

PRACTICAL POINTS.

An Indestructible Substitute for the Esmarch Rubber Tourniquet.

Most nurses know the difficulty of keeping rubber appliances in a good condition, a difficulty which becomes almost insuperable in tropical climates. In the case of a tourniquet, used in major operations, it is essential to the life of the patient that it should be absolutely dependable, and the drawback of a rubber tourniquet is that if not used for some time it may be found to have "perished" when needed in an emergency.

We have pleasure therefore in giving prominence to the tourniquet designed by Professor

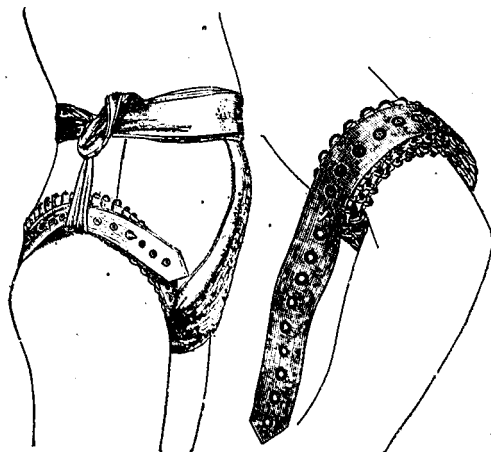
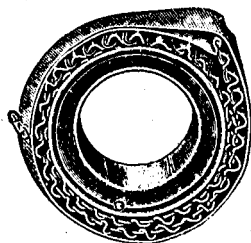


Fig. 1.—Bandage applied preparatory to amputating limb.

Fig. 2.—Bandage applied preparatory to amputating arm, blood transfusion, or injecting salvarsan.

E. A. Henly, described in the current issue of *The Modern Hospital*. This consists of two parts: (1) the spring, made of heavily tinned steel piano wire, wound in flat serpentine shape, about 2 inches wide, and slightly convex; (2) a heavy linen bandage, which is drawn through the winding of the spring. This is longer than spring, and plied next skin, thus forming a cushion for which ways be the convex the body.



Nurses concerned with the care of such an appliance. For purposes of transportation and sterilization it is wound on a metal drum (Fig. 3) and the end fastened with a safety pin. The bandage can be sterilized by boiling, or by high pressure steam, the latter being preferable. The drum is perforated on the inside to allow the passage of the steam.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Year by year the Nurses' Missionary League publishes in its annual report a list of fully-trained Nurses who are working in the foreign mission field in connection with British Missionary Societies. The list, which has just been compiled, contains 366 names (an increase of 33 over that published last year) more than half of the whole number being members of the N.M.L. Not only numerically is the list interesting, however, but by reason of the widely separated stations at which these Nurses are working. At distant Beru in the Gilbert Islands, in Formosa and Korea, in India, in China, in all parts of Africa, as well as in Labrador and South America, and the great Mohammedan lands of Persia, Arabia and Turkey, members of the Nursing profession of Great Britain are carrying on the twofold work of "healing the sick" and "preaching the Gospel."

Let no one imagine, however, that there are sufficient nurses to carry on the work. Time after time comes the demand for more workers, and little wonder, considering that many a Missionary Nurse is not only Matron and sole Sister, but also in complete charge of the training of native nurses, that most important part of the work. The Secretary of the N.M.L. can generally tell of vacant posts under various Societies, waiting till the suitable candidates shall offer for the work.

The League has always in view the arousing of interest in missionary work, and the securing of volunteers to fill these vacant posts. The meetings in the Hospital branches are often for the purpose of discussing missionary work or hearing about it from some outside speaker; while much interest has been aroused lately by the All-day Missionary Working parties held at Guy's Hospital and the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, by kind permission of the Matrons.

Two gatherings of special interest are arranged for the coming Summer, the all-day Annual Meetings and Conference on May 1st, and the "Camp" at Sandsend, Yorkshire, from June 13th to 27th. On the former occasion there will be addresses in the morning, afternoon, and evening, dealing with medical mission work, and it is hoped that Missionary Nurses and Doctors at home on furlough will be present most of the day. At the "Camp" Nurses can combine a thorough holiday, with intercourse with missionaries and others, and can get much help for their spiritual lives. The Secretary (Miss Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.) would be glad to send particulars of these gatherings to any Nurse wishing to be present.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Twelfth Annual Conference of the N.M.L. will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, London, W.C., on Friday, May 1st, morning session 10-12.30, Afternoon Conversation 2.30-5, and Evening Meeting 7.30-9.30, and all members and friends of the League are cordially invited to be present.

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