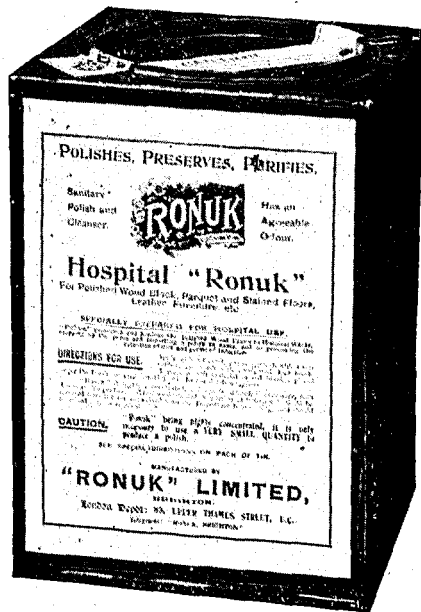


New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

RONUK.

Ronuk is so well-known in the Metropolis as a first-rate polish, that it was with some surprise when we commented upon its manifold excellencies a short time ago in a large city in the Midlands we found that it was not known even by name. As we feel sure that to know is to appreciate it, we take this opportunity of directing attention to its merits.

Ronuk is a mahogany coloured paste, which may be used for polishing floors, linoleum, furniture, and many other household articles. It is highly concentrated, and is, therefore, very economical in use, a point of importance in public institutions, while both floors and furniture, if it is regularly used, attain a maximum brilliancy of polish at a minimum expenditure of labour. Further, it

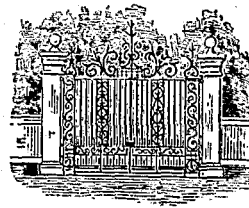


is really a pleasure to use, as it is mostly cleanly to apply, and its pleasant, aromatic odour is in-cense to the thrifty housewife, conveying as it does to the initiated that cleanliness reigns supreme.

Nurses will also be glad to know that a special form may be obtained in tubes at 3d. and 6d. each for cleaning and preserving boots and shoes, and a convenient travelling companion is supplied which contains tubes for cleaning both black and brown boots, a small tin of household Ronuk, and a "Selvyt" polishing cloth. Private nurses who have any difficulty in getting their boots and shoes properly cleaned would find this most useful. The London Depôt of "Ronuk," Limited, is at 83, Upper Thames Street, E.C.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Queen Alexandra intends to make a Christmas present to a number of soldiers now serving in South Africa. Her Majesty has ordered some thousands of good briar pipes, silver mounted, and on the mount of each is to be stamped a Crown and the Queen's monogram. It

is understood that the makers will be required to deliver the consignment in good time to allow of their reaching South Africa before Christmas.

The Court of Common Council has decided upon the appointment of a female sanitary inspector for the City at a salary of £125, rising to £150 per annum.

After throwing open its doors to lady students four years ago, the École des Beaux Arts, Paris, at length is to have the honour of sending forth a girl architect.

Miss Julia Morgan, who comes from San Francisco, was determined from the first to have nothing to do with painting and sculpture, and devoted herself entirely to architecture,

A few days ago she passed in her sectiona examination with high honours, and will shortly appear in the ranks of full-fledged architects, with an office and a brass-plate.

A new law passed in Russia makes it compulsory on Jewish actors and actresses in Russia to reside only in the towns where they are officially employed. They may not travel during the months when the Imperial theatres are closed, and are not now considered as having any rights not belonging to them apart from their connection with the Imperial theatres.

Does this new law appear arbitrary to us? Pause, then, to compare it with the legislation proposed in the Midwives' Bill. Should this Bill become law midwives will be compelled to take out an annual local license, and be controlled by bodies on which women, and therefore midwives, are ineligible to sit, and are liable to imprisonment or an enormous fine should they practise beyond a circumscribed area covered by their local license. Anyway, they manage their midwives' matters more justly in Russia.

The conference convened by the National Union of Women Workers last week, to consider the question of the housing of the poor in rural districts, was largely attended. On the motion of Lady Battersea, our new President, a committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

All the speakers proved that the building of decent cottages by individuals was unremunerative. This points to co-operation for the purpose.

The question of decent habitations for the poor is one of imperative importance, as it is in the dark and dirty hovels inhabited by many that the seeds of zymotic disease find a congenial environment. It is

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