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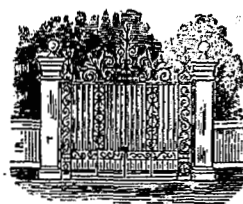
The shoes supplied by the above Company are not only very moderate in price, but also extremely comfortable to wear, a great consideration with nurses, to whose attention we cordially commend them. The establishments of this Company are at 123 and 125, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., 116 and 117, New Bond Street, W., and 21 and 22, Sloane Street, S.W. As the last-named department has only been recently opened, we draw attention to it, as West-End nurses may be glad to know of it. It will be a convenience to many nurses that the firm will send goods on approbation to hospitals, and that carriage is paid on all prepaid orders. Amongst so many excellent boots and shoes it is difficult to single out any for special notice, but we may mention some which are noiseless, and have the further recommendation of being hand-sewn, at 10s. 9d. Comfortable shoes are supplied from 4s. 11d., and specially to be recommended are the Langtry, at 6s. 9d., and the Puritan, at 9s. 11d. Glacé walking shoes may be had from 10s. 9d. We must also draw attention to the boot-trees, at 1s. 8d. a pair. The use of trees certainly makes boots and shoes last considerably longer, and the moderate price of those described brings them within reach of everyone. A useful fitted cabinet, containing a brush, and two bottles of cream for brown, patent, and glacé shoes, may be obtained at 2s. 11d.

**"PES DUPLEX" HOSE.**

We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the Pes-Duplex Stockings, with double-woven feet, supplied wholesale by Messrs F. and W. E. White, of Loughborough, and obtainable through the leading drapers. The special feature of these stockings is that the ankle and entire foot are doubled by a new process, so that the parts which have the hardest wear are strengthened, without any appreciable increase in bulk. They are obtainable in both ladies and children's sizes in cashmere, Indiana, lisle thread, cotton, and spun silk. As the doubling is applied to every part of the foot which comes into contact with the boot or shoe, it will easily be seen that the durability of these stockings is much greater than that of ordinary makes, and this point should commend them to nurses who do not find it easy to obtain stockings which are at once durable and comfortable, while the exigencies of their work make it imperative that their hosiery should possess both of these qualifications.

**Outside the Gates.**

WOMEN.



Mr. Holcombe in his vitally interesting work, "The Real Chinese Question," boldly upholds the Woman Missionary, he writes:

"It is unquestionably true that very mistaken notions are entertained by the Chinese when they first see the free and friendly man-

ner in which Americans and Europeans of the two sexes associate. But the Chinese are not stupid or slow to discover facts and draw correct inferences. And when a little time has passed and these same Chinese see that no evil nor immoral results have come; that these single women are neither bawds nor concubines, but lead lives of the highest morality; that the wives are equally intelligent with their husbands, their companions and advisers, instead of playthings and servants; then these same Chinese admit a new idea, and the change needed more than any other in China, the elevation of woman, begins to work in their minds. If the missionaries in that vast empire had accomplished nothing more during the half century past than to furnish object lessons of the true position of woman, and the highest type of Christian homes, that result alone would justify their presence in China and the money invested in the enterprise."

"In the course of a long conversation with a high Chinese official, whose name need not be mentioned, upon the broad differences between the ideas and customs of the East and the West, that official said to the writer: 'In one matter you are unquestionably right and we are altogether wrong. We treat our wives and daughters as though they were animals rather than human beings; you make no discrimination between your sons and your daughters, giving both the same treatment and the same education. Of course, China cannot produce able and progressive men when the mothers have, for many hundred years, been kept stupid and without any education. I believed as every other Chinaman did about women until I met some of your foreign ladies and saw your homes. Then I knew that upon that point we were all wrong, and I saw that China would never change for the better until the mothers were educated and intelligent. In that matter I have adopted the foreign custom. I have three sons and two daughters, and I give the latter exactly the same treatment and the same education as the former. In that you are right and we are wrong. But I am obliged to use great caution and to conceal the fact that my daughters are being schooled. Were it known, I should be accused of following a foreign custom, which would cause me serious trouble, and might result in the loss of my rank and official position.'"

"Work among the Chinese women, whether educational, medical, social, or religious, can only be done by persons of their own sex. The criticism of and opposition to the presence of female missionaries in China, made by persons solely interested in the development of commerce there, are short-sighted

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