

Round the Shops.

Now that London is awaking from the autumnal torpor, following upon the close of the end of the season's sales and the exodus of "everybody," the shop windows are once more becoming dangerously attractive and both duty and pleasure, in most enticing terms, invite us not only to pause before the plate-glass windows, but to pass through the doors and examine the charming profusion of new season's goods, invitingly laid out for our inspection in the great dress houses, as well as in those which cater for the comfort of our patients in this vast Metropolis.

AT MESSRS. DEBENHAM AND FREEBODY'S

Few nurses can resist an occasional visit to this old and tried establishment in Wigmore Street, where not only does the nursing department provide most satisfactorily for their needs, but most tempting and useful articles are displayed in other branches.

We may mention the cosy, white Shetland spencers, which take up an infinitesimal space under a dress bodice, and which are just the thing to wear under a cotton gown in the cold weather. They may be had with long sleeves from the low price of 2s. 11d. Then there are woollen night-dresses, daintily trimmed with lace and feather-stitching, white, natural, or pink in colour at 12s. 6d., and Lama hose, plain or with wide ribs, and durable in quality at 1s. 11d. the pair, or 10s. 6d. the half dozen. Some imitation Shetland shawls, in soft, white wool, invite purchase—for what woman does not love a bargain, and a bargain these undoubtedly are—at 1s. 11d., or they may be had with pink, sky, grey, and fawn borders. A still better quality shawl costs 2s. 6d. Again, there is a tempting array of flannel shirts, of wonderful value at 4s. 11d., with detachable collar, while the Ormo shirt, in all wool flannel, costs from 6s. 11d. to 12s. 6d., according to the amount of trimming. For private nurses the travelling rugs at 12s. 6d., and the soiled linen bags of check waterproof tweed, with lock and key, at 15s. 6d., must have great attractions. We recommend all nurses to inspect them.

AT MESSRS. GARROULD'S.

Another well known emporium which deserves and receives much patronage at the hands of nurses, is Messrs. Garrould's, in the Edgware Road, where every effort is made to meet the needs of nurses at prices which are within the range of their often modest purses. A special feature is made here of uniform cloaks, which may be had in every shape, colour, and size, at a most moderate cost, the prices for cloaks for winter wear ranging from 25s. 6d. to 39s. 6d.

They are well made and cut, and guaranteed all wool, and thoroughly shrunk. There is always a large variety in stock, so that comparison as to the relative desirability of the various shapes is easily made.

It is notorious that nothing looks worse than a dragged uniform veil, and that a gossamer which wears well is most difficult to find. All nurses who wear long veils should therefore try the Luvia Gossamer supplied by Messrs. Garrould, which is celebrated for its wearing qualities. It may be had in a variety of colours at 3s. 3d. a yard, 30in. wide. The shoe department at this establishment should also be visited, where comfortable silent shoes may be obtained from 5s. 11d. upwards, and the nurses' dress trunks, in all sizes and shapes, should also be inspected. The Webkin medical and surgical shirt and gown is sure to attract the attention of nurses. It is patented by Miss Maria J. Webb, and as it can be opened down any of the seams, it should be useful for many cases. We must also direct attention to the tailor-made costumes which are a speciality of this firm at an extremely moderate price, a coat and skirt, the former lined with silk, being obtainable for 39s. 6d. A pleasant feature of this establishment is the excellent tea-room to which we have previously directed attention as a most convenient *rendez-vous*. Lastly, nurses should not fail to note that Messrs. Garrould have recently issued a new and enlarged catalogue, which is so profusely illustrated and clearly arranged, that if unable to pay a personal visit to Edgware Road, they can easily make a selection from its columns and transmit their orders by post or telephone.

VIYELLA.

When laying in a stock of winter garments nurses must by no means neglect the consideration of Viyella. Indeed, it is a most charming material which has long since become quite indispensable to us. For shirts, underwear, and night-dresses, it is altogether delightful, being cosy, soft, and unshrinkable. The only difficulty is to make a selection amongst the most tempting variety of shades, and patterns which are now stocked. It may be obtained both from Messrs. Debenham and Messrs. Garrould, or from any of the leading drapers.

AT MESSRS. GEORGE FARMER'S.

In their round of visits we hope our readers will by no means forget the establishment of Messrs. George Farmer and Co., at 12, Brompton Road, S.W. We recently directed attention to the many desirable invalid specialities, which may be obtained from this firm. Country readers should note that the carriage is paid, in the United Kingdom, of any parcels of over £1 in value.

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