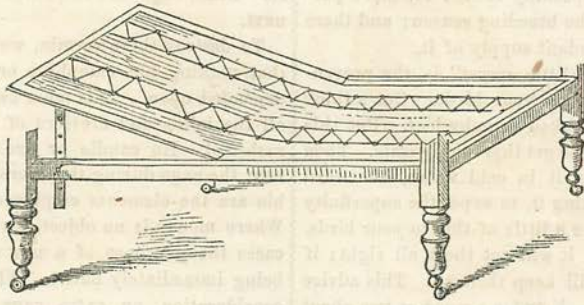
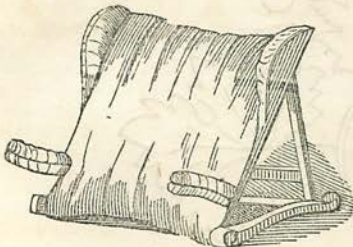


BED-ROOM FURNITURE FOR INVALIDS.

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In the April number, some hints were given regarding bed-steads for cottages: we now give some in relation to bed-room furniture for the sick. The illustration above is a bed for invalids. It is of the simplest kind, intended for persons suffering from complaints, or from wounds, which require frequent changes of position. It will be seen that the posts are not finished, for the reason that they may be either tall or short, as is most convenient. One half of the sacking is attached to a hinged frame, which can be raised or lowered to any angle, and kept in place by a thin, flat iron bar, one on each side, which slides up and down in a groove in the bedside, and is prevented from shifting by an iron pin made to fit the holes as shown in the drawing. Whether the bed-stead shall be heavy or light, or fitted with easy-running castors, depends on circumstances: but as a rule, the lighter it can be made, and the easier it moves, the better. One can be made, in a few days, from this pattern, by any cabinet-maker.

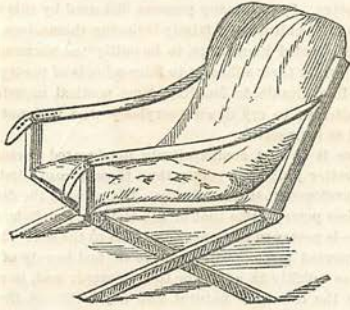


We next give a bed-chair. Its use is, when placed in an ordinary bed, to support the sick person in a half-sitting, half-reclining posture, as may be most comfortable. A series of notches,

to serve as a rack, are cut in the curved rail which supports the whole, and the sloping stretcher rests in these notches, and being hinged, the slope of the back may be altered whenever required. The curved rail is also made to turn on a pin which runs through the front scroll into the frame, so that when the chair is out of use, it can be shut up into a space much smaller than would be commonly supposed. The stuffing of a chair of this sort ought to be soft, the better to relieve the weary back that will often rest against it. Horse-hair is better for the purpose than wool, as it has more spring, and is less liable to absorb impurities. The two cheeks at the top are used as supports for the head, and the elbows below for the arms, and add much to the comfort of the patient. A loose cover should always be used with this chair, which by being frequently washed, may be kept clean and free from all infectious effluvia; an important consideration in illness. Dimity is generally preferred for the cover.

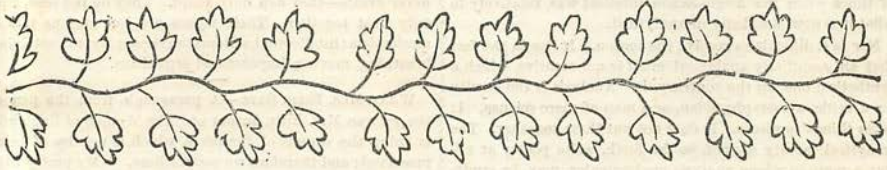
Sometimes it is found desirable to have a small sofa in a bed-room, on which the sick person may recline during the day, or while the bed is being made. Besides which there is a large kind of ottoman, so contrived as to serve also as a chair or bed-stead, calculated in certain cases to be useful. But it should be remembered that, generally speaking, the simplest forms of furniture will be found the most convenient. Should the bed-stead be high, then bed-steps will be required; these are made in various ways, some being contrived to do duty as a commode, or night convenience. An ottoman box, about eighteen inches square, is occa-

sionally used instead of bed steps; the lid of this is stuffed to serve as a seat, and the inside may be fitted up to hold caps or bonnets. Where an article can be made to serve a double purpose, without interfering with its use, it is an economy of space as well as of expense.



The easy-chair most commonly used for bedrooms has a deep, hollow back, which curves well round toward each side, so the patient, when sitting in it, may be thoroughly protected from draughts. Other kinds can, however, be used, if preferred; one of a simple construction is shown here. The back is hinged where it joins the seat, so as to alter its slope, like the bed-chair described above. The elbows are two leather straps, with holes pierced at their outer ends, which fit over a small brass nob fixed in the upright, and so hold the back in any position. The bottom is formed by a piece of sack- ing, on which the lower cushion rests. It will thus be seen that this chair is of very simple construction, and it has besides the convenience of folding into a small compass.

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