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The front cover design of this issue shows the Royal Grant of Arms assigned to the British Orthopaedic Association in 1952. The scamnum in the centre was the traction table of two centuries ago used for reducing fractures, with on each side knots of rope reproduced accurately from Hippocratic illustration. The supporter on the sinister side is Aesculapius with his rod, and on the dexter side Hippocrates holding a ladder from which a rung has been removed. This was the appliance for reducing dislocations of the shoulder, the limb being threaded through the gap with sudden traction applied by body weight, the rung first being removed so that the patient would not also break his neck. The mount beneath includes the English rose, Welsh daffodil and Scottish thistle. The crest is “On a Mount Vert a young Plane tree in leaf with a crooked stem bound with Cords to a straight Post on the dexter all proper.” This design was modified from an illustration in Andry’s Orthopaedia, the first published volume on prevention and correction of deformity. It was made a plane tree because beneath such a tree Hippocrates taught his disciples at Cos. This crest was made the central design of all presidential badges of the British, Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, South African and American Orthopaedic Associations bestowed on their presidents by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at the first joint meeting of Orthopaedic Associations of the English-speaking World in London in 1952.
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