

beds, but all the Wards are not yet opened. The majority of the patients are third-class. Those of them who are unable to pay are admitted free of charge, but all pay something, if possible. There are three Visiting Doctors, who come every day, and one House Surgeon. All of them are Greeks.

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"THE Sisters, of whom there are four day and one night, are English. They are expected to remain in the Hospital three years. Each Day Sister has two or three servants (Greek or Arab), who do the work of the Wards, make the beds, &c. Greek is the language spoken by servants and patients, and a new Sister must, of course, pick it up as soon as possible."

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I AM requested to announce that the prize for the Prize Essay Competition, "The best collection of recipes in invalid cookery," has been awarded to Miss Annie Foster, Assistant Nurse at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley; but the essay sent in by Miss Helen Bennett, of the Hospital Ships, Long Reach, Dartford, is of such merit as to warrant the judges giving—for the first time in the history of these competitions—a *consolation* prize of a book of the value of half-a-guinea. Both of these essays will appear in the *Record* in due course.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE want to assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid, and for this purpose donations, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, as the Fund has already many demands made upon it.

HELP WANTED HERE ALSO.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 48, is a widow, and has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life, besides dislocating one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Mrs. Duyck wishes to obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal please do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

INVENTIONS.

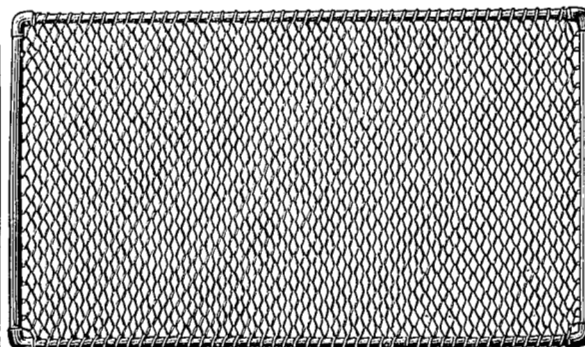
We are glad to be able to announce to our readers that we have now matured arrangements for an occasional supply of information in this column of new and interesting matter connected with inventions of a kind adapted to the character of this journal.

"Have you an idea for a patent?" Our readers are requested to send us any new ideas they may have, however simple, and they will promptly receive the advice of a leading patent specialist gratis.

All communications under this head should be addressed to the Editor, with the word "Invention" plainly written on the left hand corner of the envelope.

JAYES' SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED, of 43, Cannon Street, E.C., have recently introduced small collapsible metal tubes of their new preparation—*Lano-Creolin*, which as its name implies is manufactured from Creolin (which forms the basis of all their sanitary preparations) and Lanoline Ointment. This combination gives a bland antiseptic soothing agent in an extremely convenient form, and which is likely to become very popular; the tubes retail at one shilling, and can also be obtained from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., Snow Hill, E.C.

THE *Sphincter Universal Wire Mat* is an extremely sensible invention, likely, we think, to become widely used, as it appears to be just the very thing for institutions. It is self-cleaning, requires no taking up, no beating or shaking, does not rust, and is very light and portable. Add to these very desirable qualities the fact



that it is practically indestructible, at the same time economical and efficient, and we thus have a mat that is difficult to beat. Full particulars can be obtained from the office, 9, Moorfields, E.C.

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THE following is an account of a new English dental invention:—The *modus operandi* employed until recently in the manufacture of suction discs (which are used to retain dental plates in the mouth) was undoubtedly as clumsy as it was

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