A STRADDLE STAND FOR PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT OF SEXUAL INFECTIONS IN THE ARMY

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The illustrations and the title almost completely describe this simple wash stand arrangement.

CONSTRUCTION

It is made of cast iron, enameled white.

It is built from an anatomic standpoint to seat comfortably almost any sized man.

It has hot and cold inlets to its faucet, so that the temperature of the water can easily be regulated.

It has a rubber hose attachment under which the hands are washed before the hose is flexed to flush the genital region of the soldier sitting in position.

Fig. 1.—Front view of stand.

The most important feature of this equipment is that it will standardize a clean and correct performance of the present prophylactic treatment.

ADVANTAGES

Its advantages can be told in a few words. Practically no other furniture will be necessary. It forces the soldier to make an adequate exposure for the proper treatment, and furnishes an opportunity to inspect the skin for rash or to observe a discharge or any other obvious disease.

It gives the advantage of a thorough soaping followed by a running water wash, which are perhaps the most important points in prophylaxis. With all the paraphernalia within easy reach on the stand and laid out in order of its using, rapidity and accuracy are assured.

It is a lesson in cleanliness and order to the soldier, and it completely protects his clothing from wetting or staining.

When an inspection is made of the prophylaxis station, all the details of the equipment and its cleanliness are told at a glance. Its economy is easy to estimate. The cost of a single stand is less than the cost of a single case of sexual sickness; yet one stand should protect and help in the curing of innumerable cases.

Fig. 2.—Side view of straddle stand for prophylaxis and treatment of sexual infections in the Army.

The straddle stand has some points of advantage in the treatment of genital infections, such as gonorrheal urethritis, balanitis, chancroids and chancroidal phimosis.

The patient in a perfectly relaxed position can be thoroughly cleansed and easily given the necessary treatment

Fig. 3.—Straddle stand in use.

of injections or irrigations. Irrigation for balanitis, chancroids or chancroidal phimosis, either warm or hot, can be given.

In either prophylaxis or treatment, it will insure the confidence of the soldier, and impel the medical attendant toward uniformity.