

### Practical Points.

#### The "Amico" Hammock.

The "Amico" Hammock, of which we have pleasure in giving illustrations, designed by Miss Mary C. Horne, is intended for the use of invalids in gardens and sanatoria. As will be gathered from the illustration it is strong, firm, supporting, and adaptable. The centre cushion prevents slipping down, and, if the swaying is objected to, as is the case with some invalids, this can be prevented by the use of cords secured either to the sides of the stand or

to pegs driven into the ground. The over-wrapping sides protect the occupant from chill, and keep all rugs, &c., in their place.

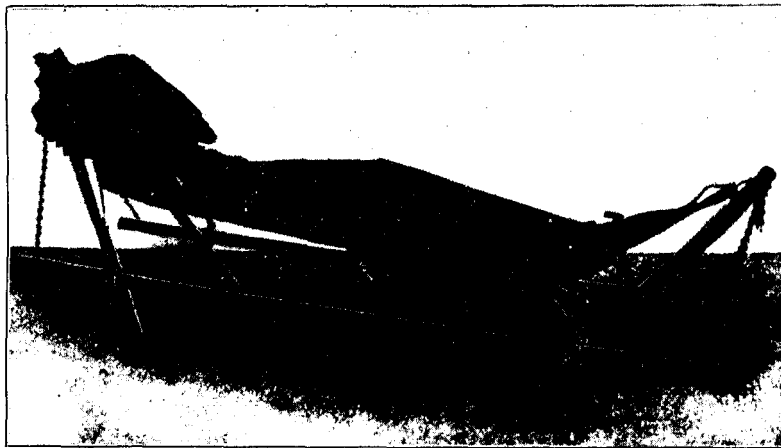
The Hammock is a modified form of the Railway Hammock, which can be used in an ordinary third-class carriage, thus enabling an invalid to travel in comfort, or, on certain lines, in the railway guard's van at very moderate expense, namely, third-class fare for patient and nurse, and the ordinary charge for a Bath chair. This costs very much less than engaging the whole of a third-class compartment.

Miss Horne hopes that before long the railway companies will see it is to their advantage to provide a special compartment fitted with rigs to which the hammock can be slung, in connection with certain trains. The subject is now receiving considerable

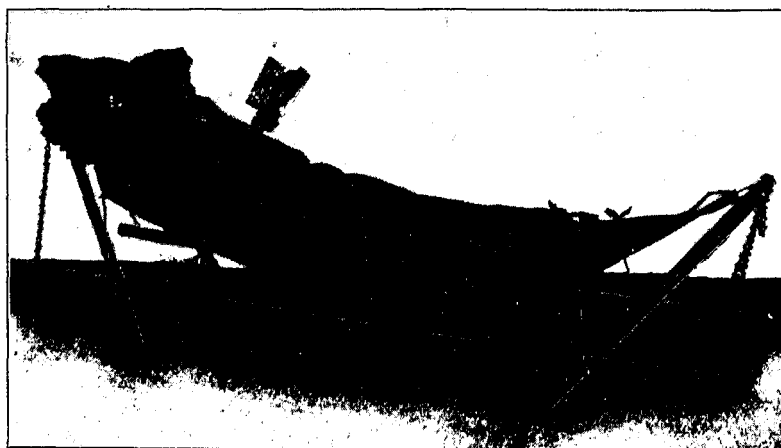
attention, and she hopes this may soon be arranged. She is receiving most encouraging letters from the highest in the land in regard to the hammock, and strangers have also come forward to help with the initial financial expense necessary to make the hammock widely known.

The cost of the "Amico" Hammock, which is made in two qualities, is 28s. in A quality, which is made of tan check canvas, and 22s. in B quality, made in white tarpaulin, with cushions, cords, pegs, and runners complete. The bamboo stand costs 21s., an awning rod being extra. The "Amico" Hammock is obtainable

from Mr. Walter Budd, High Street, Devizes, to whom also enquiries as to the charge for hire of the Railway Hammock should be addressed. Matrons of sanatoria may be glad to know that special terms are offered to these institutions.



THE "AMICO" HAMMOCK.



THE HAMMOCK IN USE.

**To Remove Rust.**—An effective process for removing rust from surgical instruments is described in *Pharmaceutische Zentralblatt*. The instruments are placed over night in a saturated solution of stannous chloride, which causes the spots to disappear by

reduction. The articles are then rinsed in water, laid in a hot solution of soda soap and dried. It is well to rub them with absolute alcohol and prepared chalk. Another convenient method for removing rust is to lay the instruments in kerosene.

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