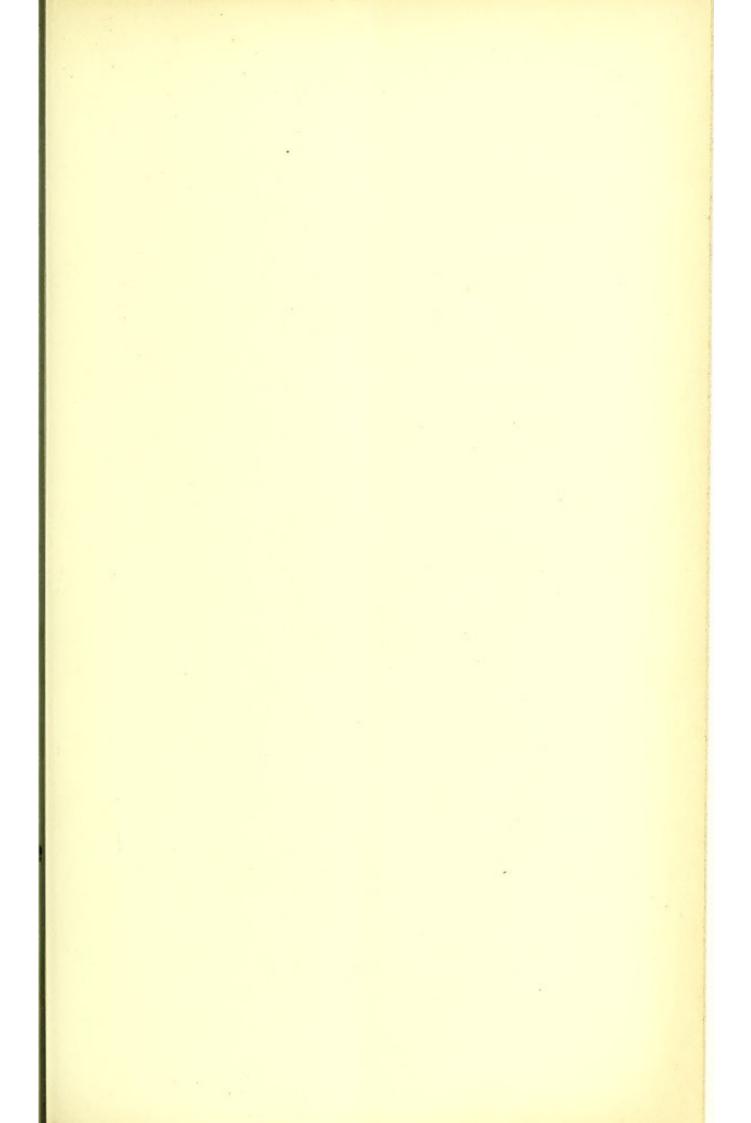
COCKING'S ADAPTABLE PORO-PLASTIC SPLINTS.

This material, a felted substance stiffened with various gums, is porous, and when softened (by heat) perfectly plastic, so that it can be moulded to any shape, becoming rigid when cold and retaining the shape to which it has been adapted. This material has now been before the Profession for the past seven years, and has been tried and recommended by the most distinguished Surgeons of Great Britain.

It being impossible to make splints with angles from the flat sheet of poro-plastic, they are formed over blocks or moulds into shapes and sets, which will be described hereafter.

These splints can be adapted at will to any of the various cases for which they are intended, and being so closely fitted to the limbs, it is impossible for them to be easily displaced. The patient is able to be moved about, the limb being in perfect rest all the while; whilst their porosity is so great as to admit of hot or cold water dressings being freely applied, and from enclosing the limb both in circumference and length, they prevent spasmodic action, over-riding of particles of bone and consequent deformity. These splints will be found invaluable for the treatment of fractures in children, and for all sprains and injuries where perfect rest and support are required.

To apply them, the same method must be pursued as that directed for the adaptation of the Poro-plastic Jacket; but instead of first bandaging the limb with a cold water bandage, as is usual with these splints, it has been found better to employ the cotton wool as described on page 5, foot-note—Dr. Yandell's suggestion.



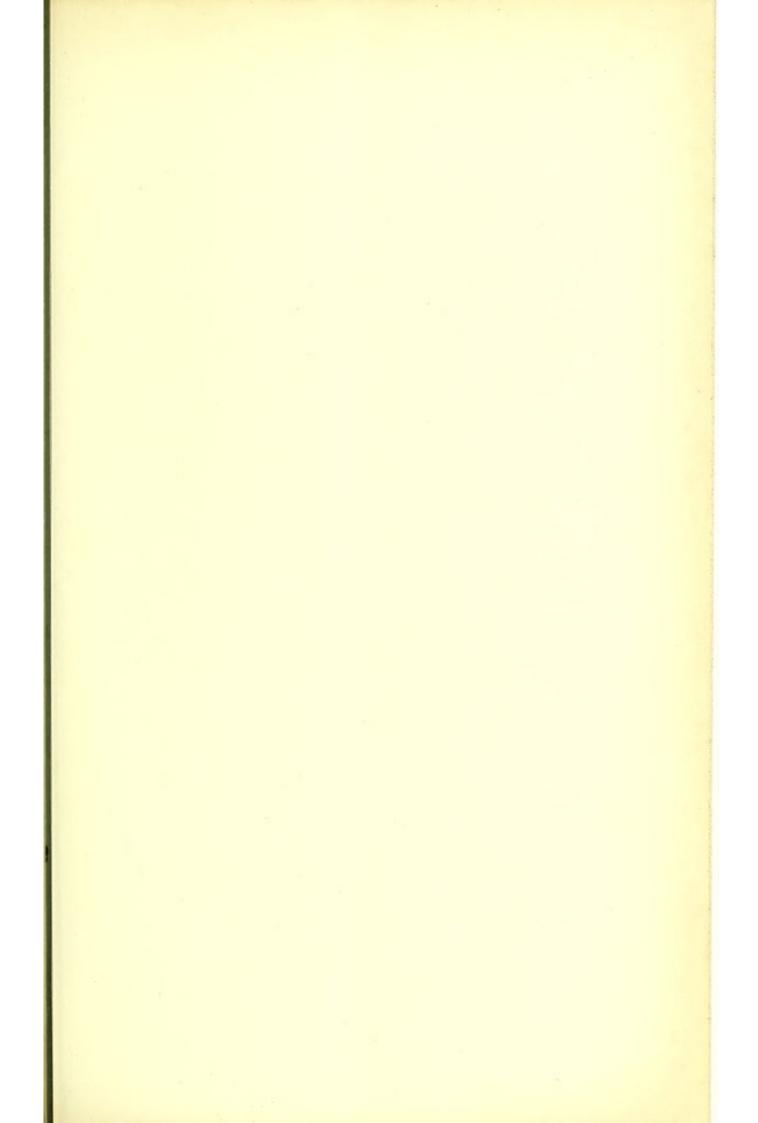
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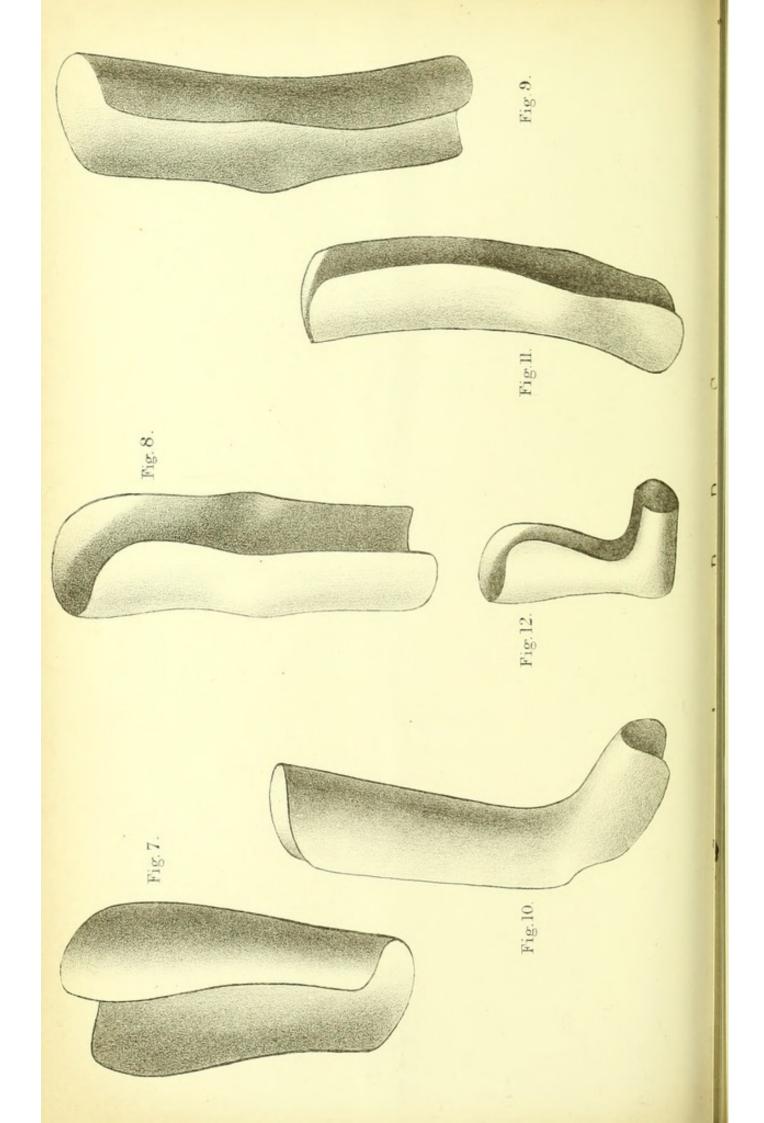
COCKING'S ADAPTABLE PORO-PLASTIC SPLINTS.

PLATE I.

- Fig. 1.—Inferior Maxillary splint. A splint embracing the entire chin, forming a complete support for the fractured jaw.
- Fig. 2. Shoulder splint for fracture of humerus. This splint can also be used in connection with the elbow splint.
- Fig. 3.—Posterior Elbow splint for fractures and dislocations of radius, ulna, and humerus, at or near the elbow joint; can be used in combination with the Inferior and Superior Forearm splints, for all fractures of ulna and radius at the middle or upper third.
- Fig. 4.—Anterior Elbow splint; used in combination with Posterior Elbow splint.
- Fig. 5.—Superior Forearm splint
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- forearm, also for sprains and dislocations of wrist joint.

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COCKING'S ADAPTABLE PORO-PLASTIC SPLINTS.

PLATE II.

- Fig. 7.—Femoral splint, for treatment of fracture of lower third, middle and upper third of the femur, in combination with anterior and posterior Knee-joint splints. Figs. 8 and 9.
- Fig. 8.—Anterior Knee-joint splint) These splints are
 - Fig. 9.—Posterior Knee-joint splint ∫ adapted to treat fractures of tibia, fibula, and femur, near the knee-joint, and can be used with anterior tibial and posterior fibula; are also used for fractures of patella.
 - Fig. 10.—Anterior Tibial splint, for fractures of tibia, and especially for fractures in the vicinity of the anklejoint. Fractures of the malleoli will be readily treated in combination with Posterior Fibula splint. Fig. 11.
 - Fig. 11.—Posterior Fibula splint, for fractures of fibula; can be used with Anterior Tibial splint. Fig. 10.
 - Fig. 12.—Club-foot splint, for children only.

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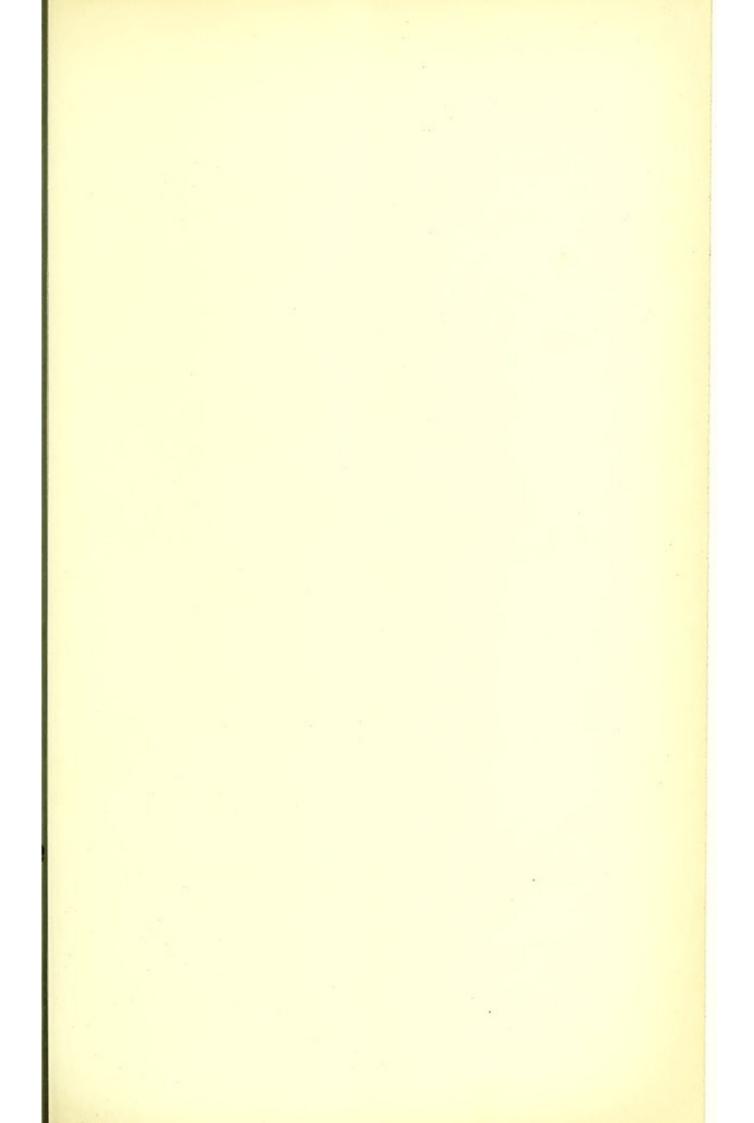
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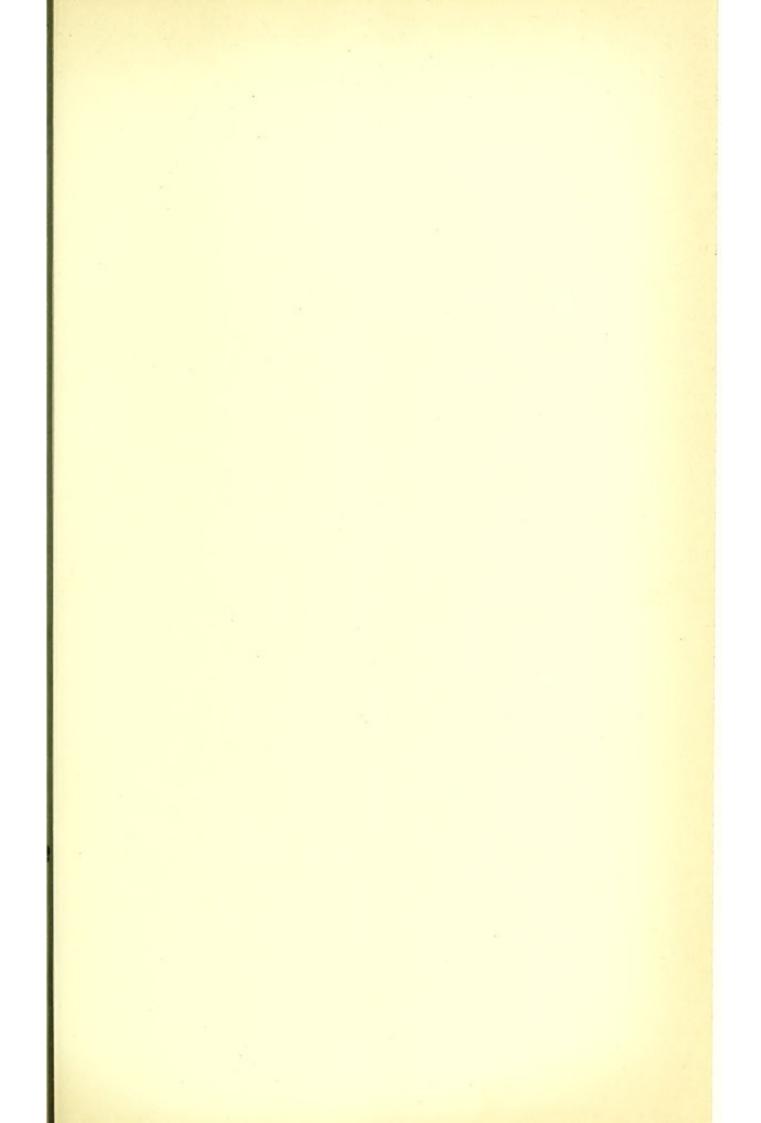
Fig. 13.—Shoulder Caps.

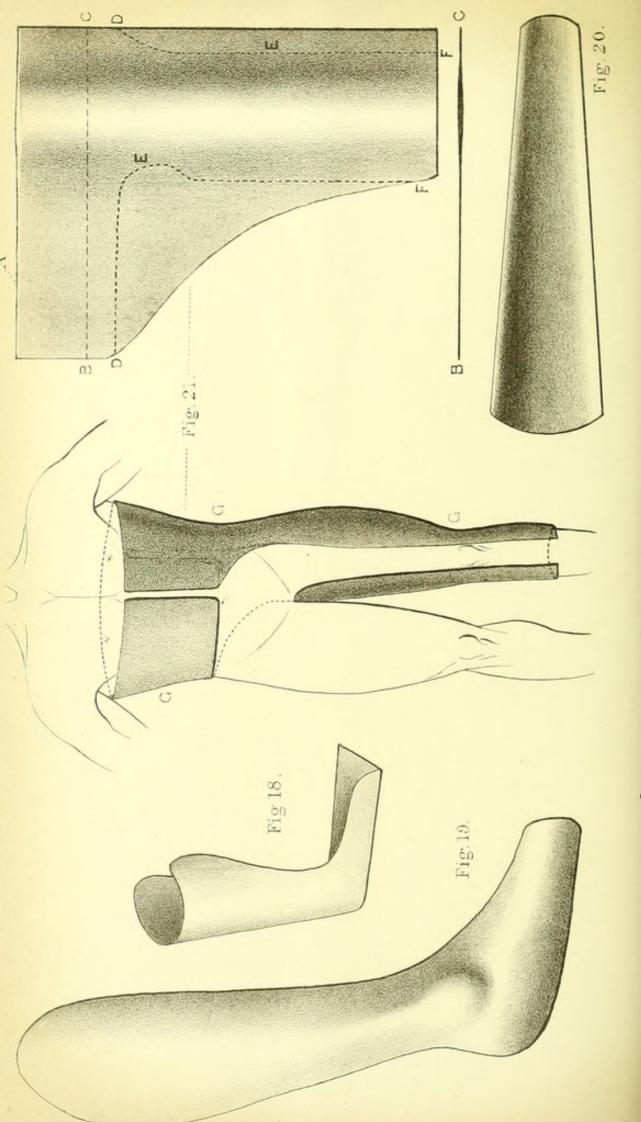
Fig. 14.—Angular Arm.

Fig. 15.—Pemberton's Hand.

Fig. 16.—Gordon's Hand.

Fig. 17.—Radial.





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PLATE IV.

Fig. 18.—Dr. Little's Club-foot splint.

Fig. 19.—Cline's Leg splint.

Fig. 20.—Straight grooved splint.

Fig. 21.—Graduated Hip splint.

A-Sheet. Section B, C, showing graduation.

D, E, F-Part to be cut away before being moulded.

G-Splint after application.

DESCRIPTIVE PRICE LIST.

COCKING'S ADAPTABLE POROUS SPLINTS.

	A	dults.	Seco	nd Si	ze. Cl	Children.	
Inferior maxillary		1.	·····	1.		1.	
Shoulder splint		2.		2.		2.	
Posterior elbow		2.		2.		2.	
Anterior elbow		2.		2.		2.	
Superior forearm		2.		2.		2.	
Inferior forearm		2,		2.		2.	
Femoral		4.		4.		4.	
Anterior knee joint		2.		2		2.	
Posterior knee joint		2.		2.		2.	
Anterior tibial		2.		2.	V	2.	
Posterior fibula		2.		2.		2.	
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Gordon's hand		 3	 1	 8	 12/-
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