

The batteries are enclosed in an ordinary portable attache case; a small disc, attached by a cord to the contents of the case, is either held to the ear or kept in place by an adjustable band, and thus an extremely deaf person is able to listen to and take part in conversation conducted in ordinary or low tones, in all parts of a room. Inside the case, on the outside of the battery, is a pointer for regulating the strength of the magnified sounds.

The League of Red Cross Societies is circulating from Paris the following letter from "The Comité du Monument de la gloire des Infirmières françaises et allées victimes de leur devoir, 1914-1918":—

You are no doubt aware of the subscription list opened by Mme. Juliette Adam to erect a monument in honour of the French and Allied nurses. We have collected about a hundred and forty thousand francs, and the city of Reims has donated a very good site in the centre of the Esplanade Ceres. The monument, which is the work of Messrs. Denys Puech and Charles Girault members of the Institute of France, will be completed about next autumn and will have on its sides the names of the nurses who have paid the supreme sacrifice with their lives. Although we have the names of the American and French nurses, we have not been able, so far, to obtain this desirable information in regard to the victims to duty amongst our other Allies. We have thought that it may be easy for you to obtain for us, either directly or indirectly through your good offices, lists as complete as possible of the martyrs whom we wish to honour. I am directed by my venerable President to ask for your kind sympathy in our work. I am at your disposal should you wish to notify me of the necessary method of obtaining the foregoing information.

PLACING A PATIENT ON A BACK REST.*

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Purpose: As a support when patients are sitting up in bed.

For goitre cases who must be in the semi-upright position constantly.

For asthma cases.

For cardiac cases.

For surgical and obstetrical cases who must be kept in the Fowler's position for drainage.

Equipment: Back rest.

Cover for the back rest.

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Large pillows—5.

Small pillows—1 or 2.

Bath blanket.

Safety pins.

Rubber pillow case.

Sheets —2 (for slings).

Procedure: Cover the back rest (for neatness and cleanliness).

Make a sling by placing the large pillow, protected by the rubber case, diagonally in the sheet, and twisting the ends of the sheet.

Make a second sling, using the small pillow in the same way, with a rubber protector.

Have the equipment ready at the bedside.

One nurse may support the patient while the other adjusts the back rest and the pillows.

Arrange the first pillow lengthwise, then one under each arm, diagonally, closed ends out, then one under the patient's head.

A small pillow may be needed, also, under the head.

Place the bath blanket around the patient's shoulders and pin as a night-ingle.

Place the sling with the large pillow under the knees, and tie it to the sides of the back rest.

Place the sling with the small pillow under the patient's feet. Tie it to the side rails of the bed frame.

Shock blocks, elevating the foot of the bed, may be used to keep the patient from sliding down in bed.

Be sure that the patient is comfortable and that she does not slip down into an uncomfortable position.

NOTE.—If the patient is a convalescent, and is up for a short time, only, the slings will not be necessary. If a Gatch bed is used, fewer pillows will be required, as the bed is adjusted to the desired position.