

patients. In addition, it is also necessary for the individual to protect himself against the bites of these insects with proper netting, and to kill them in his dwellings. Netting is good, but not sufficient. The author has found that the ordinary insect powder (Flor. pyreth.) when rubbed into the skin was most effective in driving the insects away. He suggests that the active principles of the remedy be isolated, so that they may be incorporated in other powders or ointments which may be made to adhere better to the skin. Salves, however, are not suitable to the tropics, and better results may be obtained if the essential oils of this powder could be isolated and employed.

ASEPTIC CATHETERISATION.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association*, in an abstract of a paper on aseptic catheterisation, says: "The authors consider the sterilisation of catheters, the preparation of the urinary canal, and the introduction of the instruments in an aseptic manner. They detail a large series of experiments with infected catheters, and summarise those methods of sterilisation which prove to be safe and simple as follows:—1. Soft rubber catheters are rendered sterile by being boiled for five minutes, preferably in sodium chloride solution, care being taken that the solution fills the lumen of the catheter. As a matter of precaution, the catheter should be washed with soap spirits and running water after use. 2. Hard rubber and silk and cotton woven catheters should be boiled five minutes in a saturated solution of sulphate of ammonia. Each instrument should be wrapped separately in gauze or a towel, or, if several catheters are to be sterilised, in such a manner that their surfaces shall not come in contact with the sides of the vessel or other catheters. 3. Ureter catheters can be folded and wrapped in a towel so that their surfaces are kept apart and boiled for five minutes in a saturated solution of ammonium sulphate. 4. Cystoscopes should be sterilised by first washing them in soap spirits and water, then vigorously rubbing them for two minutes with two different pieces of gauze or cotton wet with soap spirits, and then with alcohol, for one minute. The channel of the catheter can be cleansed by means of a brush, first brushing with soap spirits and then with alcohol. Instruments can be kept aseptic if they are snugly wrapped in a piece of gauze or towel wet with soap spirits."

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss S. E. Turner has been appointed Matron of the Borough Small-pox Hospital, Dewsbury. She was trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, London, and has held the position of Nursing Superintendent of the River Ambulance Service, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

Miss L. M. Firth has been appointed Matron of the Jubilee Hospital, Woodford. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, where she afterwards held the position of Sister. She has also been Matron of the Diss Cottage Hospital.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Grace Williamson has been appointed Superintendent of the British Seamen's Hospital, Smyrna. She was trained at the Derby Royal Infirmary, and for the last three years has held the post of Assistant Nursing Sister in the hospital of which she is now appointed Superintendent.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Miriam Ashley has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has held the position of Sister for four and a-half years in that institution. She at present holds the position of Night Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Adah Anne Mould has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Houghall Isolation Hospital. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, and at the Fever Hospital, Liverpool, and has worked on the staff of the Nurses' Home, Granville Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

INSPECTOR.

Mrs. S. A. Richards has been appointed Inspector of Midwives under the Glamorganshire County Council. She was trained at Epsom Infirmary, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

APPOINTMENTS.—*To be Staff Nurses*: Miss K. A. Allsop, posted to Aldershot; Miss M. Clements, posted to Colchester; Miss K. Coxon, posted to Aldershot; Miss L. Cunningham, posted to Woolwich; Miss S. N. Daly, posted to Hounslow; Miss H. Hare, posted to Colchester; Miss H. L. A. Jack, posted to Alton; Miss D. Michell, posted to Colchester; Miss J. Murphy, posted to Colchester; Miss V. C. Peschali, posted to Chatham; Miss B. Rankin, posted to Colchester; Miss A. Rowe, posted to Portsmouth; Miss E. St. Quintin, posted to Aldershot; Miss P. Steele, posted to Royal Military College, Sandhurst; Miss L. Strickland,

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