

A Folding Husband

Anatomy

"Will the busy and crowded housewife of the future, along with folding beds, folding kitchens and folding baby carriages, have a folding husband to match?"

Thus inquires the *Journal of Heredity*, presenting a report by Dr. Arthur Kelley on a strangely constructed man who can crease himself down the middle and touch his two shoulders together. He is able to perform this feat, quite impossible to ordinary humans, because he has no collar-bone. Neither the usual physical examination methods nor X-ray photographs show a trace of this favorite subject of horseback-riding accidents.

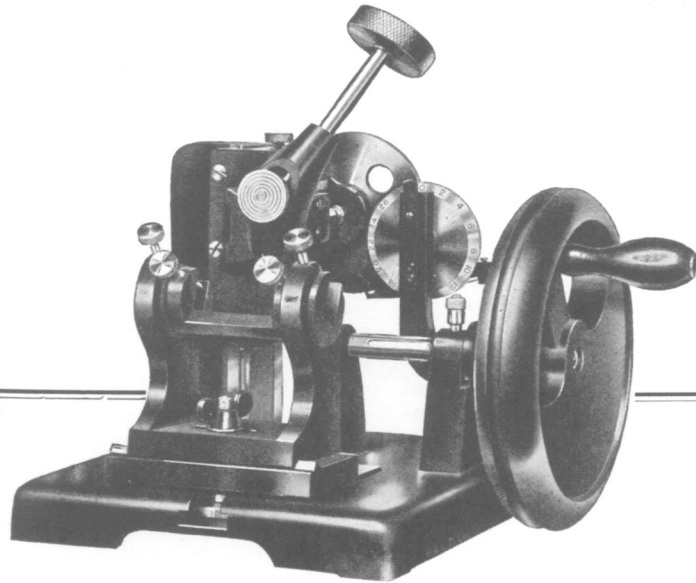
The condition presented by the "folding man" is apparently hereditary, for he reports that his mother had no collar-bone; and his only child, a daughter, is also without one. His only brother, now dead, was normal.

There are drawbacks to being a folding person, however. Dr. Kelley's discovery has defective bones in his head, which leave a soft spot on the top of his cranium and cause a slightly "dished" appearance at the top of his nose, and also make his features rather smaller than they are in most persons. Dr. Kelley reports that his "folding man" is native born, of old American stock.

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