

## Preparations, Inventions, &c.

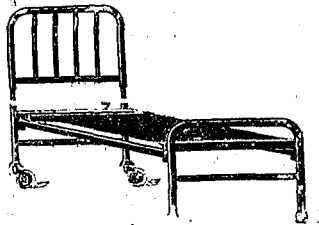
### CHORLTON'S BEDSTEADS AND APPLIANCES.

Hospital authorities and the proprietors of nursing-homes who are contemplating the purchase of new bedsteads and invalid appliances should write to Messrs. Isaac Chorlton and Co., 17, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, for an illustrated catalogue of their goods before making a decision. The bedsteads made by this firm have been supplied to the Admiralty, the War Office, the India Office, to most of the leading London hospitals, as well as to many provincial ones, to asylums and homes in Great Britain, and to many institutions abroad. Special attention is given to the requirements of hospitals, and the "patent surgical bedstead" illustrated on

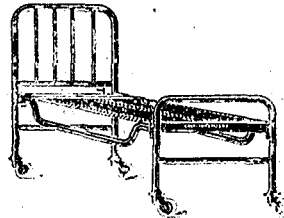
invalid couches, bed-rests, and other necessaries. Amongst cots may be mentioned the "Glibly" and the "Raven." The child's bedsteads "Genus" and "Raven" should also be noted.

An arrangement which has much to commend it is the "Teleon," which is made of closely-twisted coils of steel wire forming very strong "zebra" cords, which are secured to the end bars of the mattress frame, under the wire-woven mattress. The "Teleon" not only increases the durability of the woven wire, but increases the resiliency of the mattress, and gives a feeling of restful comfort which is rarely experienced with a surface which is too yielding.

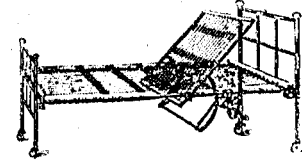
A novel bed which the circumscribed space of the modern residential flat has called into existence is



PATENT "SURGICAL" BEDSTEAD.  
Head lifts off, room for fracture boards,  
rubber tyred castors at head, wood  
feet at foot.



SPRING BEDSTEAD, in three parts.



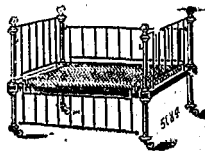
PATENT BEDSTEAD, as shown at Exhi-  
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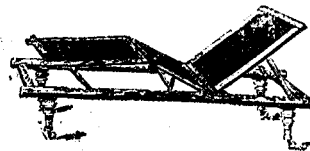
PATENT "SPRING" WOVEN-WIRE  
MATTRESS.



PATENT "EXCELSIOR" SPRING-  
CHAIN MATTRESS.



HOSPITAL COT.



INVALID SPRING COUCH.



NURSES' FOLDING BED.



BED-REST.  
Also LEG-RESTS,  
&c.

### CHORLTON'S SPECIALTIES.

this page is a useful example of this. A head which can be lifted off a bedstead at will is a great advantage to an anæsthetist; the chain mattress is so arranged that there is space for the insertion of fracture boards, if desired; the bedstead is readily movable on the rubber-tyred castors at its head, while the wooden ball feet at the other end prevent it slipping unawares. Special attention is paid to the feet and castors for institution beds, an important point when the variety of flooring now prevalent necessitates the adoption of feet to the bedsteads in use which are suited to it. Thus they may have iron feet which are cast on the legs of the bedstead, the same with indiarubber pads, wood ball feet, wood socket feet, with or without rubber pads, iron horn castors with solid vulcanised indiarubber bowls, and others, so that the requirements of a large diversity of floors can be dealt with.

Cots for children's wards supplied by this firm are also obtainable through the trade, as well as

the two-tier bed, the "Drollery," which has welded tube pillars and sides, and steel angle ends, and woven wire mattresses. The arrangement of the bed is after the manner of ships' berths, and it may, indeed, be used for this purpose.

Of the bed-rests, the "Excelsior" and "Matlock," fitted with a chain spring mesh, may be noted, as more yielding, and, consequently, comfortable, than the old-fashioned rests with straight caned backs.

It is indeed impossible to give even a brief account of all Messrs. Chorlton's specialties, but we commend them with confidence to our readers as having stood the test of experience. This will be understood when we say that goods made by this firm have been in use in hospitals and asylums for over thirty years, and are still in sound and satisfactory condition. A severer test of their durable qualities could scarcely be made.

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