

Bovril Cocoa and Chocolate, Bovril Wine and Lozenges, Wild Cherry Sauce, and other most excellent preparations.

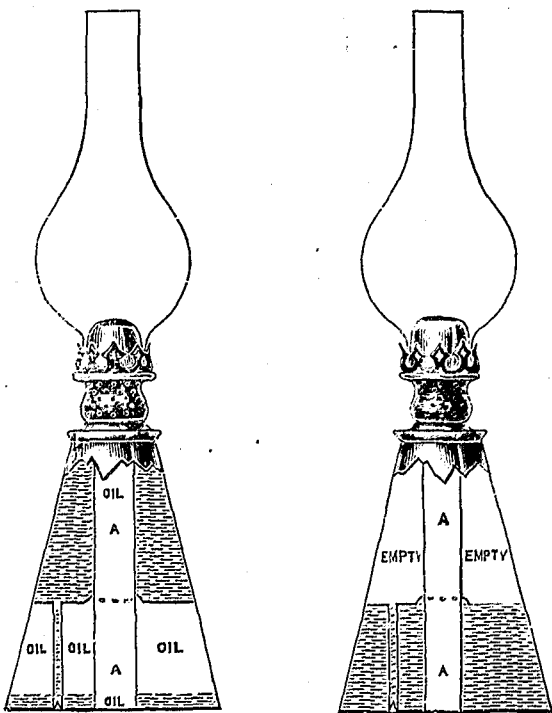
PHILIP HARRIS & CO., of 144, Edmund Street, Birmingham, exhibited some valuable and important new surgical instruments, and especially a Milk Steriliser, and a Universal Steriliser for Instruments, both of which should obtain much professional favour.

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Inventions, Preparations, &c.

THE HYDRO. LAMP.

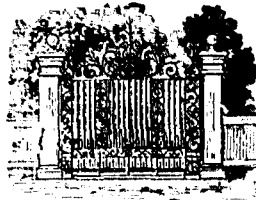
THE terrible frequency of lamp accidents, and the dangers of such accidents, when they occur in a Hospital Ward or in a sick room of a private Nurse, should make all Nurses welcome the new lamp recently introduced by the Hygienic Health Company, of 13, Southwark Street, S.E. It is made on a sound and novel



principle, a separate chamber containing water being so placed, as shown in the engraving, that if the lamp is upset the water flows immediately to the burner, and the oil to the bottom of the lamp, thus if the latter be lighted it is at once extinguished, and the oil cannot explode. Nothing but metal is used in the construction of the lamp, and thus another serious source of danger is avoided.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A DISCUSSION arising out of recent outrages in railway carriages is going on in the press, and many and diverse reasons are given to account for the objection women have to travel in carriages labelled "Ladies only."

One person objects because these carriages are made into convalescent wards, and patients recovering from "fever"—in some persons' minds all illnesses calling for convalescence are "fevers"—may be found in the ladies' compartment. Another says the New Woman likes to be independent, and to choose her own place in the train. A matron says it marks a woman as unattractive if she cannot hold her own in a carriage containing men. Another lady, who does not sign herself a matron, says ladies' carriages are converted into nurseries, and that it is most trying to accomplish a railway journey with a crowd of fractious children.

We do not think the charge of fever patients travelling about in the casual way alleged has any foundation. The objection to unruly children—and *mater familias* generally has more than she can keep in order—is better founded. The poor little things are excited, and, later on, tired out with the journey, are feeling sick with the ill-assorted foods that are forced on them as soon as the train starts. They all want window seats, and they all put volleys of questions at the top of their voices; so that one may be excused for not thinking children at all times desirable travelling companions.

It is obvious some method better than the present system will have to be attempted by the railway companies. Failing corridor trains, it looks as though the manifold requirements of modern life will have to be met by having separate accommodation for "Smoking," for "Ladies," for "Convalescents," for "Nurseries," and—we are becoming so particular—on some local and suburban lines a late train will need to have one or two compartments for "Drunkards."

One of those manifold observers whose attention is called to the shortcomings of women as a sex writes to the local papers pointing out that "on hospital Saturday, in Norwich, the streets of the city were swarming with well-to-do women collectors, and a large number of these women, whose general kindness of disposition was fairly proved by their standing out in the hot and dusty streets all day to help the suffering and afflicted, were actually wearing egret feathers while engaged in their work of mercy—hospital collection badges on their breasts and 'murder hats' on their heads. It would be hard to beat this as an object lesson in feminine inconsistency," he says.

A straw may show the direction of the wind, and if popular feeling is roused against the slaughter of birds for ornamentation the fashion must die down. In London, in the drapery stores, the shop assistant, pressing birds, heads, wings, and feathers, on a hesitating purchaser, remarks: "The bird was properly killed." One does not wish to be hypercritical, or one might ask in return, "How do you know that to be so?"

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