

pads, paper, pens, and ink, where notes may be written, which will, no doubt, prove a great convenience, and is, we learn, already much appreciated and utilised.

Amongst the articles on view in this department are excellent trunks at very moderate prices. One in cane, covered with green canvas, with strong leather corners, is specially to be commended. Prices begin at 23s. 6d.

Another feature is an operating table in iron, enamelled white. It is very portable, and many private nurses will no doubt be glad to know that it can be hired for operations in private houses for the moderate fee of 12s. 6d. per day.

Of cloaks there is a great variety, which are sure to please. Those in gloria cloth, a silky looking material, will be attractive to many. They may be had in black, grey, and navy at a cost of £2 2s. There are many charming examples also in cravenette, in which a circular cloak may be had in the above colours for 18s. 9d.

All kinds of bonnets are to be seen in a show case in the centre of the department. To our thinking, none are more tasteful or becoming than the close-fitting straw, bound with rucked velvet, and with a bow of piece velvet.

Mention must also be made of the Virnot Veiling, to which attention was recently directed in these columns.

Caps are on view in as great a variety as bonnets. A special feature in this department is the carrying out of nurses' designs. A charming cap is that made to the order of the recently-appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Walton-on-Thames.

Aprons are to be had at all prices. A specialité is one at 1s. 8d., 54 in. wide, which is made with both square and round bibs.

There is quite a bewildering variety of dainty bonnet strings from 10½d. to 2s. 6d. per pair, with hem-stitched, feather-stitched, drawn-thread, and hand-embroidered ends, in cambric and linen. They are quite charming.

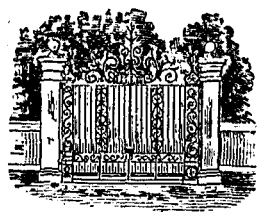
A comfortable shoe, both indoor and walking, is a most essential part of a nurse's outfit. A one-bar indoor shoe in glacé kid at 4s. 11d. is a marvel of cheapness. It has wooden and rubber heels and a pad arch. An Oxford glacé outdoor shoe at 10s. 6d. is also to be commended, while nurses going to hot countries should not fail to note a white canvas shoe at 3s. 11d. "Sick-room slippers," just the thing for night nurses, are to be had in black and navy felt, lined with scarlet, with twine soles, at 2s. 9d., and with extra thick soles (twine and felt) at 3s. 3d. A charming bath slipper (the Vitalite) in blue or red is to be had at 2s. 11d.

Other desirable trifles which may be mentioned are the private nurse's Account Receipt Book at 1s., and a washing book at 3½d.

Those who have not yet visited this new department should lose no time in doing so.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



By invitation of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, an interim meeting of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance will be held in England in May, 1906. This will be the first meeting of the Alliance held since its formation in Berlin in 1904, and the form of the proceedings, as at present arranged, will be a business conference in London, to be followed by public meetings in the country. The National Union Committee are looking forward to welcoming the delegates from the different countries represented on the International Alliance, and also representatives from those countries which have not any Women's Suffrage organisations.

The Hon. Alva Adams, who was twice Governor of the State of Colorado, speaking to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States on the working of Women's Suffrage in that State, said:—

"Neither you nor I, nor any honourable man, can look into the eyes of our wife and our mothers and say that she has not as much right to vote as we have. It was not with me a question of expediency, and it was not a question of expediency with the men of Colorado. It was a question of justice. Men have been courteous, men have been chivalrous; these are good, but justice is better. It was a question of right, not a question of what they would do with the ballot. The right to vote is a right that belongs to the woman alike with the man; but upon the ground of expediency I really believe their case is stronger."

The hearing of the action brought by Mr. and Mrs. Dealtry against the Countess of Aberdeen and others forming the guarantee committee of the Ladies' Kennel Association has been widely reported in the press, and the case is still *sub judice*. We must, however, protest against the growing habit of judges, notably indulged in by the late Lord St. Helier (Sir Francis Jeune) of making depreciating remarks about women as a class from the bench. Mr. Justice Darling said "he could only see one good thing that would come out of the present case, and that was that it would gratify the people who had formed the opinion that ladies should not take steps to become members of the Government of this country." Because men appear every day in the bankruptcy courts this is not considered a legitimate reason for condemning the business capacity of all men, and because some Society ladies have failed to manage an Association successfully, why should women, who notably manage their affairs most economically and successfully as a rule, be held up to opprobrium from the bench? The logic of judges, as well as the business capacity of women, would appear to be at fault.

One of the features of the recent elections of churchwardens has been the success of lady candidates, no fewer than fifteen ladies having been elected in one diocese.

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