

Mr. Frank H. Humphries, of 6, Trinity Street, Hastings, is the architect.

The contract, which was submitted to tender, was secured by Messrs. Eldridge and Cruttenden, of St. Leonards-on-Sea.

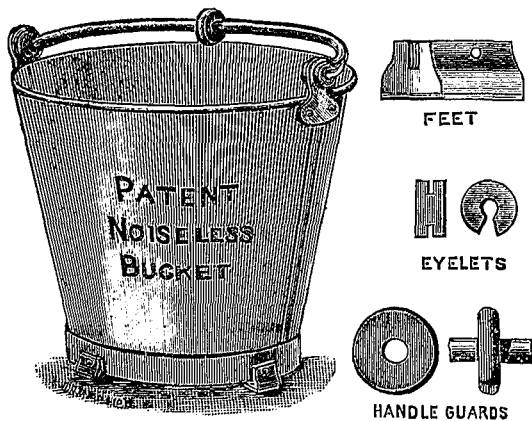
It must be remembered, however, that the erection of this Convalescent Home will add very considerably to the financial responsibilities of the Board of Management, and they therefore earnestly beg for special annual subscriptions to help to maintain the Home in a state of efficiency, and for donations to the furnishing fund. It is proposed to allow the wards to bear "In Memoriam" titles, and the board will be pleased to hear from supporters who would like to name a Ward. Any donations or subscriptions will be thankfully received by

HENRY E. WRIGHT, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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INVENTIONS, NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

MR. McLAUCHLAN has patented noiseless iron buckets, &c., which should make a mark in the bucket trade. We are aware that buckets and such articles are of a very noisy character, and every time they are lifted up they must be put



down again. The noise arising therefrom is very disagreeable to most people, and sounds through any ordinary sized house; also where young sleeping children and invalids are, much greater care is required with these articles than any other in the household.

These buckets do not leave any ring marks on carpets or tables, and entirely obviate any wear and tear of the bucket. When you put down one of these buckets, full or empty, there is no more

noise arising therefrom than there is from your pocket-handkerchief when you put it down on the table.

The patent bucket is fitted with india-rubber feet eyelets and handle guards. The eyelets, we may state, are made somewhat (about two-eighths of an inch) larger in the bucket arms than are generally made, so that the rubber can be easily put in, and the handle work freely, nor does it take long to fit a bucket up, as it can be done in two or three minutes, thus obviating all noise in the handling of the bucket. Anyone after inspecting one of these buckets will admit them to be worth three times the value of the ordinary bucket.

This patent also applies to coal-scuttles, slop-pails, feet for wash-up tin bowls, &c. We should therefore think the new device will quickly become popular.

From personal experience we can strongly recommend these buckets for Hospitals and other Institutions, &c., and the inventor empowers us to say that *sample* buckets can be had specially by the readers of the *Nursing Record*, for a short period only, at two shillings each; the usual price is 2s. 6d. Anyone who applies for these buckets should cut out this article and send it as a *coupon* direct to Mr. W. W. McLauchlan, 4, Irwell Terrace, Lower Broughton Road, Manchester.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

LADIES AND BEE-KEEPING.

THERE are many advantages the poor country mouse, or rather lady, has over her poor town cousin—almost as many, in fact, as the latter has over the former—and the heading above is one of these advantages, for it has often proved a source of both pleasure and income; but then it depends on the bee-keeper, some people having a natural affinity to these little useful insects. Still more people have a natural affinity to "honey and the honey-comb," and thus bees often become a profitable investment to their owners. To *be* or not to *be*, that is the question, and, of course, like all other questions, it has the *pros* and the inevitable *cons*. Much, as usual, depends on circumstances, much also on the patience possessed by him or her who swarms and keeps them, for, like everything else, bees need care, forethought, and management, and above all are not quite to be depended upon, yielding in some years far more than in others. Thus no hard and fast rule can be laid down as to the annual profit, especially as also so much depends on the numbers kept; but from £5 to £10 a

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