

Artificial Limb Department.

We furnish a variety of limbs to suit various cases and ideas and guarantee satisfaction in cases entrusted to us, either through correspondence or when we take measurements and plaster cast. We also repair, adapt or alter limbs.

The construction of artificial limbs has reached such a degree of mechanical perfection as to greatly lessen the terror of the unfortunate person who loses a limb from accident or disease — a perfection which assures the future usefulness of such a person in earning a livelihood for himself and family, whatsoever his occupation.

To attain the highest result much depends on the proper selection of the limb to be used. We do not wish to criticise our competitors, but we feel justified in making the assertion that there is no single style of limb that is suitable for all cases, as many manufacturers would have you believe. The construction that is appropriate for a heavy, muscular man, following a rough, laborious occupation, such as farming, mining, blacksmithing, etc., would be unsuitable for a woman doing light housework, or a clerk in an office or store.

This leads us in our profession to study the peculiarities and requirements of each individual case; and, to successfully perform what we aim to do, it is necessary, absolutely, that we furnish limbs with a variety of joints and attachments to accurately adapt the appliance to the various conditions of our patients.

In preparation for the application of an artificial leg, and as soon as it is healed sufficiently to permit it without pain or irritation, the stump should be kept tightly bandaged from the end up to the knee, if the amputation be below, or up to the body if the amputation be above the knee. The bandaging will diminish and solidify the stump, leaving it in a much more desirable condition for fitting and rendering the successful use of a leg more a matter of certainty. If neglected, the chances are that a soft, flabby stump will be the result, which will rapidly reduce after the patient begins the use of a leg, and a refitting or an uncomfortable amount of filling up in the socket, to compensate for the shrinkage of the stump, will be necessary in order to walk with the least degree of ease or satisfaction.

For the benefit of persons who do not care to incur the expense of a journey to us, we furnish a chart for measurements and directions for taking profiles, plaster of paris molds, etc.

Our prices are graded in such a manner as to make it possible for anyone to secure a reliable limb, and are governed entirely by the quality of work and the time for which the limb is warranted, and bear an exact proportion to the cost of production.

It is our custom, as it is with all makers of special appliances of this kind, to require in each case a cash deposit as a guaranty of good faith. One-half the price of the limb ordered should accompany the order, and when the limb is finished it will be delivered by express C. O. D. for the balance due.

We give descriptions and illustrations of various styles of legs with various modifications and improvements as suggested by time, wear and experience for over half a century. There are no better nor more reliable artificial limbs made anywhere by anyone.

The various styles of Feet are illustrated below.

Fig. 1. Foot, with rubber or felt removable sole and having rigid ankle.

Fig. 2. Foot, with rubber or felt removable sole and having improved ankle joint of composition fibre.

Fig. 3. Marks' make rubber foot with rigid ankle. (Sectional view.)

Fig. 4. Wooden foot, with ball-and-socket ankle joint and wooden socket.

Prices range from \$50.00 to \$100.00, according to the finish and length of the guaranty.

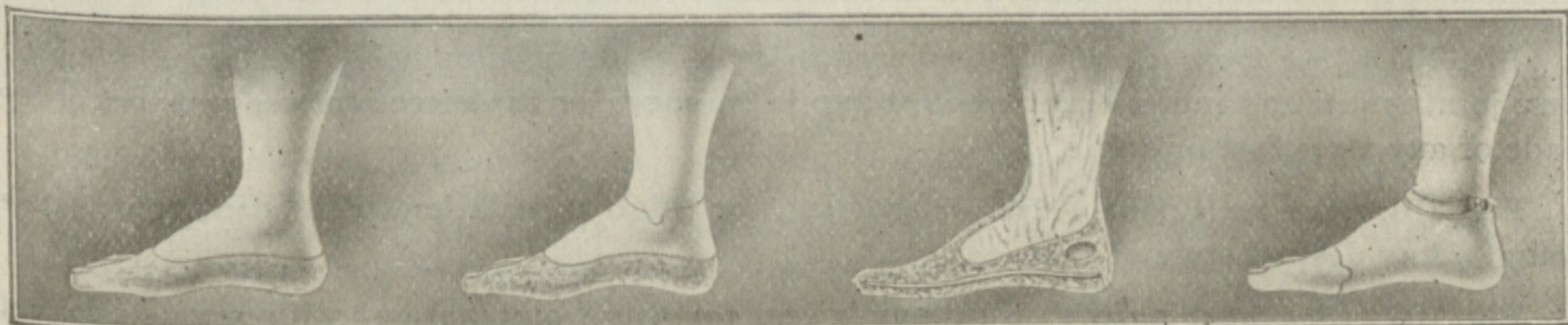


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