

STUMP AND SOCKET

A New Fifteen Points by "Garosy"

Fifteen points (pressure points) born out of observations of a compassionate student of the Suction Socket Prosthesis.

1. He who fits every stump with a Suction Socket and is no magician, must fit none. He has yet to learn the elementaries of this product.
2. The stump must grip the socket. Never must the socket grip the stump—it's a strangler's grip.
3. It's the muscle that makes the suction socket go; it will do without suction, but never without muscle.
4. The Fitting of the Suction Socket is the determinant in the survival of the fittest fitters.
5. Mutual disregard between the prosthetist and the surgeon is alone not sufficient to secure an ideal product.
6. The fit of the socket — the fate of the stump.
7. Seventy-five percent of the stump is water. The shape of the stump changes during walking, the socket does not.
8. Hip contractures are real. To recognize and regard them is the acid test for mastery.
9. Gait Rhythm means better mental rhythm.
10. The (correct) Silesian Bandage, the adductor belt, is the best friend a weak stump ever had.
11. What's in a name? The *Silesian Bandage* is no bandage, the *Ischial Seat* is not to sit on, and the *Suction Socket* can do without suction.
12. An optimist's way of dealing with stump edema: To salute its appearance and call it muscular hypertrophy.
13. With alignment you can't go wrong. Any way you align, there is an authority to back you up.
14. Which one of the two, the doctor or the prosthetist, is to decide on the acceptance of the final product? Answer: The Stump.
15. Phantom Limbs. Stumps are dreamers. Their dreams give them back their lost limbs. In their waking hours it is up to the fitter to make their dreams come true or turn to a nightmare.

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"What's New(s)"

• AMSTERDAM BROTHERS have a new location at No. 600 E. Genesee Street, in Syracuse, N. Y., for the sale of hospital and medical supplies. They are also using an airplane for fast service to an expanded territory as far north as the Canadian border.

• W. H. MAHNKE of the Zenith Limb Company at Duluth, Minnesota, has devoted over fifty years to the making of artificial limbs, and sends along photograph and newspaper story, testifying that he is still going strong. Must be the Minnesota air! Can any

other *Journal* reader match this long record of service?

• ALFONS R. GLAUBITZ of Elizabethtown, Pa., was a panel member at the Workshop for Therapists held by the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children at Harrisburg.

• TRUFORM ANATOMICAL SUPPORTS is continuing its classes in surgical appliance fitting. The schedule for the balance of the year is: October 12 to 16 at Raleigh, North Carolina; October 19 to 23 at New York City, and November 2 to 14 at Cincinnati, Ohio. A Special Women's class will also meet at Cincinnati from November 2 to 7.