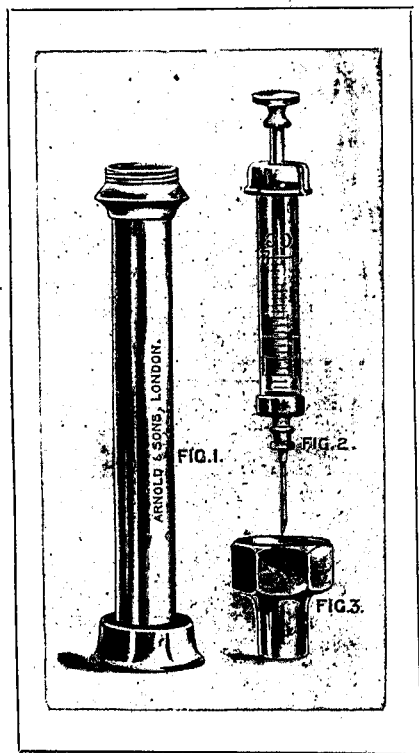


PRACTICAL POINTS.

A NEW INSULIN SYRINGE.

The repeated injection of insulin frequently causes inflammatory reaction and a hardening of the tissues. With the ordinary "Record" syringe and needle this causes a marked resistance to the injection of the fluid, and in many cases there is a loss of from 3 to 4 minims of insulin past the plunger of the syringe. When to this is added the necessity of continued sterilisation, repeated daily injections may become very irksome. I have had devised a syringe and holder to overcome these difficulties. The syringe is a 2 c.cm. "Record" armed with a No. 19 or 17 needle. The plunger is grooved to hold two well-fitting spring piston rings, the gaps in which are so adjusted as not to be in line. This syringe (Fig. 2) will hold a very high degree of compression, and will not leak past the plunger. The container of the syringe is a metal cylinder with an alcohol-tight screw cap. The syringe is kept in



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absolute alcohol within the container and is always sterile. The fitting of the cap is so arranged that it is not necessary to have any leather or rubber washers, and yet is perfectly spirit-tight. The metal container (Fig. 1) has a wide, flat heavy base and will stand upright. The screw cap (Fig. 3) has also a flat top, carries a spring which holds the syringe immobile in the container, and is sufficiently deep to hold a drachm of alcohol. The syringe is admirably adapted for the injection of any fluid against great resistance. The idea has been applied to a series of syringes of varying sizes for different uses. In my hands their use has been uniformly pleasing. The syringes are made by Messrs. Arnold & Sons (John Bell & Croyden, Ltd.), 50-52, Wigmore Street, London, W. 1.

TILSON DINNICK.

The syringe (Dinnick's) graduated (here reproduced by courtesy of the makers), with one steel needle in nickel-plated spirit-proof container, costs 2 c.c., 20s.; 5 c.c., 25s. 6d.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY GATHERINGS.

"The Nurses' Missionary League: Past, Present and Future"—this is the title for the day's programme of the meetings to be held on Thursday, May 8th, at University Hall, Gordon Square. All members of the nursing profession are cordially invited to share in these Twenty-first Anniversary gatherings; "to join in united thanksgiving to Almighty God for untold blessings in the past, to review the present, and to seek a vision of the work to which the League is being called in the future." There will be three Sessions: 10.15-12.30, 3-5.30, 7.30-9.30; and the speakers will include several "original members" of the League, Miss E. M. Haward, of Wuchang, China, Miss E. Hope Bell, of Hankow, China, and the Rev. R. O. Hall.

THE SUMMER CAMP.

The date of the Summer Camp of the Nurses' Missionary League, which provides so happy, invigorating and inspiring a holiday for members of the nursing profession from the Homeland and from Overseas, will this year be June 14th-28th, at Normanby House, Sandsend, three miles from Whitby. Nurses who are not members of the League are welcome, for all or any part of the time. The entire cost will be £2 5s. a week for those sharing a room, or £3 for a single bedroom. The house is quite near the sea, and the surrounding country lovely. Further particulars can be obtained from Miss Richardson, Secretary, Nurses' Missionary League, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1, or Miss J. Macfee, 21, Froggnal Lane, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

COMING EVENTS.

May 2nd to 8th.—International Council of Women. Conference on the Prevention of the Causes of War. Chairman, the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair. Hall No. 2, British Empire Exhibition, Wembley. Admission by ticket to representatives of International Societies and their National Groups. Day tickets, 4s. 6d.; for one Session, 2s. 6d., at door. Tickets to admit to Exhibition and Conferences on five days, 15s., from 26, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

May 2nd.—Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League. Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting and Sixteenth Annual Dinner. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, S.E. Dinner, 7 p.m.; Meeting, 8 p.m.

May 8th.—Nurses' Missionary League. Twenty-first anniversary gatherings. University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. 10.15 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

May 16th.—Monthly Meeting General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Ministry of Health. 2.30 p.m.

May 18th.—Service in Lady Chapel, Liverpool Cathedral (Nurses only). Florence Nightingale Commemoration. Preacher the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. 6.30 p.m.

May 21st.—Meeting Matrons' Council. Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood. 3 p.m.

May 22nd.—Royal British Nurses' Association: Meeting at the Mansion House, E.C., in support of the Princess Christian Memorial Fund, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor in the chair. Her Royal Highness, Princess Arthur of Connaught (President of the Association), will be present. 3 p.m.

WHAT TO READ.

"Letters of Anne Thackeray Ritchie." Hester Ritchie.

"The Letters of Madame."

"What I Remember." Millicent Garrett Fawcett.

"The Life of Olive Schreiner." S. C. Cronwright-Schreiner.

"Lummox." Fanny Hurst.

"A House Built with Hands." Anonymous.

"Recompense." Robert Keable.

"Out of the Shadows." Winifred James.

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