

"The Umbrella Mender" is clever, but the character of Mr. Crocker seems to me far fetched, as is the situation that ends the tale.

"A Bird on its Journey" is the story of a very clever and quite remarkably priggish, young, playing person, who stayed for a night at a Swiss Inn, and who performed so exquisitely on the piano that everyone knew that she must be Miss Thyra Flowerdew herself; and then when she had taught her audience a lesson in manners, she slipped out of the room!

"Sorrow and Joy" is an allegory in which there are some lovely ideas, and though possibly they are not new, they are well and daintily expressed.

"The Painter and his Picture" is also an allegory, but it is lacking in spiritual force and beauty. There is, however, in this collection of dismal tales, one cheering exception called "Concerning the Clockmaker and his Wife." Now, I do not intend to spoil the reader's pleasure by telling the story, they must read it for themselves and see if they do not think that the Philosophy of Married Life—the Power of Habit—is well set forth therein, and with an intelligent sense of the humour of the most quaintly devised situation.

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### Reviews.

"A Short Memoir of Emily Minet," for twenty years Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Home, Stratford-on-Avon. Edited by the Rev. C. G. Gepp (London, Rivington, Percival and Co., 2s.). This is a tribute of admiration to the work and character of a lady who did much towards raising the standard and efficiency of Nursing in Worcestershire. Miss Minet was trained under Sister Dora, at Walsall Cottage Hospital. She was a great friend of that ever lamented and respected pioneer Nurse, and it was much wished by Sister Dora that she should be succeeded in her post at the Hospital by Miss Minet. After leaving Walsall, however, Miss Minet acted for a few months as Night Superintendent at the Middlesex Hospital, and in 1872 she was appointed to the charge of the then newly formed Nursing home at Stratford-on-Avon, a post which she held with benefit to everyone connected with it, and with great credit to herself, until her health gave way in 1892. Nurses will read the brief story of her life with sympathetic interest; she was an earnest, whole-hearted worker, and she performed her every duty from the highest and best motives, with the natural result that her work and memory will long survive.

### Inventions, Preparations, &c.

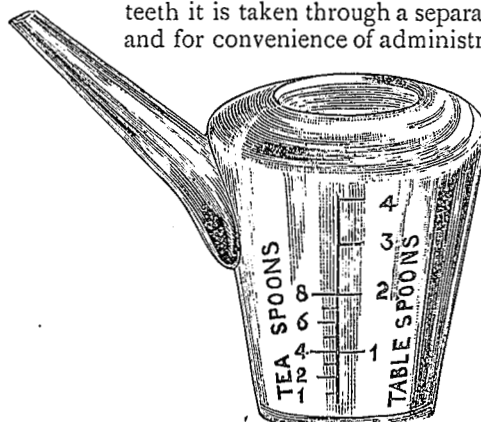
#### THE DUCHESS CORSET.

Invented and patented by W. Thomas, has received with much justice general approval from all who have worn it. It is not only comfortable and

elegant, but has the additional advantages of being unusually strong, possessing as it does the unbreakable busk, which bends to any extent, but, it is asserted, never snaps. The special feature of the corset not only consists in this busk, but in the series of whalebones, which are placed diagonally on either side of it, for the lower half of the front of the corset. To some extent, therefore, this form of corset is valuable as giving support to the weakened abdominal walls after confinement, and as such it can, with much confidence, be recommended.

#### COATES'S MEDICINE MEASURES.

This simple and useful little invention is sufficiently explained by the illustration which we give. It should prove a boon to the invalid public, and an especial convenience to Nurses. When it is desired to prevent medicine from touching the teeth it is taken through a separate tube; and for convenience of administration to



patients in bed medicine is usually poured from a measure into a feeding cup; in both cases the accuracy of the dose is materially impaired. The employment of Coates's measures not only attains the end desired in either case but does so with less trouble, and, at the same time, allows perfect accuracy of dosage. The patentee is Mr. Wm. Coates, of 74, Fann Street, E.C.; the wholesale agents are Messrs. Lynch & Co., Limited, 192, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

#### WHITE LINIMENT.

The advantages of local applications, whenever counter-irritation is necessary, is too well known to need an explanation in these columns. Of the various forms of stimulating liniments, which are thus employed, we have been pleased with the usefulness of Barton Brothers' Economic White Liniment. It, doubtless, contains much the same ingredients as are employed in others of its class, but it is a very convenient form, and is, moreover, sold at a very moderate price. It can be obtained

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