

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

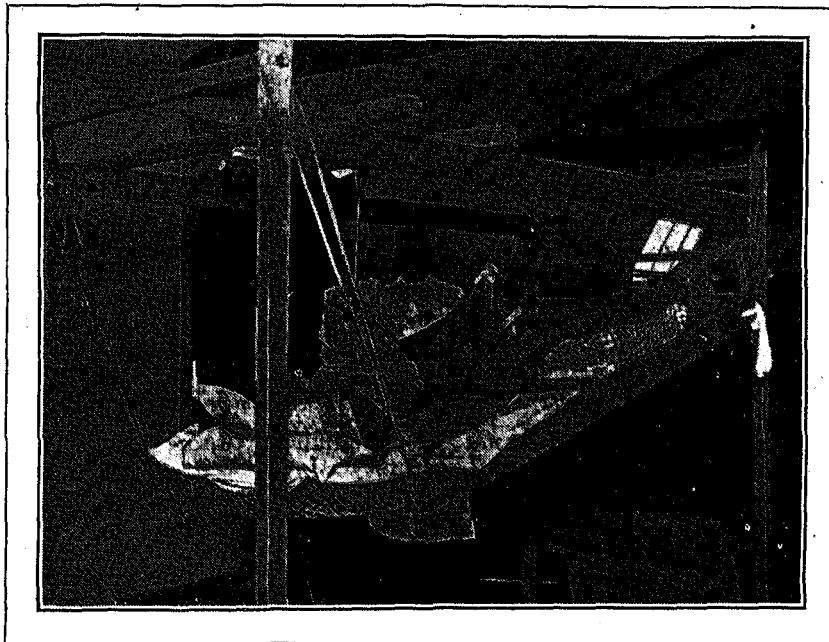
THE MEURICE SINCLAIR APPARATUS.

We are indebted to the Editor of the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal* for the description of the Meurice Sinclair apparatus for the treatment of fractured femora, which is being used with much success in the military wards of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The introduction of the apparatus into the Hospital is due to Captain Harold Wilson, who has recently returned from France, and is acting as officer in charge of the military wing.

A net bed is now in use in the back ward of "Kenton" for fractures of the upper third of the femur, as designed by Major Meurice Sinclair of the Stationary Hospital, B.E.F. Its

in Scotland, and will be under the supervision of the Ministry of Pensions, through the Joint (Disablement) Committee for the South-Eastern District of Scotland. Sir Arthur Boscawen said that no cases were more pathetic and more difficult to handle than those suffering from shell-shock. They deserved the greatest sympathy, and they did not always get it. Unlike the men who had lost a limb, the poor shell-shock man had nothing definite to show, yet he suffered terribly. His nerves were all gone; he was unfit for any kind of work; and he had to be handled in the most sympathetic manner possible. Some wonderful cures had been effected at a large home at Golder's Green, near London, similar institutions had been opened at Leicester and Belfast, and he hoped the Craig-end Park Institution would be able to do for Scottish soldiers what the institutions in England had done for English.



THE "MEURICE SINCLAIR" NET BED SEEN FROM ABOVE.

chief advantages are (1) Securing of full abduction, (2) Ease in nursing, (3) Comfort of the patient.

In the front ward of "Kenton" a modified Sinclair suspension frame is in use, supporting a Thomas's splint when used for the treatment of fractures of the middle and lower thirds of the femur. For permission to use the above illustration of the net bed seen from above we are indebted to the courtesy of the Editor of the *British Medical Journal*.

Craig-end Park, Liberton, a beautiful mansion acquired by the Corporation of Edinburgh, was opened recently as a Scottish National Neuros-thenic Hospital by Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions. The hospital is the first of its kind

A SAVING OF MATCHES.

Now that matches are so precious we are once again learning that spills will, in many instances, serve as efficient substitutes, but it is not everyone who has the time or the necessary dexterity to make them. Our readers may be glad to know therefore, that beautifully made spills of curled wood shavings are sold in bundles costing 3d. each (or as much more as the purchaser likes to pay) for the funds of the British Committee of the French Red Cross, at 9, Knightsbridge, S.W. It is thus possible to benefit oneself and aid a good cause at the same time.

A new Army Council Instruction has been issued for members of the General Service Section of the V.A.D., which will in future consist of a mobile and an immobile branch. The rates of pay for certain classes of employment have been revised, and a gratuity at the rate of 13s. a quarter will be granted to all women of the mobile branch.

The Bishop of London, as president of the Heritage Craft Schools, signs an urgent appeal in support of the recently-established St. Nicholas Home for Raid-Shock Children at Chailey, Sussex. "It is sad," he says, "to see a little child crippled for life; it is almost sadder to see a child with shattered nerves, having lost all power of self-control. They can only regain their childhood far away from the scene of their terrors."

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