

FORECAST

In teaching the adolescent boy and girl about sex and reproduction, the facts are important, but the way they are taught is of more importance. The parent is not the only one who tells his children about sex. By the time some parents get around to acquainting their children with the facts of life, they will have accumulated all sorts of information—and misinformation—at school, on the streets, from books, magazines and scandal sheets.

The special task of the father and mother is not merely to provide a formal lecture on the structure and functions of the reproductive organs, says George W. Corner, M.D. Neither can they provide cut-and-dried information about problems and dilemmas which occur more and more often as the children grow older.

Continue this frank series of articles with "Sex Education for the Adolescent Boy and Girl" in the July issue.

It was dawn following a heavy air raid when the emergency call from London came through to the British War Relief Society's American Hospital in Britain, writes Nancy Walburn: "Prepare for forty extra emergency patients. Ambulances on way."

When the ambulances roared up, out came not mangled RAF flyers, or civilian victims, but forty expectant mothers, looking amazingly self possessed and calm.

"But at no hour of the day or night are our incoming patients predictable," says Dr. Philip D. Wilson, under whose direction the American Hospital was opened last fall. "While most of our patients need orthopedic care, our highly specialized staff is often pressed into other types of service."

HYGEIA reports on "Britain's American Hospital."

After comparatively mild injuries to the shoulder, such as a light fall, a wrench, strain or blow, severe pain may develop not only in the shoulder but along the entire arm. In every injury, small blood vessels are broken and blood pours out under the skin—causing the telltale black and blue marks—and inside between the muscles, nerves and tendons. Swelling and pain follow, resulting in reflex stiffness or muscle spasms. Ultimately, the blood is absorbed, but Nature is sometimes slow in doing this; hence the painful irritation of the nerve endings continues. Fibrous adhesions may also develop around the muscles, causing prolonged irritating pressure and muscular stiffness and wasting.

Richard Kovacs, M.D., discusses next month the several painful ailments of the shoulder—neuritis, neuralgia, bursitis, arthritis and rheumatism.

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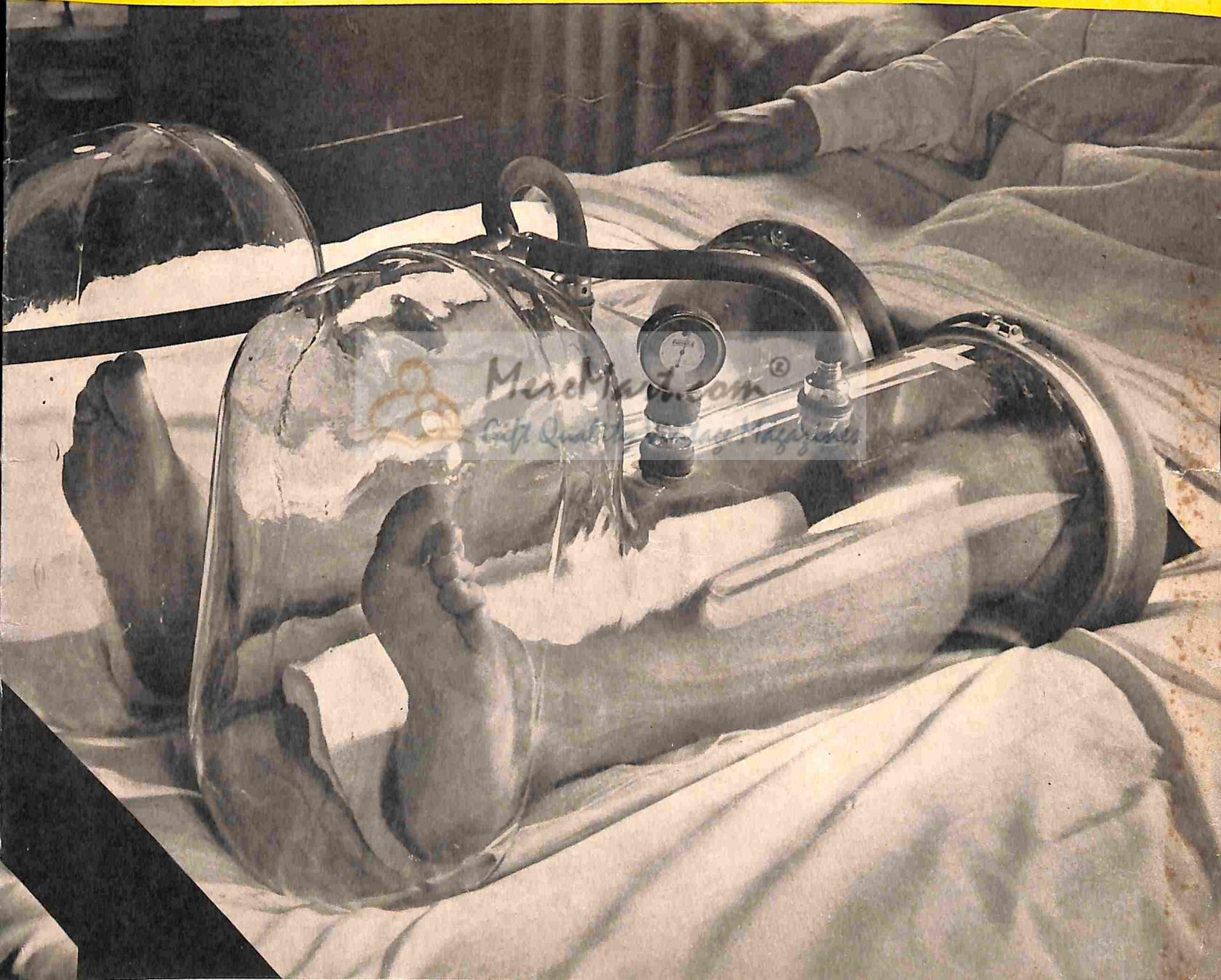
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