Although children who have received premedication before tonsillectomy usually fall asleep, they are frequently awakened when being lifted out of bed for transfer to the theatre and the whole object of premedication is nullified. As a child's first experience of anaesthesia is usually for a tonsillectomy it is vital that this experience should not be a traumatic one. The transfer to the theatre can be successfully effected if the child is placed on a padded board (figs. 1 and 2) of the same size as the top of the operating table before he receives premedication. He falls asleep and as the board is provided with lifting handles, he is not disturbed when being moved to the theatre. The board is provided with a built-in sandbag to extend the head and also with a flap at the opposite end, so that this head down position to prevent the inhalation of blood at the close of the operation, can easily be effected. A further advantage is that the board prevents sagging of the head when the child is removed from the operating table. The child returns to the ward still on the board, which is not removed until he is conscious.

In conjunction with this board an H-shaped padded piece of wood is shown (figs. 2 and 3), designed to replace the inefficient pillow which is commonly used. This piece of wood is heavy and when placed in position is not easily dislodged. It keeps the arms in the proper position and can also be used to give support to the jaw. This wooden pillow is made in two sizes so that it will fit both large and small children. It has proved invaluable in use and is of great help in teaching the nursing staff to put the child in the correct position after tonsillectomy.

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