

**PRACTICAL POINTS.****SANITARY PAPER CAPS.**

A writer in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* says paper caps in place of linen caps for surgeons are becoming very popular. They are cheap, costing less than the laundering and depreciation of linen caps, are cool and light, and are free from lint. The one that has an elastic crêpe paper insertion in the back is recommended. A piece of thick corrugated absorbent paper is pasted on the inside where the hat touches the forehead to absorb perspiration. One method of sterilizing them is flowing steam for 45 minutes, with two or three minutes in the hot-air oven.

**DRESSINGS THAT DO NOT TOUCH THE WOUND.**

A new method of wound dressing adopted by French surgeons is to cover the wound with a wire netting, moulded to fit over the area, the edge resting on a small roll of absorbent cotton, the whole held in place with adhesive plaster. The irrigating tubes do not touch the wound, and the fluids run off into a waterproof bag. Compresses placed on the wire netting protect the wound from dust. Dressings are seldom changed because the irrigation keeps the wound in good condition, and it can be inspected by raising the outer dressings. This method permits the use of heliotherapy, or any other manner of treatment. The resulting cicatrix is supple and comfortable.

**BOOTS' STORES.****SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT.**

Those Matrons and Hospital Secretaries, Superintendents of private nursing institutions, and others who know that a well-planned system of filing lessens their work and adds to its efficiency to an extraordinary degree, will be glad to learn that Messrs. Boots—to whose establishments they already naturally turn to supply so many of their needs—have opened a "Systems Department" on the first floor of their establishment at 82-83, High Holborn, which is as attractive as it is useful.

Here are to be seen the latest system desks, loose-leaf ledgers, vertical filing cabinets, card indexes, and other attractive office furnishings, at most moderate prices. Those needing any of these things will be well advised to call at 82, High Holborn and inspect this department. They must be very difficult to please if they cannot find what they want; or if they cannot call, they should write and make enquiries concerning their requirements, as the firm gives careful consideration to the application of their filing and indexing cabinets to individual needs.

**THE HOSPITAL WORLD.****A HOME OF RECOVERY.**

A Home of Recovery in connection with the Great Northern Hospital, was opened on Tuesday, April 30th. It is located in Hornsey Lane, in the private residence of Mr. E. G. Harrop, who has generously lent it (free of all charges) for the duration of the war.

It accommodates twenty-five civilian patients, who will be chosen from those who have undergone operations or suffered from severe illnesses in the above-named hospital. The opening ceremony was performed by Lady Crossfield and prayers were offered by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. An excellent musical programme was given by artistes from the Women's Theatre, and a rationed tea was provided by the Executive Committee of the Ladies' Association at a charge of 6d. a head.

The numerous guests were invited to inspect the premises, and were free to wander at will through the delightful house and grounds. A marquee had been erected on the lawn for the opening function, but owing to the uncertain state of the weather it was deemed prudent to hold it in the large ward on the ground floor where the beds had not so far been put in position. The wards are tastefully and appropriately furnished; one, formerly the drawing-room, opens into a beautifully stocked conservatory.

On the top floors are pleasant rooms for the use of the nursing and domestic staff; the garden is delightful and the high ground of the site commands an extensive view.

The slopes are laid out terrace fashion and there are arbours and seats placed in shady nooks. It boasts of a miniature fishing pool with a rustic bridge and a beautiful rock garden.

We feel sure that this generous gift will be repaid to the donor a hundredfold by the benefit and delight that it will confer on the sick poor of London.

The Matron, Miss Helen Hawkins, received her training at the Great Northern Hospital, where she subsequently held a position as Sister.

**OUTSIDE THE GATES.**

Trained Nurses will be wise to make sure of their qualifications and to see that their names are correctly, and at once, inscribed on the Voters Roll for their districts. A certified copy of birth certificate may be necessary. Voters must be thirty years of age and pay house rent, or unfurnished room rent if unmarried. A new register is being compiled, but it is estimated that no General Election under the Representation of the People Act can be taken till after October 1st this year. It will be vastly interesting to see who is and who is not returned to the new Parliament.

The Women Suffrage Bill for Canada has passed the third reading in the Senate. Two amendments

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