

of course, air-tight. Like most good things, it is proportionately expensive, the cost of the empty case being £140. In reply to a comment upon the work involved in keeping all this brass bright, one was informed that it is lacquered, and should merely be rubbed with an oiled rag, no pastes being used. Another very attractive case in the same materials is designed to hold dressings and bandages.

Adjoining the operating-room is the anæsthetic-room, and through this, again, the

RONTGEN-RAY ROOM.

In this room, the most wonderful discovery of modern times, in connection with surgery, may be seen at work. This section of the exhibit is certain to be popular, for, in addition to its scientific interest, there appears to be something exceptionally fascinating to the public in having the anatomy of the hand and fore-arm revealed by these penetrating rays.

THE SANITARY ANNEXE.

The Sanitary Annexe, on the other side of the corridor, is a most interesting feature of this section. In the bath-room, which is floored with marble terazza, and tiled with the artistic tiles before mentioned, is to be seen the flushing rim porcelain bath. The feature of this bath is that, when the water is turned on, it comes in all round the top of the bath and runs down the sides. It is apparent that the bath can thus be most easily cleansed, and, further, that the sides being warmed by the water as it comes in, there is no possibility of a chill being incurred by a delicate patient from contact with the cold sides of the bath, even while the water at the bottom is hot. The bath can be filled or emptied in half a minute. It is made by Mr. George B. Davis, Sanitary Engineer, Westminster Sanitary Works, Princes Mews, Great George, Street, S.W.

In the adjoining lavatory, a noteworthy feature is the flushing pedal, which may be used by infirm patients to whom the ordinary handle presents a difficulty. The wood work surrounding the pedestal forms a sliding seat, which can easily be removed, and the whole cleansed.

An arrangement for cleansing bed-pans seems to deserve notice as being specially excellent. The usual method is to place the inverted bed-pan over a sink into which a flushing douche is forced from below, but this is not without danger to the unwary, as many a nurse who has flooded a lavatory can testify. In the present instance, a rack is fitted over the slop sink pan, and the bed-pan is placed in it on end, the inside facing the tap. It is then thoroughly flushed from the tap above, and the water runs away through the handle into the sink below.

THE CONVALESCENT HOME.

A day and a bed-room, representing these rooms at the Convalescent Home at Limpsfield, Surrey, presented to Charing Cross Hospital by Mr. Passmore Edwards, are next shown. The bed-room is a most comfortable room, and the bed is provided with a Brek-a-bed table, manufactured by Messrs. Allan Jones and Co., the price of which is 18s. 6d. in deal, or 36s. in pine. The table is also convertible into a book-rest and a writing-desk.

THE LAUNDRY.

Another interesting part of the Exhibit is the Laundry, where may be seen all the up-to-date appliances in this department.

THE ADVERTISING HALL.

Lastly must be mentioned the Advertising Hall, where will be found many preparations with which readers of the *NURSING RECORD* are already familiar. Messrs. Garrould, of Edgware Road, have an attractive show of dolls in nursing uniform; then there are exhibits of milk and its preparations by Messrs. Welford, of Elgin Avenue, and Henri Nestle, of 48, Cannon Street; there are Maggi's Soups (sold by Cozenza, of 95, Wigmore Street), Lemco (Liebig's Extract of Meat), Wyeth Beef Juice, Kepler's Cod Liver Oil, and Fairchild's Peptogenic Milk Powder (shown by Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome), Stower's Lime Juice (36, Commercial Street, E.), Somatose (shown by the British Somatose Co., Ltd., 165, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.), Bovril, Robinson's Groats, Hovis Bread, and other preparations by means of which the whole are kept in health and the sick are beguiled back to it. Then there is Ronuk (shown by Ronuk, Ltd., 83, Upper Thames Street), and Elliman's Embrocation for Sprains. There is also a small exhibit of various inventions of nurses. Noticeable amongst these is the test box (designed by Miss Monk, the Sister Matron of King's College Hospital, and already described in these columns. Then there is a district nursing case designed and made by A. M. Alexander for portable work with a bicycle, a cycle basket shown by Messrs. Southall, Birmingham, a ward or district toilet-box containing all the things required by the nurse in the course of a patient's toilet, some bed crutches, designed to support a patient in bed, made by F. Schutze and Co., 89, Southwark Bridge Road, and other exhibits of interest.

The Special Appeal Committee of Charing Cross Hospital, and its energetic and most agreeable Secretary, Mr. Reginald G. Lund, are to be congratulated on the high standard of excellence to which they have attained in this exhibit.

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