

Preparations, Inventions, etc.

NURSING REQUISITES AT MESSRS. MAW, SON, AND THOMPSON'S.

MESSRS. MAW, SON AND THOMPSON, of 7 to 12, Aldersgate Street, are so well known to nurses for the excellence of their medical and surgical appliances, as well as of their nursing requisites, that no introduction is necessary; but we may draw attention to some of the most attractive exhibits which we saw on visiting the show-rooms of the firm at a recent date.

FOR THE WAR.

Directly one got inside the building, it was evident that the war has made great demands on the resources of this firm, piled high all round vestibule were case upon case of surgical and medical stores ready to be despatched to South Africa. Nor were the horses forgotten; indeed, the requirements of our four-footed friends seem to be catered for almost as minutely as those of humans. Tourniquets, tracheotomy tubes, all sorts and conditions of instruments, proved that if horses must needs suffer in time of war, their wants are, at least as far as may be, provided for, so that unnecessary suffering may not occur.

A USEFUL DRESSING RACK.

A handy accessory for an out-patient room or dispensary is a dressing rack, fitted to hold 12 tin boxes, which are lettered for the various dressings they contain. At the bottom is a drawer for scissors, strapping, etc., and the whole is very compact and complete. The price is 63s., filled with dressings.

BABY SCALES.

The difficulty of weighing a new-born baby is sometimes considerable. A nurse knows that it may be safely tied up in a towel and hung on to the kitchen scales, but to the anxious parent the sight of the latest arrival dangling in mid-air is not a pleasant one. The scales supplied by Messrs. Maw and Thompson, price £1 1s. od., in which the child is laid in a little wicker basket, are entirely to be commended.

MAW'S PATENT THERMOMETER.

This thermometer, which has the advantage of

an index which can immediately be shaken down, is further to be recommended, inasmuch as it is proved to be entirely accurate on being tested at Kew. It may, therefore, be cordially recommended as a most desirable possession to nurses.

STERILIZERS.

Some excellent sterilizers were to be seen. One small enamelled one at the low price of 3s., or longer, of a size to hold catheters, price 5s.

DRAINERS.

Drainers for knives, both plated and china, are also to be had at as low a price as 3s. The advantage of these racks, which, by raising the knives from the dish, preserve the edge, and in which also they can be boiled, is great.

CHATELAINES.

A chatelaine which is worthy of the notice of nurses is the one in aluminium, of which we give an illustration. It will be seen that it can be taken to pieces, thoroughly cleansed, and boiled.

PIGSKIN CASES.

Nurses who are proceeding abroad often find it difficult to get cases for their instruments which will stand tropical climates without "perishing." We are informed that cases made of pigskin, of which samples are shown by this firm, are found to be quite satisfactory in this respect.

AZOIC STERILIZED GAUZE.

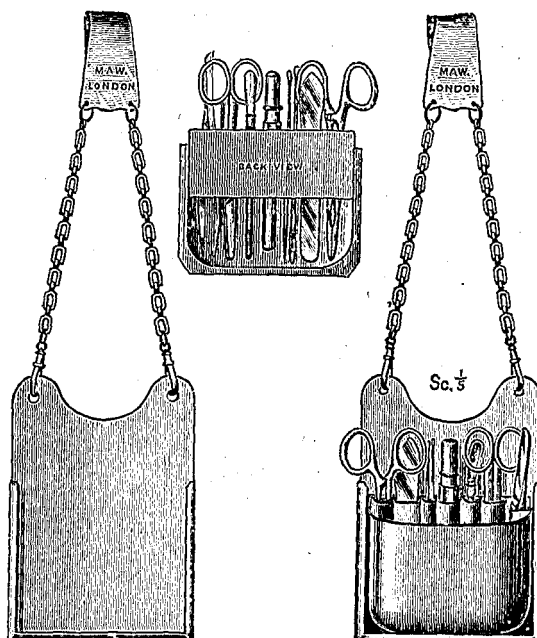
A form of packing sterilized gauze which was new to us, was in sealed cardboard boxes. The gauze and box are sterilized together, and the former is found to be quite sterile when the box is unfastened.

GLASS TIPPED BOWLS.

We must not omit to mention that the glass bowls, tipped with different colours, which we introduced at the Nursing Exhibition in 1896, are to be obtained here. The various colours are most useful in distinguishing the different lotions in use at an operation.

NIGHT NURSES' LAMP.

Some excellent lamps with hoods, giving a good light which can be concealed from the patients, are to be had here. The Bruce Lamp, with hood, price 4s. 6d., and the Loftus Lamp, with hood and match-box, price 5s.



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