

The catgut is wound on glass reels—two reels in each jar, the smaller fitting loosely within the larger—but there is no reason why the number of reels should not be increased to three if an extra large supply is desired.

The reels, which have perforations near their rims for attachment of the ends of the catgut, are $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, the diameter of the larger being 2 inches, and of the smaller 1 inch. A reel with a length greater than its diameter does not tend to fall on its side as does a reel whose diameter is greater than its length.

A reel is the most convenient form of carrier for ligatures, which can be unwound from a reel far more rapidly than from a frame.

The diameter of the glass reels on which catgut is supplied by instrument makers is too often ridiculously small, and is responsible for the ligature taking the form of a corkscrew and going through a series of contortions which render the catgut as difficult to handle as a freshly-caught eel. This corkscrew appearance of the ligature is obviated by a reel with a large diameter, which has the additional advantage of carrying six to eight lengths (according to the thickness of the ligature) of Hartmann's catgut, of which I find Nos. 0 and 1 the most convenient sizes.

Appointments.

MATRON AND SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry.—Miss A. B. Barter has been appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nurses. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and subsequently held the position of Night Sister at St. Pancras Infirmary, Highgate. She has also been Assistant Matron at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, and Lady Superintendent of the Liverpool Infirmary for Children. In connection with the latter posts, she has had considerable experience in Hospital Management and House-keeping, and in teaching nurses and probationers. She is a certified midwife.

MATRONS.

Kensington General Hospital, Earl's Court.—Miss P. Gadsden has been appointed Sister Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Sister at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, and at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, Night Superintendent at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and temporary Matron at the Passmore Edwards' Hospital, Willesden Green.

South Wimbledon and Merton Cottage Hospital.—Miss A. L. Laughlin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, and has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Petersfield, and Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Ledbury.

Isolation Hospital, Fraserburgh, N.B.—Miss Christina Bowie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Ross-shire Hospital, Dingwall, N.B., where she worked for seven years, and for three years has had experience of private nursing.

SISTERS.

West Dispensary and Infirmary, Penzance.—Miss I. Pearson has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, where she subsequently held the position of Theatre Charge Nurse, and afterwards of Sister of the Men's Medical and Surgical Wards. She has also had experience of private nursing.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The following lady has received an appointment as Staff Nurse: Miss F. A. Harris.

Postings and Transfers.—Sisters: Miss M. E. Neville, to Royal Infirmary, Dublin; Miss M. Worthington, to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, London; Miss G. Knowles, to Military Hospital, Colchester; Miss B. S. Vaughan, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot; Miss E. C. Cheetham, to South Africa. Staff Nurses: Miss M. E. Wilkin, Miss E. M. Rentzsch, and Miss M. B. Williams, to Military Hospital, Cottonera, Malta; Miss H. Hartigan, Miss M. J. Hepple, Miss S. Richards, Miss M. Brown, to Military Hospital, Valletta, Malta.

Appointments Confirmed.—Staff Nurses: Miss C. H. E. Gerahty, Miss J. H. Congleton, Miss M. Tedman.

The undermentioned lady to be Staff Nurse (provisionally): Miss Annie Paterson Wilson.

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ENGLAND AND WALES.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Annie Everall, to Much Hadham (temp.), Miss Florence Green, to Blackburn; Miss R. Haddon, to Swansea; Miss Gertrude Hardy, to Three Towns (temp.); Miss Annette Lamb, to Bermondsey (temp.); Miss Emily Richardson, to Wetherby, from Lowther; Miss S. M. Sellers, to Withington (temp.); Miss E. Lowden Thomson, to Cardiff; Miss Anita Walters, to Herefordshire, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss C. J. Woodward, to Hackney (temp.).

The following Association has been affiliated to the Institute: Normanby Park District Nursing Association, Lincolnshire (affiliated to County Nursing Association).

Wedding Bells.

The marriage arranged between Mr. R. H. C. Owen Wisdom and Miss Edith Mary Shotter (late Matron of the Cancer Hospital, S.W.) will take place at St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens, on the 5th of June, at one o'clock.

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