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ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.
HOW THEY ARE MADE TO DUPLICATE THE ORIGINALS.
"Underpinning" of All Shapes and Sizes—Construction of an Artificial Leg—How the Action is Secured—A Singular Case.

There is a small room in the rear of a Court street store in which works an old, gray-haired man. Surrounding him on all sides are legs of many shapes and sizes. Some are short and stout, with rather too much calf for strictly classical beauty; others are long and slim, with a deplorable lack of calf, while others vie in shapeliness with the nether limbs of a Greek slave or a Venus de Milo. The old man when visited recently was hard at work, but consented to give the writer a few particulars in regard to his business.

"Now that," he said, pointing to a shaggy leg hanging over the fire, "is longer to a Newbury port young lady."

"That," continued the old man, "is what's known as a knee-bearing leg. I made it for her three years ago, when she was about 16 years old. She lost her leg a little below the knee—so short that she couldn't wear a socket-bearing leg, and so she was obliged to have a knee bearing leg. I made it particularly light on account of her being sickly. I want to show you now where we get the durability. The steel ankle-joints are, you see, set in the wood, and slightly broader at the ankle than further up the leg, which makes them sorter dovetailed. The bearing-down strain is borne in part by them and partly by a cordless and very powerful cord—some make it of silk, but I always use linen—extending from the heel of the foot over a bar in the calf of the leg, which is hollow. The cord relieves principally what is called 'the nosing,' where the shin plays into the foot.

The ankle-joints are, you see, connected by a steel bar which makes a leg particularly strong about the ankle, where the most strain comes. The toe-joint is located at the same place as in the natural leg, and works with a spring that brings the toe into place after each step. The wood? I use willow altogether, and have never used any other. I have shown you one used where the leg has been lost below the knee.

"Now this," producing another leg, "is for one lost above the knee. It is the same in every particular as the other, with the addition of a wooden socket to secure the stump. It works at the knee in a very natural manner on a simple bolt, with a spring extending from the shin piece to the lower part of the top socket. This spring throws the foot forward, in walking, the minute the toe leaves the floor.

"You will observe that if the amputation is above the knee the leg must be held in place by suspenders made on a stout web—part elastic and part non-elastic—extending over the shoulder. If with a long stump below the knee, the leather socket, placed above the knee, is usually sufficient.

"If there is but a short stump below the knee a strap is required. Every weak point in a leg is specially guarded, in some way or other; and when the steel and woodwork are complete the leg is covered with calfskin, similar to a drum-head. It is put on wet and dries to the leg, very closely, adding a great deal to its strength. Then that is sand-papered down to a surface, and the holes in the calf opened out. They are for ventilation, but I doubt if they do any good. I always use calfskin because the good man are of the notion they are. Then the leg is painted. I use alcoholic paint, made of gum and dry lead. The minute it dries water it is set, and you can't wash it off with anything except alcohol.

"I'll show you a leg," producing a particularly lifelike one, the foot of which wore a shoe on stocking, "that has been painted seventeen years, and is, you see, in pretty good condition."

Cancer Cured.
Mrs. Oliver Hardman, an old resident of Walton county, and a lady of culture and prominence, has this to say of the treatment of cancer with Swift's Specific:

Over fifteen years ago a cancer made its appearance on my face. It was treated with plaster, and the cure came out. The place healed up after some time, and seemingly my face was well. However, in a few years it returned again with more violence than ever. It gave me a great deal of pain. The former remedy seemed to do it no good. Knowing the disease to run in the family, having had one sister die with cancer, I became seriously apprehensive of my condition. It continued to increase in size and virulence. I almost gave up all hope of ever being cured. The physicians advised the use of the knife and caustic. This was more than I could bear, and refused to have it operated upon in that way. All other remedies were used, but the cancer continued to grow worse. The pain was excruciating, and my life was a burden. In this extremity my son, Dr. Hardman, recommended me to try Swift's Specific. It was the last resort, but I was so prejudiced against the use of patent medicines, and especially this one, that I hesitated some time. At last I gave my consent, not believing there was any virtue in it. The first bottle only increased the size of the sore, and the discharge from it, and hence did me no good. On taking the second bottle there were signs of improvement. The spot began to decrease, as well as the discharge, and hope sprang up in my heart. Could it be, I asked myself, that I was at last to be released of this disease? It has given me so many dark hours in the past that the idea of being well again almost overpowered me. There was a contest between hope and fear for a long time. It was a morning of weeping, but joy came with the night. There is nothing left to mark the place but a small scar, and I feel that it is impossible for me to express my gratitude for this great deliverance. It is a wonderful medicine.

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This July 18th, A. D. 1884.
JULIA A. SLUDER,
17 1/2 w 4w Executrix of Erwin Snider, deceased