

to take ordinary instruments, takes up very little space in the district nurse's bag.

Exhibits Sent by Miss Please.—Miss E. Please, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Kingsbridge, also sent several exhibits of practical interest, one of these, a small tray, with basin, and compartments for the soap, oil, and vaseline, necessary in giving an ordinary enema, attracted much attention for its practical utility. Miss Please also sent the model of a bath, made especially low for infirm patients, with a step inside and outside to help them in getting in and out, also a wire "cruet" for instruments, by which means the lower portion can be kept immersed in solution while the handles remain dry.

Nurse Barnes's Aseptic Cases.—The Aseptic District Nurses' Case and the "Barnes" Midwife's Case, the latter fitted to comply with the regulations of the Central Midwives' Board, designed by Nurse Barnes, a Queen's Nurse at Hunslet, Leeds, were very compact and useful, in both instances the case which is 14 inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ broad, and $5\frac{3}{4}$ deep is japanned black outside, and enamelled white inside, all the corners being rounded. Its advantages are that the contents can be seen at a glance, it is light, durable, compact, easy to carry, and moderate in price.

Nurse Murphy's Support.—The support for keeping a patient from slipping down in bed, adapted by Nurse Murphy, of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, is a very simple appliance for adjusting the length of the bed to the height of the patient, so that the patient can always press her feet against a pillow at the foot of the bed for support.

Miss Young's Support.—Miss Young, of the West London Hospital, also exhibited an adjustable appliance for a similar purpose.

Catheter Cupboard.—A catheter cupboard, as used at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, sent by Miss E. C. L. Eden, was enamelled inside, with a grooved rail from which the catheters are suspended over a removable tray.

Selvyt Pads.—The Selvyt Pads, sent by Sister Julia (Miss Grierson) are made of this well-known material, which is waterproof; the edges are turned back, and this casing is intended to hold squares of absorbent material to be placed under patients who have lost control. Sister Julia also sent a bath thermometer which registers on both sides.

Nurse Barry's Aseptic Wallet for nurses, designed by Nurse Barry of St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, was also on view; it is made in white drill, with a detachable red cross in Turkey twill, and is easily washed and boiled.

The Ariston Belt designed by Miss Beatrice Kent is made to suit all cases of abdominal and some lumbar operations; the different parts, are detachable, so that they are easily removable for washing. It is made with shoulder straps, which can be worn by a male patient when in an upright position, to prevent the belt slipping down.

Nurse Macmillan's Fire Tongs also excited great interest. They are ingeniously covered with asbestos which renders them quiet, and the asbestos is of course fire-proof.

Nurse Cotton's Cap for prominent ears is, as the name indicates a device for correcting out-growing ears. This cap and the wallet, Ariston Belt, and fire-tongs, are supplied by Messrs. Maw, Son, & Sons, of Aldersgate Street.

A Vaginal Douche Shield for protecting the external parts during the administration of a hot douche, was sent by Miss L. Warriner, R.N.S.

First-Aid Card.—Miss Mary Burr, County Council Lecturer, sent a First-Aid Card for hæmorrhage and burns.

Miss Löhr's Case Book, designed by Miss Löhr, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Potter's Bar, and *Nurse Southcott's Diet Chart* were also on view.

A Gown for Acute Rheumatism made in flannel and easily unbuttoned in any part was sent by Miss Randall.

It will thus be seen that there is plenty of practical ability amongst nurses, which with great benefit is applied to the needs of their patients.

The Amico Hammock designed by Miss Horne, of Devizes, was exhibited in model. It is simple and inexpensive, and is intended for use in gardens. It can also be used in a guard's van for removing a patient by rail.

THE TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

An interesting table was that on which were shown the various appliances used in the nursing of tuberculosis which had been collected by Miss Helen Todd. Of sputum cups there were many from Dettweiler's, which is generally recognised as the best among the more expensive kinds, to a round cardboard box, which is coated inside with a preparation of tar, and which is cheap enough to be given away to anyone who asks for it by the Manchester Sanitary Authority. The tarry coating not only makes the box waterproof, but it is also to some extent a disinfectant. One of these excellent spittoons is generally used for 24 hours, and then burnt with its contents. Paper handkerchiefs which are distributed gratis by the same authority were also on view, as well as many other patterns.

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