

which fold together, making a flat and compact package. A dressing tray for use in irrigation of the eyes, and another for colotomy and empyema cases were designed by Nurse Manchester; we have already given illustrations of Nurse George's safe surgical sponge, and the Sister Louise Ice Cup.

Other exhibits were a variety of hypodermic syringes of the latest design, a pair of unjointed dissecting forceps, and an all-metal syringe for wounds or ears. Some "anti-germ" covers in red rubber for covering glasses, porringers, &c., attracted considerable notice, so did the "Bardella" bandage, said to be the most useful in cases of burns; compressed dressings were also a feature. The "first aid" cabinet as made for the King contains in a compact form the dressings and other requisites likely to be needed in case of accidents when travelling by motor car. It is divided into eight numbered compartments corresponding with similar numbers printed on the directions fixed in the lid. The whole is contained in a japanned tin box with outer leather case.

MESSRS. JEYES SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY,
64, CANNON STREET, E.C.

The stand of this firm was devoted to a display of the various preparations of cyllin, a comparatively new bactericide which undoubtedly has a future before it. It combines the maximum of efficiency as a bactericide with the minimum of causticity and toxicity to the higher forms of life. It is at least ten times less toxic than carbolic acid, and has carbolic acid co-efficients ranging from 10 to 30. A great advantage is that it is compatible with soap, and the surgical soap is guaranteed equal to 50 per cent. carbolic acid. The same can be said of the bar soap, which costs 6d. per lb.

As an ordinary disinfectant, a fourpenny bottle, not supplied to chemists, is specially put up for nurses and midwives. In the form of syrup it is used in the treatment of infantile diarrhoea, the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, being one of the institutions in which it is receiving a trial.

Noteworthy was the gauze tissue, *i.e.*, wool impregnated with 10 per cent. cyllin, placed between two layers of gauze. We know of no other similar tissue, and it certainly would be a most useful dressing in connection with cases of an offensive nature. There is also a cyllin dusting powder which claims to be a safe and reliable substitute for iodoform.

MESSRS. ALLEN AND HANBURYS 48, WIGMORE STREET, W.

This well-known firm had a very complete exhibit, including Allenbury's Midwives' Outfit worthy of note, an accouchement set

designed by Nurse Reynolds, sterilised roughened india-rubber gloves, a hygienic toilet case, with a division down the centre, containing soap and nail brush, the "ideal" feeding cup, which is becoming very popular, and which is graduated, so that the amount taken is readily ascertainable, a toughened glass female catheter, costing only 9d., in nickel-plated case; boilable red rubber enema syringes, clinical thermometer of best London make, costing only one shilling, sterilisers in blocked tin, electric reading lamps, and other appliances too numerous to mention, but space must be found to refer to Hewlett's Pasteuriser, designed by Dr. Hewlett, formerly director of the Lister Institute, which is most simple, useful, and practical.

MESSRS. MAW, SON AND SONS, 7, ALDERSGATE STREET, E.C.

The exhibits of this firm included a well-arranged bag for midwives, a china douche can, a milk steriliser, some strong paper spittoons, and also the Dettweiler, several babies' bottles of excellent design, the green graduated glass for measuring poisons used at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, samples of compressed dressings, and other things which, as inventions of nurses, have already been mentioned in this connection.

MESSRS. W. TOOGOOD, LTD., HEDDON STREET, W.

The Perfection Combined Bed and Douche Pan of Messrs. Meinecke and Co., which is a pattern with which all nurses should be acquainted, was shown by Messrs. Toogood, as well as a Haran's Sterilising Apparatus.

THE EQUIPOISE BED.

A centre of much attraction was the Equipoise bed, shown by the Equipoise Company of Ashford, Kent. Demonstrations were given all day long, and it was generally conceded that both bed, couch and chair struck the last note in comfort in these directions. The couch has been supplied to the Queen, at Buckingham Palace. The "At Ease" chair was also much appreciated.

The "Equipoise" Bed, Chair and Couch are each made in three parts (Back, Seat and Leg-rest) jointed at the spot corresponding to the knee and hip, and they are balanced so exactly at the "point of equipoise," which is found to be at the small of the back, that the inmate can by bending the body at the hips and without conscious effort raise or lower himself to any angle he may choose to sit, lie or recline at; and when the desired slope is attained in the Couch and the Bed, a catch holds the article firmly fixed for as long as required.

We shall publish in forthcoming issues the account of the Conferences on Maternity Nursing and Mental Nursing, and the Talks on Paris given by Miss Mollett and Miss Wortabet.

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