

and also in those in which it is imperative that the dressing should remain undisturbed for some length of time, that this peat wool is found to be of the most advantage. It is, in Germany, claimed on scientific grounds that peat wool dressing should be invariably used in army surgery. We have tried it in a case of burn with very successful results, and it appears to us to be eminently suitable for use in such cases, not only on account of its power of absorbing discharge, but also because, clinging to the edges of the wound, and therefore excluding it from the air, it forms an impermeable dressing of a most valuable kind. It can be obtained from the Peat Industries Syndicate, 32, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

#### EGERTON BURNETT'S SPECIAL MATERIALS.

We have had specimens of these materials submitted to us; and can cordially recommend the zephyrs and linen weft for Nurses' washing dresses. The materials are excellently woven, strong, durable, and cheap; they can be obtained in various colours and combinations. The firm is better known, perhaps, for its Royal Serges, and some of these which we have tested are of excellent quality and remarkably cheap. The firm makes a speciality of waterproof clothing for ladies' and gentlemen's wear, and it appears to us that this would form an excellent material for Nurses' cloaks. Being made of pure wool, it combines the advantages of keeping out the wet and of keeping in the warmth. The Sanitary Jersey Flannel is a beautiful material, absolutely free from dye, and woven on the stockinette principle, and therefore specially adapted for underclothing; being very elastic it fits the figure without interfering with the movements of the body. Egerton Burnett is a well-known maker of superior blankets, and, in these, the peculiarity of excellence and economy, to which we have alluded in his other materials, is also shown. We are informed that special terms are given to institutions requiring large quantities of these articles.

#### FRAME FOOD.

This is a preparation which is rapidly winning its way into general use. It contains the nutritious matter extracted from wheat bran, thus restoring to the dietary the important phosphatic nourishment which is removed from white flour in the separation from the bran by milling. It is a well-known fact that the soluble phosphates form an essential constituent of an efficient dietary for children, providing for the efficient formation of their bones, teeth, and nervous system. The Frame Food Diet and Frame Food Extract are two of the most valuable preparations for children and invalids with which we are acquainted.

#### CARNABYN.

This is a compound of meat, malt, coca, etc., and is therefore not only a stimulating, but a highly nourishing preparation. It has been found to be very useful in neuralgia and other nerve affections, and as a sleep producer in cases of extreme exhaustion; probably acting in the latter way because of its valuable combination of properties. It is undoubtedly a very valuable preparation. It can be obtained from Messrs. Hooper & Co., of 7, Pall Mall East, S.W.

#### Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)



*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

#### NURSES IN BURLESQUE.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—While I quite agree with you that more fitting subjects might be found to burlesque than those whose professional life is spent amid suffering and death, yet, such burlesque may do some good if it lead Nurses seriously to consider whether or not they, individually, have not laid themselves open to irreverent treatment. Has their behaviour in the streets, has their way of wearing their district dress, been such as to impress those whom they meet, with their earnestness of purpose and their responsibility of life?—I am, Madam, faithfully yours,

A SERVANT OF THE SICK.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

MADAM,—It is delightful to hear opprobrious remarks about Nurses, when it is easy to stamp upon them and declare them to be false; but it is not delightful when the remark is true, and is an unpleasant truth, such as the one frequently made about the dirty and untidy appearance that Nurses (we hope not M.R.B.N.A.'s) present when out for their walk. To see them with a dirty apron and cotton dress, all freely exposed to view, under the flying cloak, is not seemly or wholesome. That apron has been in the wards, and been touched by who knows what; and we are made to brush against it, or have it brush against us in the close connection of crowded street or omnibus. And the dress, too, after being out in germ-laden streets is taken back to the wards. As for cloaks and bonnets, a little brushing and a pull out of a bow or two occasionally will go far to keeping them a little more tidy. I've seen a Nurse's bonnet look perfectly beggarly for want of a brush and a pinch into shape. I know what a dreadful trouble dress-changing is, but really it would be better to take the trouble, both for the sake of giving the Nurse a neat, orderly, cared-for appearance, and also for the sake of those, sick or well, with whom she comes in contact. Anyhow, let the members of the R.B.N.A. live up to it in details, as well as in great matters concerning their work and themselves.—Yours truly,

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