

Messrs. Bailey's New Show Rooms.

MESSRS. W. H. BAILEY AND SON, of 38, Oxford Street, have for many years possessed an enviable reputation for the excellence of their hospital furniture and appliances, and more recently for their aseptic ward furniture. They also make many articles designed in accordance with the practical advice of medical practitioners and nurses, and are at all times pleased to receive suggestions. A drawback to the firm so far has been its lack of sufficient accommodation, so that the number of useful appliances stocked have only been shown when enquired for, and have not been submitted to the inspection of the ordinary customer. This disadvantage has now been obviated by the acquisition of new and commodious premises, close to the original establishment, 38, Oxford Street, at 2, Rathbone Place, W. Here the excellent stock of aseptic furniture and many other interesting items are arranged so that they can be conveniently viewed, and hospital Matrons, as well as nurses, will be welcomed if they desire to inspect this new department, though naturally their visits will be especially appreciated if they become purchasers. In a visit which we recently paid to this establishment, we were

especially struck by the moderate prices, as well as by the convenience and utility of the aseptic furniture on view. For instance, there is a ward table, the frame being of round iron, enamelled white, with three plate glass shelves, and towel-rail at each end, size 30in. by 12in. by 35in. high, price £3 10s., while another table with two shelves costs £2 2s. The lockers, with drawer and cupboard, having two ground plate glass shelves and brass casters, cost £2 2s. A dressing-waggon, with a deep plate glass cabinet, costs £6 6s., while aseptic instrument cabinets may be had from £1 15s. upwards, according to size.

We also specially noticed an admirable cradle which would be most valuable to district nurses, being both portable and effective. It is designed after the fashion of the "booby" with which

croquet players are well acquainted, and, when not in use, folds up flat and so occupies little space in storing. It is called the "expanding hoop cradle," and the design reproduced on this page will give a good idea of its construction.

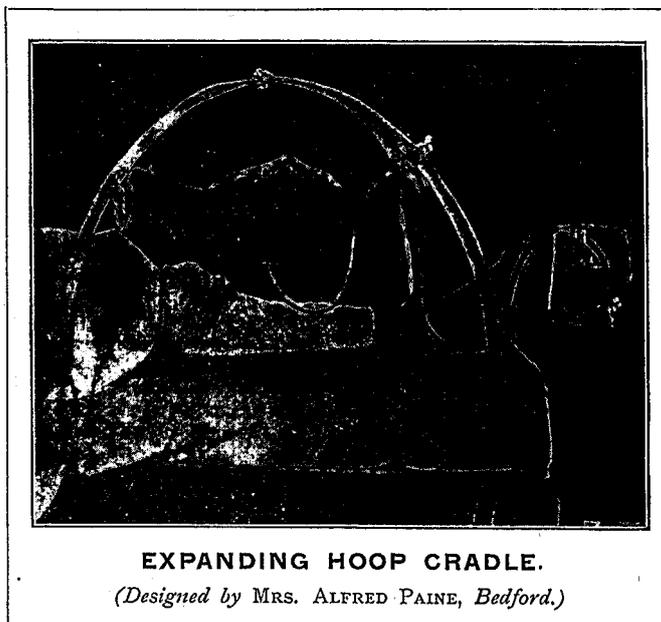
Admirable also are some stoppered bottles with burnt-in labels, engrossed in black or red lettering. It is, we are aware, the practice in some hospitals for the nurses periodically to turn out the stock cupboards and replace soiled labels by clean ones. This is admirable from an orderly point of view, but the custom is not one to be commended, as there is a certain amount of risk in the removal of the labels. Supposing, for instance, that the stock bottle of chloral—dose, ten grains to the drachm—were re-labelled with the label intended for the bromide bottle—dose, twenty grains to the ounce—the result would be disastrous. We are

of opinion that such bottles should only be relabelled in the dispensary, but all risks may be avoided, and the medicine cupboards furnished with bottles, whose dainty appearance will be the pride and delight of any nurse, by the use of the bottles with indelible labels supplied by Messrs. Bailey.

We also observed some charming nests of glass dressing trays, both oblong and square in form. The sizes run from 8in. by 4in. to 11in. by 14in., and the prices vary from 2s. 3d. to 6s. 6d. each

District nurses and midwives in search of bags for use in their work cannot do better than inspect the large and varied stock shown by this firm, who will also make them to order if desired. They are made with waterproof linings, which may be sponged out, or entirely removed.

India-rubber goods are also made a specialty, and hot-water bottles and water beds, as well as air-cushions of diverse shapes and sizes, are to be seen in plenty. There is also a great variety of hospital bedsteads on view. We should recommend all hospital committees and Matrons, when furnishing or adding to their stock, to write to Messrs. Bailey for their illustrated catalogues, which give an admirable idea of the goods stocked. A better plan still is, of course, to make a personal inspection of the showroom.



EXPANDING HOOP CRADLE.

(Designed by MRS. ALFRED PAINE, Bedford.)

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