

Practical Points.

A Combination Foot and Caster.

Chorlton's combination of Foot and Caster (provisionally protected) shown in the accompanying illustration is a valuable addition to the "Labour Bed" of the same firm, of which we gave an account last week. When it is required to move the bed from place to place, by simply raising each leg in turn the large rubber-tyred casters come into action (as shown in D), the catch shown in the sketch acting automatically. When the bed is wheeled to the desired position the catch is knocked away, the bed rests on the Rubber-padded Feet (as in C), and is firm and immovable; the casters thus have very little wear.

Messrs. Chorlton supply every kind of Bedstead, and numerous patented appliances, for the use of invalids in public and private institutions, as shown and described in the Catalogues 'M' and 'O,' copies of which will be forwarded on application to the Manager, Messrs. Isaac Chorlton & Co., Blackfriars Street, Manchester.

The Removable Half-Sleeve.

—Writing in the *Queen's Nurse's Magazine* on the question of the desirability of over-sleeves, Miss Jane Wade, late Superintendent Scottish Branch Q.V.J.I. says:—"In your last issue a Queen's Superintendent raises the question of the desirability of the over-sleeves so long worn by Queen's Nurses. I should like to tell her and others who may feel the same difficulty, that for several years we have discarded them in Scotland in favour of the more modern removable half-sleeve. In midwifery and operation cases, and also for surgical dressings, our doctors prefer that the nurses' arms should be bare to the elbow. Personally, I object to sleeves turned back, the lining may possibly, and probably will, get soiled, and to turn that down over the nurse's own arm does not commend itself to my sense of cleanliness. Therefore, we adapted to our own uniform a suggestion taken

from the Glasgow Maternity Hospital. Our Scotch sleeves have from the first been made with a puff to the elbow, which puff must not be too full—these puffs are now set into a band just above the elbow, over which the puff falls slightly. The lower half of the sleeve is plain fitting, and slipping well up under the band, is fastened to it by buttons, so looking perfectly tidy when on, and also leaving the upper half very neat when off. For the cases mentioned above the advantage is obvious, and for general cases we find the plan most suitable. Both for washing and bed-making the arms are freer and cooler, and in cases where such things have to be guarded against, they afford less cover for the district nurse's lively little enemies. It is a rule with us that for every case, without exception, the sleeve is removed. It is quickly taken off and replaced. Explicit printed directions are given to

each nurse as to the make of the sleeve, which must be exactly followed.

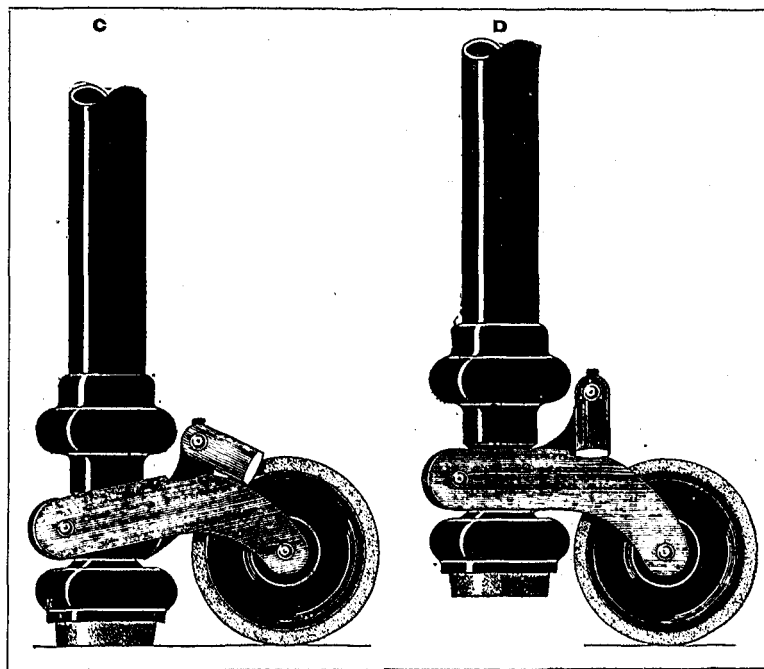
Cod Liver Oil.

—The *Medical World* says that a pinch of salt taken in the mouth before taking cod liver oil helps to disguise the taste and aids in its digestion. Oil of eucalyptus in the proportion of 1 to 100 will disguise the taste of cod liver oil. If a bit of smoked herring be chewed a moment before taking the oil

the taste will not be nearly so offensive; adding an equal part of glycerine and one-half minim of oil of bitter almonds to each dose of the oil is also an efficient method of disguising the taste and odour.

Preparation for Burial.

Corpses of persons dead of an infectious disease should, says the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, be immediately wrapped in cloths saturated with a 1 to 1,000 solution of mercuric chlorid. The addition of 20 per cent. of glycerine to the solution of mercuric chlorid will prevent the rapid evaporation of the water, which leaves the mercuric chlorid as a dry powder in the cloth.



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