

greatly on the position in life, but care should be taken to buy the best material in one's power, as, though the outlay may appear great, it will be the most economical in the end. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory, as not only the money spent, but the labour too, is almost thrown away on cheap and common calico. The supplying linen for an Institution is a difficult matter. It must be remembered it is public money that is given for charity that is to be laid out; and whilst still carrying out the above rules of good quality and great plenty, care must be especially taken that nothing is wasted. In selecting material it must not be forgotten that a low price is not cheap. In a Hospital the washing is constant, sometimes bad and by machinery; and unless it is of the best quality, it will speedily wear out. The frequent washing necessitates a much larger quantity per head. In private life it is different; where the linen is changed periodically, and the week's supply given out regularly, all this is altered. Fresh linen and frequent changes are absolutely necessary, where restoration to health is every one's sole study. I believe patients appreciate the luxury of cleanliness as highly as anything they receive at our hands; it is so strangely different to their usual surroundings, and I imagine the comfort and cleanliness, the general cheerfulness of a Hospital ward, the freedom from home worries, combined with the regular diet, go further towards recovery than the Doctor's medicines.

List of requirements for house linen, &c., for fifty Patients, twenty Nurses, Matron, and Surgeon:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Patients:—						
Sheets, 200 pairs, allowing three for each bed, and one extra for emergencies, good flax, five yards long, 4s. per pair...	40	0	0			
Pillow cases, unbleached calico, three each bed (some Hospitals do not use them), 4d. per yard...	2	10	0			
50 roller towels, 50 smaller crash and flax, 4d. per yard ...	3	15	0			
Tea cloths, two dozen flax, 5d. per yard ...	0	10	0			
Occasional table cloths for patients, 8d. per yard, two dozen...	2	8	0			
				49	3	0
Nurses and Servants (18 beds):—						
Nurses (12 beds).—Three pairs of sheets each, 5s. per pair...	9	0	0			
Pillow cases, three each, 5d. per yard	0	15	0			
Four extra Nurses, double beds, 12	0	5	0			
Five dozen towels, 8d. ...	2	0	0			
Four dozen tea cloths, 4d. per yard	0	16	0			
Servants:—				12	16	0
Six beds, three pairs each, 3½d. twill calico ...	3	0	0			
Pillows, three pairs each bed, calico, 5d. per yard ...	0	15	0			
Three dozen towels, 8d. ...	1	4	0			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Three dozen tea cloths, 4d. per yard	0	12	0			
House Surgeon:—				5	11	0
Three pair of sheets, 9s., fine white twill, six yards ...	1	7	0			
Three pairs of pillows, fine white...	0	6	0			
One dozen towels, huckaback, 1s. each ...	0	12	0			
Four bath towels, 1s. 9d. each ...	0	7	0			
Four table cloths, two and a-half to three yards long, damask, 6s. each ...	1	4	0			
One dozen serviettes ...	0	15	0			
One dozen tea cloths ...	0	5	6			
Matron:—				4	16	6
The same ...				4	16	6

As the Hospital is to be *refurnished* I am allowing for draw-sheets, dusters, and those articles to be made from the old stock; but in case of a fire having taken place—or everything destroyed or completely worn out—I add a list of such things required. I am also allowing for the Nurses and Probationers to make the linen; but in case they come in with the linen, I will add a fair price for making.

	£	s.	d.
200 yards of soft twill for draw-sheets, one each bed, 7d. per yard ...	2	18	4
Six dozen dusters, at 2s. per dozen, for Wards...	0	12	0
Three dozen house dusters, at 2s. per dozen ...	0	6	0
Two dozen dish cloths ...	0	2	0
By list of linen ...	82	12	4
Making 1,180 articles at 1½d. each ...	7	7	6
Total cost ...	93	18	2

House table linen for Nurses:—			
Six table cloths, fine flax or unbleached damask, four yards long	£1	12	0
One dozen smaller for Head Nurses, at 1s. 4d. each ...	0	16	0
Servants' house linen:—	2	8	8
12 table cloths, two yards long...	1	12	8
12 occasional table cloths for Wards, strong flax, at 1s. 2d. per yard, two yards long ...	1	8	0

Cost of furnishing Hospital of fifty beds, twenty Nurses, twelve servants, Surgeon, and Matron:—

Patients ...	49	3	0
Patients' house linen ...	1	8	0
Nurses ...	12	16	0
Nurses' house linen ...	2	8	8
Servants ...	5	11	0
Servants' house linen ...	1	12	8
House Surgeon ...	4	16	6
Matron ...	4	16	6
Total ...	82	12	4

I am not sure that blankets and counterpanes would be considered as linen; but, as they furnish the beds, I will add a list required:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Patients (50 beds):—						
50 under blankets, grey, at 4s. 9d. per pair...	5	18	9			
50 pairs, warm, at 8s. 6d. ...	21	5	0			
50 extra, for cold weather ...	6	0	9			
Total ...	33	4	6			
50 counterpanes, and 12 extra, at 5s. 6d. each	17	1	0			

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