

## Useful Exhibits at the Nursing Exhibition.

WE regret that owing to lack of space we were unable last week to notice many valuable articles shown at the Nursing Exhibition—amongst these in the section for sick-room furniture the beds and cot sent by Messrs. Shoolbred command attention. The Home Hospital bed made in brass, and the Hospital ward bed in iron were made on the same principle—3 ft. wide, 6 ft. 6 in. long and 2 ft. 2 in. high. The backs of these bedsteads have upright bars, so that the pillows cannot slip through, and low foot pieces. They are raised on large *brass* castors, and can be moved with ease.

A charming bed table made after a design of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, is 2 ft. 9 in. high, made in walnut, with a centre of inlaid tiles, and two side flaps. The tiles obviate the necessity for a cloth or tray, being very ornamental and easily kept clean.

On this table we observed a moveable writing pad, which fits into a most convenient little bed table, made by Messrs. Vicary, of 181, Regent Street.

The combined reading stand with lamp, made by Carter, of Holborn Viaduct, should find a place in every sick-room.

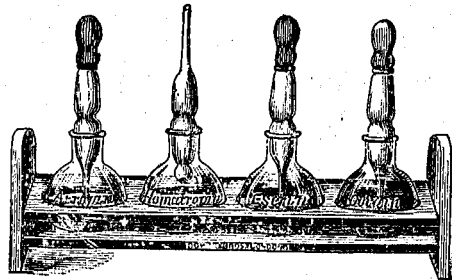
Messrs. Powell, of Tudor Street, Whitefriars, are the makers of the complete set of surgical glass, originally designed by Mrs. Fenwick for show at the Chicago Exhibition. Basins in two sizes with graduated marks in plain white, and with sapphire and ruby rims, are to be used for different lotions; air-tight dressing and sponge jars, graduated jugs, measures in all sizes, section jars, urine bowls with handles, and thermometer jars in red, white and blue, through the top of which holes are perforated, so that the clinical thermometers used in the axilla, mouth, and rectum, can be kept separate after cleansing.

In the Dietary Section we noticed Day's Patent Air-tight Cover for hermetically sealing tumblers, cups, jars, basins, &c., shown by Messrs. Maw, Son, & Thompson, of Aldersgate Street. These are made of gutta-percha inserted into a metal rim. To use, depress centre of cover half an inch with the middle fingers, and whilst so depressed place it in position on tumbler (or other vessel), release pressure of fingers and the joint is made. See that rim of vessel to be covered is free from notches, and when cover is in position partially invert vessel so as to allow contents to moisten surface of rubber. When taking cover off slightly depress it in the centre, so as to avoid using force to remove it. Keep the cover clean, avoid grease, and when not in use protect from sun.

Stroschein's Drop Bottles, made by Messrs. Down, of St. Thomas Street, Borough, for sterilizing ophthalmic solutions are made in four colours—black for atropin, white for cocain, red for eserin, and blue for homatropin.

These bottles, when fitted with india-rubber cap, as shown in the illustration, act as drop bottles in the ordinary way. When it is desired to sterilize the contained solution, the india-rubber cap is removed and the stopper reversed (A), and the bottle is then placed on the tripod with spirit lamp underneath, and allowed to boil for three minutes; steam escapes

through the pipette. In order to compensate for the concentration of the fluid by evaporation, from eight



to ten drops of distilled water should be added to 20 cc/m (6 drams) of the solution before sterilizing.

Messrs. Down also had on view black bandages made of Italian cloth, for out of door use. These are most practical, especially in London, where a white bandage worn out of doors for a few hours becomes soiled and unsightly.

The Portable Bed Cradle, made by Messrs. Down Brothers, of St. Thomas's Street, S.E., at the suggestion of Nurse Steer, of the Guy's Private Nursing Institution, is a compact and useful addition to a Nurse's equipment. Those who have had occasion to transport a fracture cradle to a patient's house know what a very awkward addition it is to the ordinary luggage. Nurse Steer has overcome this difficulty by designing a cradle to fold up. It is both light and compact, and by no means less efficient than the ordinary form.

Messrs. Southall, of Birmingham, showed a "Combination" Suspenders, which has just been introduced, made in silk, shaped to the waist and hips—apparently a most efficacious arrangement.

### GARLIO DUSTERS.

QUITE the newest thing in dusters is the Garlio, which is manufactured in England from silk refuse. It is made up in very convenient sizes, is inexpensive, non-inflammable, and washes equal to new if boiled in soda and water. The Garlio Duster should be found invaluable in Hospitals and private homes. The Window Cleaner, known by the same name, cleans windows rapidly without the use of water or a wet leather. Garlio should become a household word amongst Nurses for its excellent qualities and cheapness. The dusters can be obtained from all the best drapers, and were in use and much admired for their usefulness at the Nursing Exhibition.

We are sorry to find that one or two small mistakes occurred in our description of the manufactures shown at the Nursing Exhibition. Hall's Coca Wine, we learn, is made from the Coca Leaf, not the Kola, as was then stated. The Frame Food Bread, which so many visitors tried, is not made by the Company, but can be made by any baker with the specially-prepared Frame Food Flour, which is manufactured for the Company.

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