

New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

THE CORSET MAILLOT.

The Corset Maillot, supplied by Messrs. Debenhams and Freebody, is deservedly popular, and one with which nurses should certainly be acquainted, for some of the models are especially suitable for convalescent patients, who require a corset which is not stiff and heavily boned.

Mme. Zilva, who presides over the corset department of the above firm in their well-known establishment in Wigmore Street, has just returned from Paris with the new season's models.

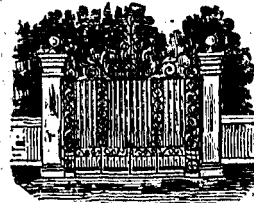


The Corset Maillot is specially made to order, and each one is cut and fitted by Madame Zilva herself, who is an experienced corsetière of many years standing. It is made of a charming woven material, in several shapes, with bones and without, the corselet and the hip protector being specially suitable for invalids. As these corsets are easily washed, are boned with whalebone, and are made of a soft, absorbent material, they are admirably adapted for tropical wear.

Madame Zilva has also under her management the ready-made corset department, in connection with which she can supply corsets from 12s. 6d. upwards. To those who would like to know if she can provide them with a corset suited to their needs we unhesitatingly say "go and see."

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The arrangements for the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers at Birmingham, which is to be held in the New Central Hall, Corporation Street, from October 23rd to October 27th, are now complete. The programme is as under: On Monday, October 23rd,

will be held the Rescue Workers' meeting, at which Miss Clifford, the President of the Union, will preside and open the discussion, when a paper on "The Common Lodging House" will be read. A meeting of Branch Secretaries will also be held to discuss "How to Interest Young Workers in the Branches" and "The Work of the Sectional Committees in relation to the Branches and Affiliated Societies."

On Tuesday, October 24th, papers will be read—in the morning on "Vacation Schools" and on "Play Centres." The afternoon will be given up to the meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, and the reception of the Reports of Sectional Committees and Branches, all too short a time for this important work. In the evening the Moral, Legal, and Economic aspects of Parental Responsibility will be discussed. On Wednesday, October 25th, the morning session will be devoted to a meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and Resolutions considered. The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. C. G. Beale, will preside in the afternoon, when the subject will be "Children," "The present treatment of Criminal Children," "Children's Courts of Justice," "The Probation System," and "The George Junior Republic."

On Thursday, October 26th, the subject in the morning will be "Emigration" (a) of Families, (b) of Elder Girls for Service, (c) of Children to Canada.

In the afternoon there will be a Girls' Meeting, the subjects for discussion being "The Employment of Leisure" and "Comradeship," and also in another Hall a discussion on "The Destitute, and Various Ways of Helping Them," the papers in this section being "The Colony System" and "Free Food for Children."

In the evening of the same day the subject for discussion is "The Teaching of the Simpler Rules of Health and Temperance in Elementary and Secondary Schools," after which the Congress will close.

Amongst those who will take part as chairmen or speakers, in addition to the President, Miss Clifford, are:—The Lady Battersea, Lady Windsor, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Alfred Booth, the Honourable Mrs. Bertrand Russell, Mrs. Humphry Ward, Mrs. George Cadbury, Mrs. J. R. MacDonald, Mr. J. Courtenay Lord, Dr. T. Bulkeley Hyslop, and Dr. Helen Webb. Although none of the papers are on nursing subjects, yet sanitary and social matters must always have an interest for trained nurses.

The Local Committee in Birmingham have arranged a reception to speakers and members of the National Council on the first day; on Wednesday evening there will be a Reception by the Lord and Lady Mayoress in the Council House; and on Friday morning there will be a service in the Cathedral with a sermon by the

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