

The Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition.

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SOUTHALL'S SPECIALITIES.

No Hygienic Exhibition is now complete without a stand of Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay, of Birmingham, and we therefore inquired, with the certainty that we should not be disappointed, for Messrs. Southall's exhibit at the Queen's Hall Exhibition. We specially noticed, a rounded cylindrical copper foot-warmer, which should be most useful both in private houses and hospitals, as it is clean, light, and portable, and easily filled.

RONUK.

Ronuk nowadays is used in so many public institutions, that the exhibition of a bit of flooring polished with this material was of very general interest. No better result in polishing could be desired than that which visitors to the exhibition were invited to inspect. The secret of successfully applying Ronuk appears to be put on as little as possible. New floors may be rubbed well with raw linseed oil the day before being polished for the first time. The polish should be applied with a flannel, then partially polished with a soft rubber, and finished with a weighted floor brush, under which a piece of soft material, or old blanket may be used with advantage. The necessary brushes are supplied by the firm, at 83, Upper Thames Street, E.C., and are so easy to use that they will be welcomed by ward-maids, and scrubbers. If the Ronuk is found to be too concentrated it may be diluted with the best American turpentine. Charming little enamel pails are supplied for this purpose.

THE BERKEFELD FILTER.

It is of the utmost importance, when the supply of drinking water is unreliable, to know where a really efficacious filter may be obtained, and the Berkefeld Filter is one of the few which answers to this description. It was used in the late Græco-Turkish War, in the Hospitals equipped by the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund with most satisfactory results. The filtering material consists of compressed and baked diatomaceous earth. All impurities are arrested on the outside of the filtering medium, and to cleanse it all that is necessary is to wash the outside of cylinder with a piece of loofah, the cylinder may then be boiled. The filter may be connected with the ordinary domestic tap. A pump filter is also supplied to travellers. The head office of the Berkefeld Filter is at 121, Oxford Street, where the filters may be seen in working order.

JACKETED JUGS.

The Jacketed Jugs of Messrs. W. A. S. Benson and Co., of 82, New Bond Street, are charming in appearance, and should be a boon in actual use. The jugs are made of polished copper, with an inner lining. This lining is separated from the outer body by insulating material, so that the heat passes very slowly to and from the contents. The use of a large sized jug of this description will ensure a supply of hot water in a bedroom from morning to night.

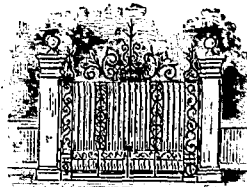
ANATOMICAL DIAGRAMS.

On the stand of Messrs. John Bale, Sons, and Danielson, Limited, of 87, Great Titchfield Street, were exhibited some excellent anatomical diagrams which would be of great use for lectures to nurses. A set on a roller, comprising twelve diagrams, were on view at the moderate price of 2/6.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Susan Baring to be one of the Maids of Honour in Ordinary to her Majesty, in the room of Lady Mary Byng, resigned.



The following interesting statement, made by the Empress Eugénie in Paris, is published simultaneously in the *Morning Post* and the *New York Journal*: "I take a sorrowful interest in all wars, for war has been to me my most cruel foe. It robbed me of my Empire, of my son, I may also say, of my husband. The Spanish-American war is most cruelly interesting to me, for Spain is the land of my birth, and the United States was visited by my husband, the Emperor, where he received many courtesies. I would stop this war if I could, for doubtless the problem can be solved without further bloodshed on the part of two great peoples who ought to be friendly. I know little of the political exigencies which brought about this war, for my life is in the past. But all humanity is one. It is the privilege and duty of woman to discourage needless suffering. My people are a brave race. They would now display their bravery in declaring for peace, as they have shown it thus far in prosecuting the war. The women of Spain encourage the men to deeds of valour. The nation's reputation for bravery is interwoven with the history of more than a thousand years. If now peace were proposed, it would be an act of moral courage, and no one would dare accuse Spain of cowardice. I know nothing of present politics. My opinion can be of no interest to any living person. But I hate the horrors of war, and I abhor its awful memories."

We congratulate the Rational Dress League on bringing the proprietor of the White Horse Hotel at Dorking to his senses. This narrow-minded person lately refused a lady cyclist admittance to his licensed house because she wore bloomers. So a gentleman and his daughters wearing rational dress, all members of the League, tested the legality of the conduct of this unctuous Boniface, and compelled him to admit them for board and lodging. We are glad to hear that the Rational Dress League intend to institute test cases wherever they are required.

MRS. BROWNLOW who has just returned from Bordeaux, has given the *Daily Chronicle* some interesting details as to the position and work of women in that busy commercial centre. Amongst the forces that have been instrumental in broadening the basis of education for women during the past half century may be mentioned the Society Philomatique. This society corresponds very nearly to our own polytechnics, both in its work and in its objects. The progress of national education in Bordeaux has caused the Society to direct its attention more particularly to the work of technical education.

It is interesting to note that these classes are largely attended by domestic servants for skilled instruction in housewifery. The untrained or incapable servant does

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