

## Preparations, Inventions, etc.

### "AMIRAL" SOAP.

ONE of the most tastefully arranged stalls at the Museum, in connection with the recent meeting of the British Medical Association, at Portsmouth, was that of the "Amiral Soap Company, Limited," of 3, Throgmorton Avenue, London, E.C.

"Amiral" Soap is one of the latest remedies introduced for the cure of Corpulence; and judging from the number of testimonials in possession of the Company, and the amount of interest shown in the exhibit, it would seem that it is becoming very popular. It is a pretty shade of green in colour, and possesses a very pleasant aromatic smell. It is prepared from an extract of animal gall, refined by numerous processes, and it is stated that by rubbing it on the body excessive fat will be reduced.

Assuming "Amiral" Soap to possess the virtues claimed for it, it must be a most pleasing reflection to all who are inclined to obesity to know that they can restore their figures without the unpleasant necessity of altering their diet or taking drugs.

### THE ALIONE CLOTHING.

ANOTHER stall which attracted great notice was that of The Alione Manufacturing Co., 17, The Broadway, West Norwood, S.E., on which are shown two extremely useful inventions in the shape of a new Invalid Night-Dress and The Alione Baby Clothing. These inventions are so ingenious and, at the same time, practical, that they certainly deserve to become very popular.

A moment's consideration only is necessary to bring home to one what an inconvenient garment the ordinary night-dress is for an invalid's use, and that one which is easily manipulated is a great desideratum in case of illness.

The Alione Invalid Night-Dress can be put on without even raising the patient. It opens at entire length back and front, also down the sleeves and round the shoulders, so that for the purpose of washing, operation or examination, any part of the body can be exposed without removing the whole garment, and thereby disturbing the patient. It can be trimmed as prettily as desired, and is made in fine long cloth or flannelette from 7s. 11d.

Again, we have nothing but praise for the Alione Baby Clothing, which is made in complete sets for outdoor, indoor, and night wear. The great feature about it is that all the garments can

be put on at once, as by a simple arrangement of strings and buttons the complete costume is joined, and when laid on nurse's lap or on a table, baby is simply laid on top, and everything can be fastened without once turning the child round. The whole process of dressing can be accomplished in the space of a few minutes, with the natural result that baby comes through the ordeal without crying, the patience of nurse is not tried, and the young mother is delighted.

The night-dress opens down the back, and the sleeves can also be opened and fastened at the shoulder, a great comfort at the vaccination period. Besides being comfortable, these clothes are very daintily and prettily made, and can be obtained at the following prices:—

Complete indoor set, 18s. 7d.

Night gown and under garments, 12s. 2d.

Complete outdoor set, consisting of cloak, hood and cape (cloak lined with nuns veiling, hood and cape lined silk), from £1 1s.

### THE DORIS DUSTER.

WE have received samples of the Doris cleaning and polishing cloth, which we have much pleasure in introducing to the attention of our readers. It is claimed on behalf of these dusters that microbes cannot exist in the materials used in their preparation, and that thereby the spread of disease is minimized, also that they possess such an affinity for dust that the whole is gathered and not spread about, and that as no dust is raised in a room where these dusters are used, the use of dust sheets is rendered unnecessary. There are two qualities of these cloths—the one suitable for dusting, as well as for polishing bright metals and burnished surfaces, and a stronger quality adapted for floors, whether varnished or covered with linoleum, for walls painted or glazed, and for all kinds of rough work. We have tested these cloths and find them useful and satisfactory both for polishing and dusting purposes, and we think that they would prove a boon both in hospitals and also in ordinary households. They may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. Taylor, 4, Hulton Street, Brook's Bar, Manchester, from 2s. 9d. the dozen.

The possibility of dispensing with the use of polishing pastes is a great gain, and, moreover, it is asserted that articles cleansed by the use of the Doris duster are chemically clean, a result never obtained with pastes, and seldom even with soap and water. The cloth cleans by abstraction, not by friction. A cloth or pad specially adapted for carpets, velvets, and hats, is produced, and also one for imparting a gloss to the coats of horses and dogs.

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