Hand Grenades for Extinguishing Fire.

A number of German servants have been re cently engaged in investigations into the manu facture of these new weapons against fire. One of the first grenades put on the market was found to contain some free carbonic acid gas under feeble pressure a considerable sediment of carbonate or bicarbonate of soda and a liquid containing in solution common salt and chloride of ammonium, also sulphate of ammonium. Since this was made, however, the composition has been simplified, and Dr. Geissler has made the following three analysis. In Heyward's hand-grenade the bottle was found to contain & yellowish, slightly turbid aqueous liquid, con taining in solution 15.7 per cent. of chloride of magnesium, with the usual imparities of crude salt. The concents weighed 760 gram 450 gram I pound. In Harden's hand-grenade the contents weighed 555 gram. This was a yellowish, somewhat turbid aqueous liquid, containing in solution 19 46 per cent of common salt, and 8.88 per cent, of chloride of ammonium. In Schoenberg's "Feuertod" the contents weighed 440 gram and was a slightly turbid, alm st colorless liquid, containing 1.66 per cent. of carbonate of soda and 6.43 per cent ject two formulæ are given in the Pharmaceutische Centralkalle by Dr. Eng. Dietrich. Both are intended to extinguish fire, one by with drawing or consuming oxegen, the other by coating the combustible objects with a protecting crust. The former, or "dry fiire extin guisher," is made as follows. Nitrate of potassium, powdered, 59 parts; sulphur, powdered, 36 parts; charcoal, powdered, 5 parts, and colcothar I part. These are dried thoroughly and then mixed and fitted into pasteboard boxes, each holding about 5 pounds. Through an orifice in the side a fase or quick match is fixed, which extends some for inches inward and 6 inches outward, and fastened on the out-These extinguishers are intended for side. closed rooms, and are said to act automatically.

Dr. Dietrich says that he has tried them, and found their effect excellent. The liquid fire extinguisher is made of chloride of calcium. crude, 20 parts, common salt, 5 parts, and water 75 parts. This solution can be thrown into the fire by a hand pump or in ordinary bottles. The burning portions become incrusted and cease to be combastible. With these re ceipts persons could very well make their own solutions and keep them in convenient places, together with hand pumps for projecting the



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