

prove invaluable alike to patient and nurse. The patient can proceed at once, if well enough, with his or her ablutions, without waiting as now for the many separate articles to be brought to the bed, and need have no fear of an upset as the tray will stand easily on it. Ladies will find a special convenience in the receptacle for their rings. The Nurse will only have one jaunt instead of several to and from the bed, and the tray can be readily and easily cleaned. Another great advantage is the price, costing only about half that of the several pieces now in use, and having in addition receptacles for tooth-powder box, false teeth, and rings. It is manufactured in china by Messrs. Mintons, and can be made to match any toilet service. It is obtainable through Messrs. Whiteley, or the Stores, or any firm selling toilet ware. Price, in plain white or ivory, about 3s. It is also being made in enamel and iron ware, which will be most useful, and well adapted for many purposes, both at home, in the colonies, and India. From every point of view, economical or sanitary, we can highly recommend this most useful little article. Double tray has receptacles for: rings, tooth brushes, nail brush, soap—2, sponge, tooth powder box, false teeth. Single tray has receptacles for: nail brush, tooth brush, shaving brush or rings, soap—1, tooth powder box, false teeth, sponge.

MESSRS. ROBINSON & CLEAVER'S MANUFACTURES.

(Belfast.)

Amongst the household linens supplied by this well-known firm, by command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, for the furnishing of York House, St. James's Palace, were a quantity of hand-woven double-damask table-cloths of various sizes—one design being a series of exquisite ferns intertwined with ivy, lily of the valley, &c, arranged in the very latest style, having a bold centre-piece forming a complete bank of foliage surrounded with lovely sprays of ivy, &c., and it again surrounded by a charming border so placed as to be always seen upon the table, and not hidden, as is the case with damasks ordinarily supplied by shops to the general public. In addition to this handsome woven border, is an outer one consisting of festoons of ferns and bouquets of ivy, &c., encircled in same, with a space of plain satin damask between, the whole effect of the weaver's skill being shown by the distinctness of the foliage, appearing as if

raised from the fabric. Another set of table-cloths supplied is of a somewhat simpler character, but still unique in design, has a pretty geometrical scroll with bouquets of arum lilies, palms, &c., on a fine plain satin damask ground forming the outside border; the inner border, arranged to show to advantage on the table, consists of a striking band of geometrical design several inches wide, with choice bunches of lilies, palms, &c., at each corner, in the form of a medallion; the innermost portion of the border is formed of the Greek key with ornamental scroll, the whole centre being filled with iridescent stars, forming a choice example of the weaver's art as exemplified so successfully by Messrs. Robinson & Cleaver in all their special damask designs. In all cases full sets of napkins, slips, sideboard cloths, doilies, &c., &c., to match the special designs of the table-cloths, were supplied. As well as napkins *en suite*, a quantity of others were chosen, including a very pretty design having a network scroll border with the white rose, the bramble, and sprays of rosebuds. On a plain satin damask ground, are bunches of wild roses and blackberries. An inner border has a moss scroll with charming bramble foliage closely entwined, and the centre-piece forming a circle of white roses and rosebuds, with centre of leaves and blackberries, all true to nature and botanically perfect. Of plainer articles a quantity of waiting napkins were made of an exquisitely fine diaper, manufactured for exhibition, and being one of the finest ever woven by the hand of man. Amongst the towels supplied were a quantity of Messrs. R. & C.'s well-known grass-bleached, on which no chemicals are used in bleaching, but simply whitened by the sun on the green grass of the Emerald Isle; some were simple diaper designs, others of huckaback; also bath towels of the best qualities. A large quantity of exquisite toilet covers, specially made, and a number of rich lace antimacassars for toilets, chairs, and couches were also supplied by Messrs. R. & C. All the articles comprised in the Royal order with which Messrs. R. & C. were honored were marked with a design embodying the special badge of the white rose of York.

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