

PRACTICAL POINTS.

THE WRAYE NURSING APPLIANCES.

We have great pleasure in drawing attention to the Wraye Nursing Appliances, invented and patented by Miss Annie Bacon, 17, Gilston Road, South Kensington.

The object of the Appliances is to provide a long, water-tight receptacle, capable of being held closely to the side of the patient's bed, and at the same time capable of being removed or placed in position with no disturbance of the patient. There are three forms of the apparatus—two for facilitating the washing of the patient, and one for holding and disinfecting the draw-sheet.

The former consists (1) of an enamel metal box, about 28 in. long, 6 in. wide and 5 in. deep, provided with a tap at the bottom to permit of the water being drained off; and (2) as an alternative, of a rubber cloth pocket, opening at the top to the same width and of such length as desired.

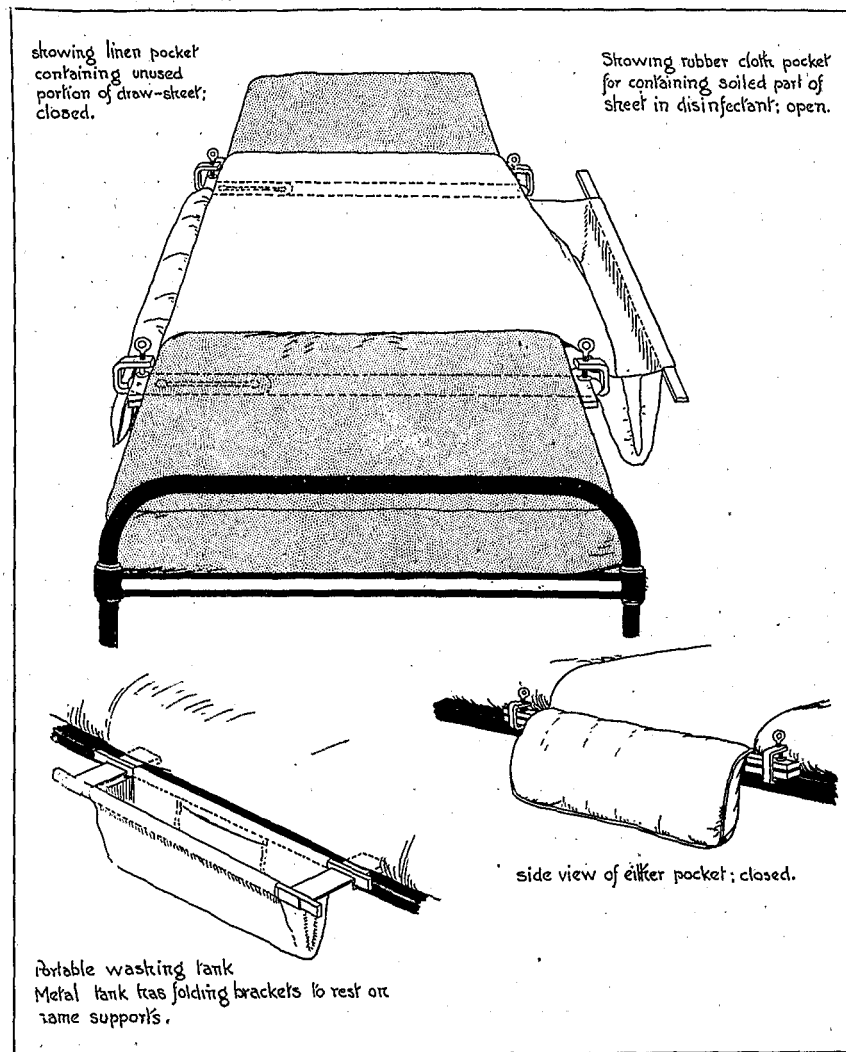
The enamel box is held at either end by a support, either a bracket clamped to the frame bar of the bed, or a light bar or strip, lying on the top of the frame bars of the bed, and under the mattress.

The rubber cloth pocket is supported along its length by two slats, which pass through a hem at the top of the pocket and rest at their ends on the same arrangements as are used for the enamel bath.

These devices do away with the need for tables, basins, &c., as commonly used. The rubber cloth pocket is found very useful by district nurses, and it has the additional advantage that it is very portable.

The third form is designed for use in connection with a draw-sheet. In this case the material used for the rubber cloth pocket is not so thick, as in the latter of the described devices. The sheet

passes from a linen pocket of the same dimensions across the bed to the rubber cloth receptacle, which contains a disinfecting solution. As shown in our illustration, the sheet is held in position by ordinary clamps, but one has now been designed which at once springs down on the two sticks holding the draw-sheet. The support to hold the bath will now be fixed on that same spring clamp, on a revolving screw, which easily turns under the mattress when not in use.



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Mr. Gordon M. Forsyth, Associate of the Royal College of Art, London, will execute the memorial to be placed in the Shoreditch Infirmary to the memory of Miss Edith Cavell, who, it will be remembered, spent some years there as Assistant Matron before taking up her duties in Brussels. It is very appropriate that there should be a permanent memorial to Miss Cavell in the Infirmary.

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