

PRACTICAL POINTS.

A SERVICEABLE BED-PAN COVER.

Miss Nellie M. Erickson writes to the *Modern Hospital* :—

"In the December number of the *Modern Hospital*, I read with much interest the symposium on the problem of 'bed-pan covers.' I am at present superintendent of the Portland Surgical Hospital, Portland, Ore., and because of my

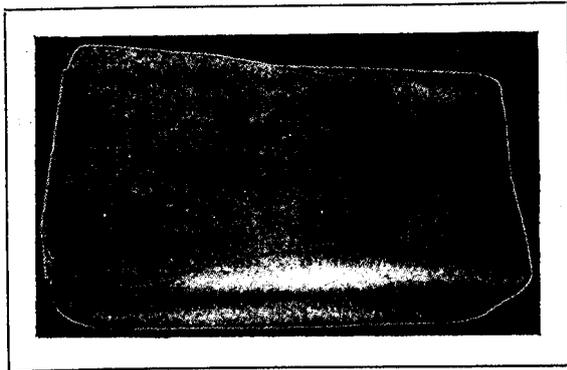


Fig. 1.—BED-PAN CLOSED.

experience I thoroughly appreciate the replies sent in to your inquiries.

"We have tried many schemes, but all more or less unsatisfactory. Finally, I determined to find a solution of this perplexing problem, and to that end I set myself the task of devising a bed-pan with an attached cover, sterilizable, noiseless and airtight. I have not only succeeded in meeting

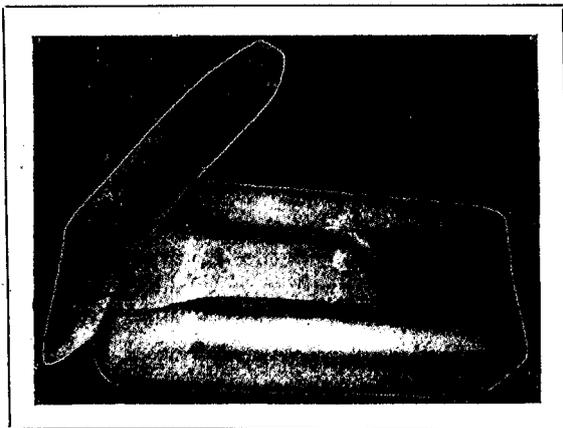


Fig. 2.—COVER ADJUSTED TO SERVE AS BED SHIELD WHILE PAN IS IN USE.

all the foregoing requirements, but have found more than one use for the cover, which can be adjusted while the patient is using the pan. It will serve as a bed-shield, protecting the bed, obviating the necessity of disturbing a seriously sick patient to change the bed, made necessary by an unavoidable accident. The cover can also be

used as a receptacle for wet and soiled dressings while the nurse is giving the patient attention.

"The saving of the bed linen is an item worthy of consideration, as I discovered by its use while testing its virtues in this hospital. The verdict of the patients who used the pan during the test trial was that it gave them a feeling of perfect security and comfort, knowing that the bed was protected against any possible accident, enabling them to thoroughly relax, which they found a great benefit. Then, the pan, when removed from the patient, can be closed and set aside in the room while the nurse gives the necessary after-care, which formerly has been secondary to the removal of the pan. The cover closes tightly, confining the odour, and hence the nurse can take the pan any required distance without feeling she is causing a nuisance which she would otherwise be unable to prevent.

"In emptying the cover may be folded under the pan entirely out of the way of contents, and in that position can be immersed in the aseptic solution, or otherwise rendered aseptic for further use.

"So completely does this pan overcome all the disadvantages of the open bed-pan that I secured a patent on it, and as soon as it can be manufactured I will put it on the market, happy in the knowledge that a long-felt need in hospital equipment has been supplied."

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