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in the profession. It is the latest practice
in the English asylums; they carry it to an
extreme. I think there are extremes on that
point. When I came there there was first
the tranquillizing chair used in other hospitals
and kept in this. It was a large
heavy wooden chair, straight back with
box arms with covers to them, so that
a person would sit down and his
arms would be down in the box and
the lid would come over them and fasten
on the side. He was locked in there.
The feet were put through a board and
secured at the ankles so he could
not get them out. That was used
in this hospital until the institution was
burned in 1850 the year before I assumed
the acting superintendency. In addition to
that there was a trunk bedstead, several
of these, consisting of a ~~box~~ box with a
slat covering, oval, on hinges, turned
over the patient while he was lying on his
back and locked on the other side with
hasps. He had some kind of bedding
in the bottom of it. That was adopted
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