CONTAINER FOR AMPULES

The problem of keeping ampules beneath the surface of a sterilizing solution is a vexing one.

A container easily assembled from common materials is in use at this hospital, omitted since the size of the jar may vary depending on what is locally available.

Since the vacuum cup contains an imbedded, internally threaded bushing, it will be necessary to select the bolt to fit.

![Image of container for ampules]

and has proved quite satisfactory. The materials are:

1 Vacuum cup (rubber) from auto top carrier
1 Ash tray or metal disc
1 Sink stopper (rubber) large
1 Brass bolt and nut
1 Glass jar with lid

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The photograph illustrates the method of assembly, and the container in use.

If a thin layer of glycerin is applied to the vacuum cup it will maintain the seal between the cup and the glass lid for an almost indefinite period of time.

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To the Editor:

The Crossman and Allen article on refrigeration anesthesia and preservation of tissue in the February 8 issue of the J. A. M. A. brought to mind an emergency situation a couple of years ago in which ice probably saved a child's finger.

The child, while playing on a playground slide, had introduced his finger into one of the holes in the metal step at the top of the slide, and was unable to withdraw it. I answered the emergency call, finding him at dusk with the incarcenrated finger swollen but still evidently alive. The nurse who