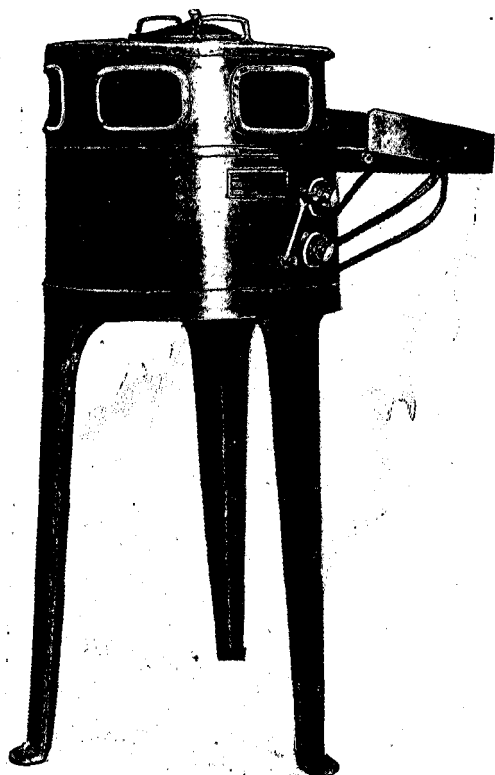


reduced to a certain definite point by the addition of hydrochloric acid. This solution is cheap, easily made, non-poisonous and works effectively at a temperature of 80 deg. to 95 deg. F.

It is to be noted that the sterilizing solution follows an alkaline wash, this being a special solution of great cleansing value. Under ordinary conditions the ordinary washing process is sufficient, but for institutional use the sterilizing feature is added, giving complete assurance, according to the



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manufacturers, that all bacteria have been destroyed.

Drinking glasses have long been recognized as dangerous infection carriers, and this simple but practical method of washing and sterilizing should prove important for hospital use.

At the 40th annual meeting of the Governors of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow, it was pointed out in the report that the formation of the public park or recreation ground, extending to about ten acres, which, by arrangement with the directors, the Corporation are laying off to the south and south-west of the hospital is proceeding. Extension of the Nurses' Home is most urgently required. The expenditure of the hospital for the year was £30,634 as compared with £31,052 in 1921. There is a deficiency of £14,408. This should not be in this very wealthy city.

HOSPITAL WORLD.

On April 16th the "Margaret Lyle" Maternity Wing of Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, presented by Mr. Charles Lyle, will be opened by the Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, C.B.E. The building will accommodate forty maternity patients, and will add to the training for maternity nurses and midwives.

On the same day the Foundation Stone of the New Out-patient Wing, which is the War Memorial of the Borough of West Ham, will be laid by Alderman W. Thorne, M.P., J.P., who was Mayor of the Borough from 1917 to 1918, and was instrumental in raising the sum of £40,000 for the building of this addition to the Hospital.

In June it is probable that the Nurses' Home, which is nearing completion, will be opened. It will provide single bed-rooms for all the nurses, and tasteful recreation rooms.

The Annual Meeting of the Poplar Hospital reports progress. The erection of the new buildings has been uninterrupted. The contract price was £26,469. This contract comprises the construction of a new entrance, waiting hall, examining rooms, out-patients' operating theatre, massage room, X-ray room and laboratory, as well as extensive alterations to the west wing of the hospital. By the end of the year £10,722 11s. had been spent. The housing shortage is holding up the scheme for the new Children's Ward—as some of the nurses' bed-rooms are wanted for the purpose. Before, however, the nurses can be removed a new home must be built for them, and the site required is covered by five houses which are occupied—and homes must be found for the tenants.

The 143rd Annual Report of the General Hospital, Birmingham, just published, states that the Board are much gratified that Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice has graciously consented to act as President of the Hospital for a second year, and that they may look forward to another visit to the Hospital by the Princess.

In the report of the Nursing School the late Matron, Miss E. M. Musson, states that although the shortage of suitable applicants for training is somewhat less acute it still causes much anxiety.

Much good work is done in the class-rooms under the direction of the Tutor-Sister, whose assistance is most valuable, but more equipment in the way of models is required. A very good model of the heart has recently been purchased out of money raised by the Sisters, who also presented a long mirror to the Sisters' sitting-room, and it is hoped to procure some lantern slides with the balance of the Nurses' Christmas Fund.

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