

PRACTICAL POINTS.

A Cheap Cradle.

A cheap and satisfactory cradle for injured limbs may be made with a length of strong, close-meshed chicken-wire of the desired width. This may be bent to any angle. The raw ends of cut wire should each be bent back nearly into itself by flat-mouthed pliers, and a strip of white American cloth should be sewn on each end as a binding.

A New Bandage Fastener.

A little device for fastening bandages securely and neatly has recently been introduced, says the *Modern Hospital*, and is offered by the supply houses under the name of the Swope bandage fastener. After the bandage is applied to the injured member the loose ends are folded under for about one inch. The bandage fastener (Fig. 1) is introduced into the folded end, with the ring parts (Fig. 1) pointing upward, leaving the ring hooks pointing downward. By slightly pulling the bandage down, the lower hooks are

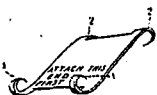


Figure 1.—Swope Bandage Fastener.

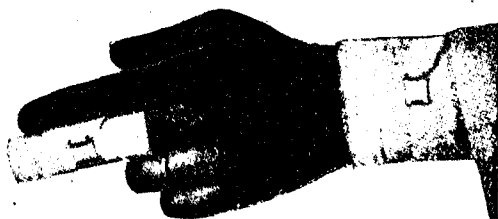


Figure 2.—Bandage Fastener applied to finger and wrist bandage.

pushed into the bandage and held securely. The hooks are turned in and well rounded thus preventing injury from the sharp points. Fig. 1 shows the actual size of the fastener, and Fig. 2 illustrates the application of the device to bandages on finger and wrist.

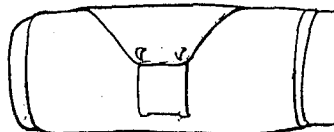


Figure 3.—Bandage Fastener applied to arm bandage.

Care of Beds.

The condition of the wards as to clean and sweet air, says the *Hygienic Gazette*, greatly depends on the condition of the beds. Beds need fresh air, and sunshine and wind are capital every day disinfectants for bedding. If possible, pillows and mattresses should have a good blow between cases. If a hospital is surrounded by an open space, as it should be, this can be easily arranged; otherwise they may be hung on the window ledge for a time, and thus be sweetened. The sick body is very often

malodorous, in spite of ablutions, disinfectants and drugs such as iodoform may be objectionable to sensitive olfactory nerves. Bedding, therefore, should be constantly aired.

The Administration of Medicines.

Miss M. N. Oxford, in "Nursing in War Time," gives a necessary reminder that medicine spilt on a patient's clothes or bed-linen often makes stains that will not wash out. Iron especially stains whatever it touches, and iron and acids injure the teeth. It is a good thing after taking them to wash out the mouth with water in which a little bicarbonate of soda has been dissolved.

EXAMINATIONS AND MEDALS.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

OCTOBER EXAMINATION.

The result of the examination held in October for nurses at the fever hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board is now declared, and we are able to publish, below the list of successful candidates.

Nurses from the following hospitals entered for the examination:—The Eastern, North Eastern, North Western, South Western, Grove, South Eastern, and Brook. In each instance the letter or letters after the candidate's name signifies the hospital to which she is attached.

The total number of candidates examined were 73, of whom 50 passed. Of these four Sisters entered, and all passed, eleven staff nurses, and ten passed, thirty-seven probationers, and twenty-four passed, twenty-one Assistant Nurses (Class II), and twelve passed. The maximum marks for Assistant Nurses were 400, for all other grades 600.

SISTERS.

M. Griffiths (E.), M. Barnard (B.), A. Gilbert (B.), R. Stockwell (B.).

STAFF NURSES.

M. Dugdale (E.), L. Bowles (N.W.), E. Robertson (S.W.), B. Swanborough (B.), W. Coward (S.W.), M. Smith (E.), M. E. Wagstaffe (N.W.), E. Lobley (S.W.), L. Bonsey (S.W.), D. Gully (S.W.).

PROBATIONERS.

Gold Medal, A. Weston (B.) (518 marks); *Silver Medal*, A. Dykes (W.) (497 marks); A. Page (G.), J. Hall (W.), S. Sara (W.), C. Sunderland (B.), E. Powell (W.), L. Masey (G.), P. Virgo (N.W.), A. Allum (W.), D. Goodman (E.), M. Grubb (B.), O. Caldecourt (E.), R. M. Young (B.), A. E. Young (B.), G. Chandler (N.W.), M. Price (E.), E. Macer (W.), E. Croft (S.E.), E. R. McCarter (N.E.), E. Hoffman (E.), F. Grace (N.W.), M. Dwyer (E.), E. Rawlins (S.W.).

ASSISTANT NURSES (CLASS II).

E. Marsh (N.E.), E. L. Clarke (S.E.), F. Digby (S.E.), M. Atkins (G.), E. Feast (N.E.), F. Martin (S.E.), F. Shield (B.), B. Fitzpatrick (N.E.), E. Thomas (S.E.), M. Skinner (N.E.), V. Menzies (N.W.), L. Azwlay (S.W.).

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