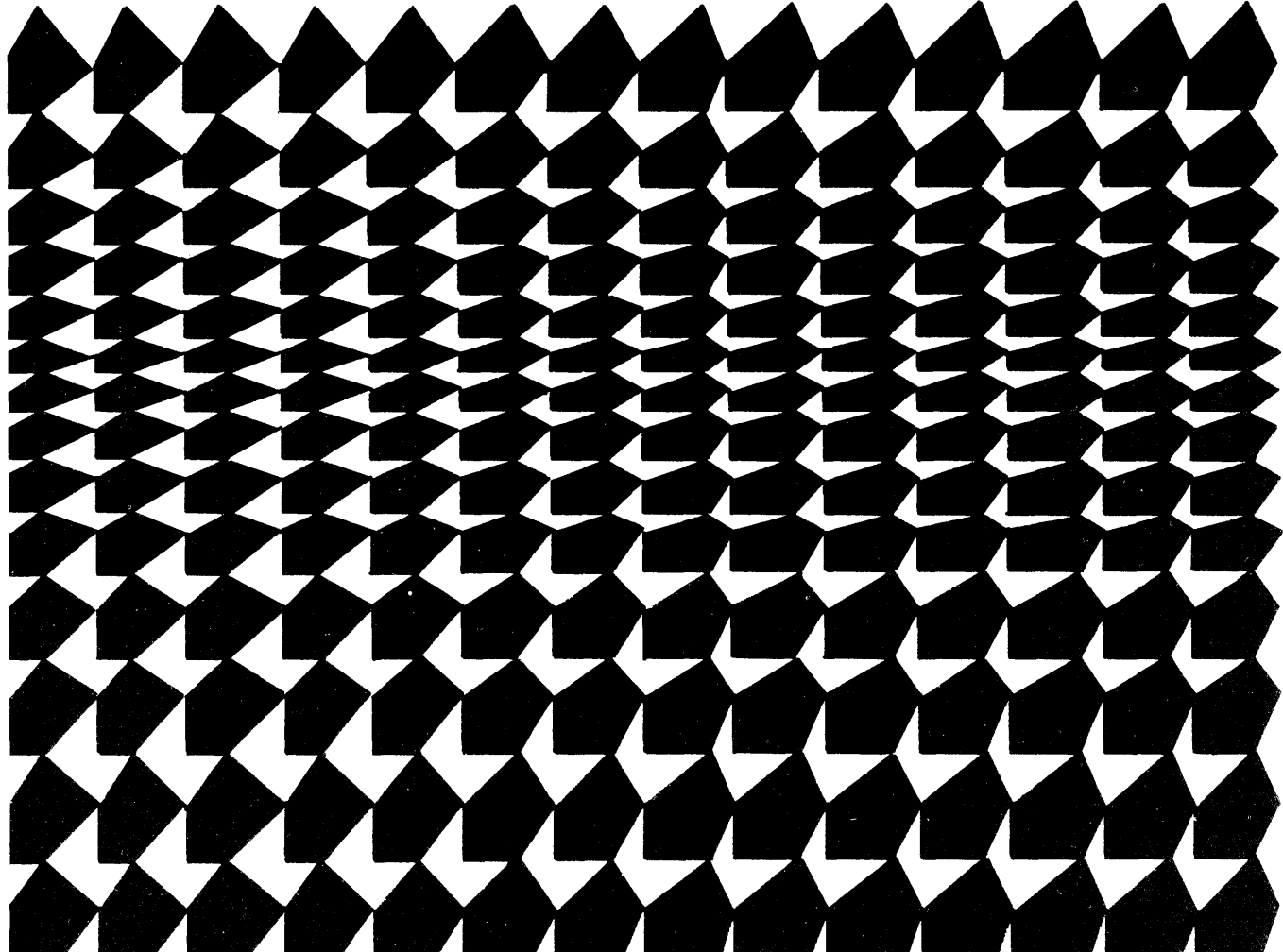


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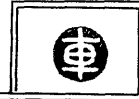
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by Robin Cavendish (respo) England

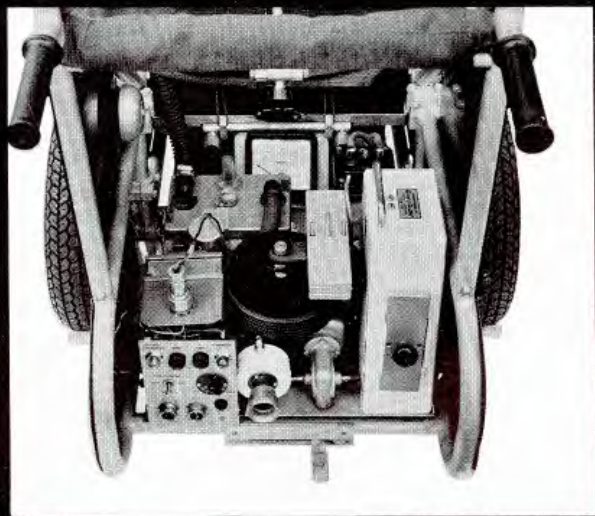
I got polio at the end of 1958 in Kenya. Fortunately for me I lived just outside Nairobi which has a very good hospital for acute polio cases. It was five months before the R.A.F. was able to fly me back to England. I went straight to a hospital in Oxford which is considered to be one of the best centres for polio in this country. It soon became clear that I would have to keep my trachy and remain permanently on a respirator. After a year and a half in hospital, I went to live at home in a house we had bought in the country near Oxford.

# EQUIPMENT



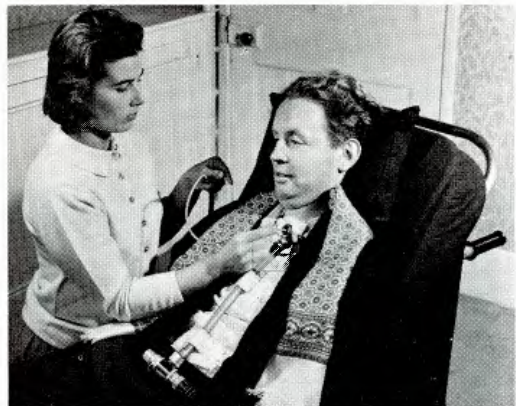
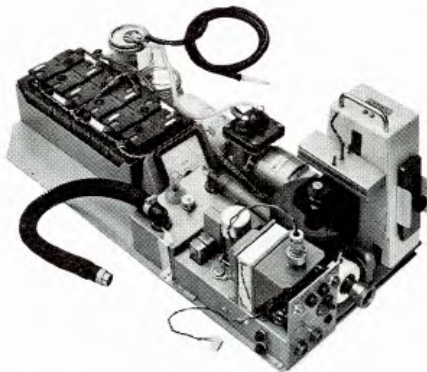
# WHEELCHAIRS

From the moment I got home it became apparent that the breathing machines and other equipment that had seemed so ideal in hospital were quite unsuitable at home. The large respirators and suckers (aspirators) cluttered up the limited space and made any movement from room to room a tremendous performance. I was fortunate in having living nearby, a gifted Doctor of Physics with his own workshops in his garden, where he employs half a dozen engineers to manufacture his own successful inventions. It took a year to persuade him that he could really be of help to me, but once he had made up his mind we never









*The chair is easily manoeuvrable indoors or out. It is pushed by the bar attached to the back and the handles are used to lift the back over a curb. The foot-rest may be extended or pushed fully back. The back may be adjusted to reclining or upright by turning a knob.*

*Pump, electronics box, humidifier, bellows and volt meter, sucker pump motor and bottles. Complete unit is mounted on a removable tray and secured by 3 screws.*

*The sucker in use. The polythene positive pressure tube is held in place by two webbing bands around the chest and middle. Shown also is the magnetic valve.*

*Sucking unit is mounted on right side of chair to be accessible to the driver. When not in use the flap conceals it.*

