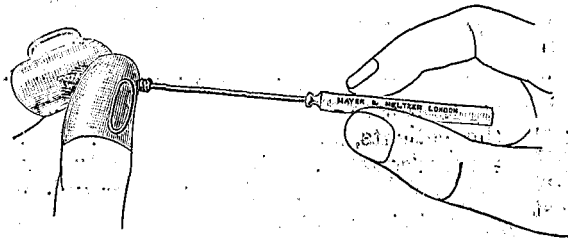


commend the appliance to the attention of district nurses and midwives. It is of a convenient size to go into a midwife's bag.

**Thimbles
for Making
Wool Mops.**

By the courtesy of Dr. E. Cresswell Baber, we are able to publish the subjoined illustration of thimbles for making wool mops which recently appeared in the *Lancet*. As the duty of making these mops frequently devolves upon Nurses the appliance will have considerable interest for them. Mops made between the finger and thumb of an ordinary hand even after it has been carefully washed are of doubtful cleanliness from a surgical



point of view. Dr. Baber has therefore designed these thimbles (which are made by Messrs. Mayer & Meltzer, of Great Portland Street) for the forefinger and thumb of the left hand. They fit on to a metal stand and can be boiled with it. They are lifted from it by the little handles attached to the thimbles as seen in the illustration. These thimbles are flattened and provided with several shallow grooves and one deeper one on the opposing surfaces. With a little practice these mops can be quickly made.

The thimbles are most useful in making mops for ear, nose and throat work, but may of course be used for making them for any other purpose. We commend them to the attention of Sisters and nurses who work in these special branches.

**Soap
Stones.**

A correspondent of a contemporary writes:—Not having heard that soap stones are used in any hospital for warming beds and applying heat to the body, it might be a benefit to the nurses to know of the great comfort to be derived from their use. They can be bought at from 25 cents to 75 cents per stone, according to size (1s. 0½d. to 3s. 1½d.). For hospital use the most convenient size is 6 by 8 by 1½ inches at 35 cents. They are better than rubber bags where heat is not required in proximity to the body. They are cheaper, more durable, and can be heated to a much higher temperature, and will retain the heat six or eight hours without being re-warmed. They are particularly good in warming a bed for an operation case or for a new patient. If necessary to use with the patient in bed, they can be placed between the blankets, a few inches from the patient's body. They can be heated on a gas stove or in the oven. Before using wrap each stone in several thicknesses of newspaper or wrapping paper.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Cottage Hospital, Abingdon.—Miss Jane Claudine Witchell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital and has held the position of Sister at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, as well as that of Staff Nurse at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. She holds certificates in massage and electricity.

Hertford Memorial Hospital, Alcester.—Miss Ada J. Farr has been appointed Matron of the Hertford Memorial Hospital, Alcester. She was trained at Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, and has held the position of Matron of the Wood Green Isolation Hospital, Finsbury Park.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Fife.—Miss King, who is at present Charge Nurse at the Forfar and Kincardine Asylum, has been appointed Matron at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Fife.

Fever Hospital, Rochdale.—Miss Mary Grainger has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

SISTER.

General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent.—Miss Lydia Rose has been appointed Sister. She received her training at the District Hospital, Walsall, and has held the position of Sister at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, as well as at the Walsall and District Hospital.

NIGHT SISTERS.

Huddersfield Infirmary.—Miss Isabel M. Hall has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, London, and at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, in which institution she has held the position of Sister.

CHARGE NURSES.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Ashton-in-Makerfield.—Miss C. E. Mulcahy has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W., and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Accident Hospital, Rotherham.

Children's Sanatorium, Rushington, nr. Worthing.—Miss S. A. Bodington has been appointed Charge Nurse. She received her training at the Victoria Hospital, Hull, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Orthopædic Hospital, Redland, Bristol.

Union Infirmary, Wellington, Somerset.—Miss Lillie Emma Baker has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Eastville Infirmary, Bristol.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS.—*Sisters:* Miss C. Mackay, to Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, from the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank. Miss E. Foster, to Connaught Hospital, Aldershot, from Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.

Staff Nurses: Miss M. McKenna, to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, on appointment. Miss M. Tedman, to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on appointment.

Miss J. G. Powell (Sister), Miss E. M. Denne (Sister), Miss M. Walker (Sister), Miss L. E. Mackay, (Sister) held in readiness for service abroad.

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