

## PRACTICAL POINTS.

**To Seal a Room for Disinfecting purposes.**

When sealing a room for disinfection by sulphur, this may be most easily done by cutting long strips of newspaper and smearing them with soap, preferably soft soap. These adhering effectually close all cracks, and may be quickly removed by hot water.

**A Cheap Disinfectant.**

Dr. F. W. Alexander, Medical Officer of Health for Poplar, where the system has been in use for eight years, writes to the *British Medical Journal* to suggest that in camps and emergency hospitals near the sea where electricity is available, electrolysed sea water would be found an efficient and inexpensive disinfectant. A plant can now, he says, quickly be set up, as a cell has recently been invented allowing the current in some instances to be taken directly from the mains without a converter.

The fluid is a powerful deodorant and germicide and can be freshly made by simply switching on the current and permitting sea water to run through the electrolyzers. If necessary the fluid can be so made as to remain stable almost indefinitely.

The War Office (at Netley), and the Admiralty (at Osborne) have the system in use for dealing with sewage, and the Portsmouth Corporation has installed a plant for making the fluid from sea water for municipal purposes, and the sewage of Worthing, Ipswich, and Lytham has been treated in this way. The system is also in use at Havre and Rouen for dealing with sewage.

In time of war commercial disinfectants may become costly, but where sea water is at hand and electricity available, electrolysed sea water for crude disinfecting purposes can be manufactured more readily and more cheaply than in Poplar, where artificial sea water has to be made; the cost there is over a  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. a gallon, including electricity.

To appreciate the simplicity of its manufacture and its utility a visit to a place such as Poplar, where 313,000 gallons have been made (from artificial sea water) and used for every purpose in eight years (67,000 gallons during 1913), will explain more than any written description.

Dr. Alexander states that by the use of electrolysed sea water latrines, pails, and urinals could be quickly purified, and that, as was proved by the experience at Riker's Island, Sea River, New York, large masses of garbage could be rendered inoffensive by spraying. Dr. Alexander suggests also that the fluid could be used for disinfecting foul bandages and even for douching contaminated wounds.

**The Possessive Pronoun.**

*Letter from New Sister.*—"My ward is kept in apple pie order, and my doctors all think my patients ought to be very happy under my care."

## APPOINTMENTS.

**MATRON.**

**District Hospital, Newbury.**—Miss B. Atkins has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, where she has held the position of Sister; and has also done private nursing.

**Cottage Hospital, Swanage.**—Miss S. F. Norfield has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Chelsea Infirmary; and has been Sister at the Kingston Infirmary; and at the North Eastern Hospital, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

**Children's and General Hospital for Leyton, Walthamstow and Wanstead.**—Miss Eva Lottie Foster has been appointed Matron. She was trained in the same institution.

**ASSISTANT MATRON.**

**Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.**—Miss M. Florence has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester; and has been Matron of St. George's Home, Streatham Hill; the Nurses' Home, Salisbury; and Holiday Matron at the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, Marylebone Road.

**SISTERS.**

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss Mildred Boulton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Longton Infirmary, and at Wolverhampton, and has been Charge Nurse at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent.

**The Hospital, St. Albans.**—Miss M. Collard has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Tottenham, and has since been Night Sister in the same institution. She has also been Sister at the Medical Mission Hospital, Plaistow.

**Union Infirmary, Southampton.**—Miss A. M. Hutchins has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Mary Islington Infirmary, London, and has been Sister at the Bromley Hospital.

**TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.**

Miss Ethel Young to be Matron, vice Miss Ethel Watson, resigned (August 7); Miss E. F. Scott to be Matron, vice Miss Jane Purves, promoted (August 7); Miss Jane Purves, Matron, to be Principal Matron, vice Miss Annie C. Glover, resigned (August 7).

**QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.****TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Miss Sarah Bridge is appointed to Heanor, Miss A. G. Bale to Bromsgrove, Miss Olive Carpenter to Ilkeston, Miss Marie Chitson to Rawmarsh and Parkgate, Miss Elizabeth R. Davies to Heanor, Miss Lily Flitcroft to Sheerness, Miss Alice E. E. Hill to Loughborough, Miss Margaret Moore to Rawtenstall, Miss Rosina Pursey to Rawmarsh and Parkgate, Miss Ankje Slauerhoff to Ilkeston.

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