

use; Fig. 2 shows it *in use*. The one represented here is of iron, upholstered, but the inventor, Mrs. Helen Grove, St. John's, Warwick Road, Redhill, is having some made in brass, which will not require upholstering. Of course, the frame (which is exceedingly light) can be upholstered in any material to match other furniture, &c. Any square, flat, soft cushion can be

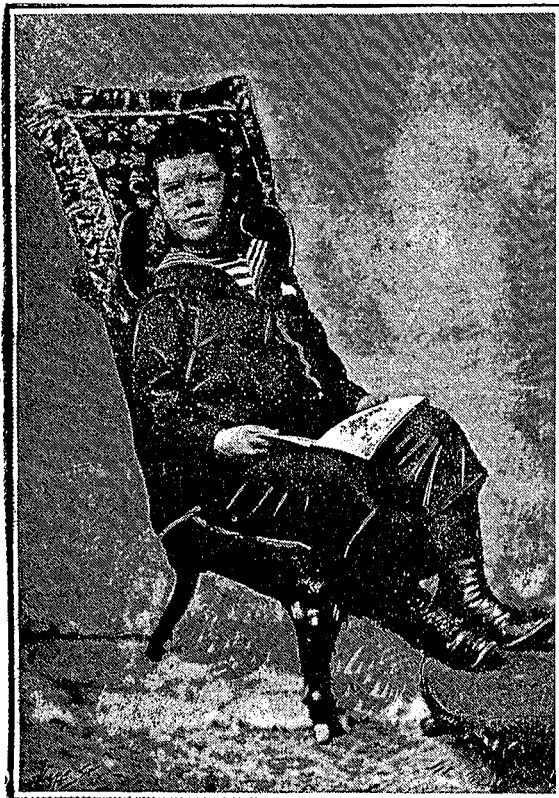


FIG. 2.

used, and the prices for the holder are from twelve shillings and sixpence to twenty-one shillings. If the cushion is supplied by the inventor it is, of course, extra, and the cost depends upon the material. By its use a low-backed, uncomfortable chair can quickly be changed into one of luxury, and every institution and Private Nurse should possess one, which, we feel sure, will be gratefully appreciated by patients.

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AN exceedingly useful article (the invention of Miss B. Dranfield, Corporation Oaks, Nottingham) has been sent to us for notice. It consists of a light and well-knitted small porous bag of a soft washable material, forming a respirator, which adapts itself to the shape of the mouth quite easily. The interior holds a small pledge

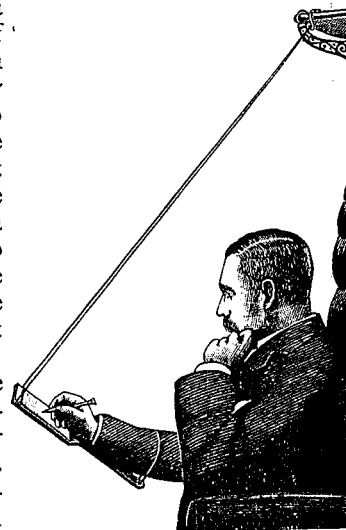
of cotton wool (easily replaced), which can be sprinkled with eucalyptus, creolin, or any recognised antiseptic, the advantages of which are only too obvious. For those engaged in nursing infectious patients this respirator should prove of particular value, and Miss Dranfield is to be congratulated upon her ingenuity. Specimens can be sent, post free, at the following prices:— For adults, 3s. 3d. each; black, 2s. each; white, or flesh-coloured, 2s. 3d. each; for children, black, white, or flesh-coloured, 1s. 6d. each; and Miss Dranfield will be glad to supply any further particulars respecting the useful article, for which we predict a large demand. For bronchial and consumptive patients the respirator appears to be exactly the thing required. There are two kinds made, the one for the nose and mouth, and the other for the mouth alone.

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FOR a very convenient little article for the use of travellers we can heartily recommend "*The Wryteezy*" Railway Writing Desk. This novel invention enables anyone to write without difficulty while travelling in a train, carriage, or steamboat, and is specially suitable for invalids in a reclining position. For use, suspend the desk

by the hook to a convenient part of the vehicle; attach the handle tightly to the arm, near to the elbow, by the cord; rest the wrist firmly upon the desk and exert a slight pressure, so as to tighten the cords; steady the desk with the left hand. Price, without paper slit, three shillings and sixpence; with paper slit, five shillings. It is made of french-polished hard wood with plated fittings;

and writing pads, with carbon sheets for manifold copying, can be had, price threepence each. It can be purchased from railway bookstalls, or from "*The Wryteezy*" Railway Writing Desk Company, 25, Cross Street, Manchester.



DULNESS is a foe as well as over-excitement; idleness may be as evil physically and intellectually as overwork, and is undoubtedly more dangerous from the moral point of view.

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