

The chapters on wounds and on the action of micro-organisms and specific infectious fevers are of much interest.

The following chapter deals with hæmorrhage. A diagram of the main arteries of the body and the directions for their compression will be found useful.

Shock and asphyxia and the methods of combating them are dealt with. New growths also form the subject of a chapter which may with advantage be studied by nurses. The procedure in various operations is described.

By the kindness of the author and the publisher we are able to reproduce the illustration of a patient feeding himself by tube after gastrostomy. This operation, as our readers are aware, consists of making an opening into the stomach through the abdominal wall, and through this opening a tube is inserted. This tube comes out through the dressing, and is the means by which food is passed into the stomach. At the end of the second week the tube is removed altogether, and only introduced for giving the feeds every four hours. The opening into the stomach is covered by a gauze dressing with hazeline ointment underneath. The tube must be kept scrupulously clean. After the wound is soundly healed the patient can often feed himself, and anything which will pass down the tube may be given. Our illustration shows a patient in the act of feeding himself.

Chapters are devoted to ophthalmic nursing, fractures, the nursing of head injuries, rectal cases, urinary cases, bandaging, infants, and massage, as well as an appendix, so that it will be seen the book covers a wide ground.

Christmas Gifts.

Old friends are the best, and at no time do we find this hold good more than at Christmas, when in a short space of time we want to make the best selection of gifts within our means for friends far and near.

It is fascinating to linger over the shop windows, but we are wise if we forego this delight and make our way straight to those establishments where the experience of years has taught us we shall be well served.

Amongst these must be noted that of Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, in Wigmore Street, where there is a charming selection of dainty trifles, any or all of which would make most acceptable gifts.

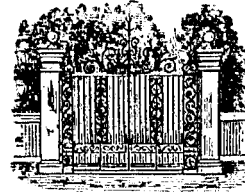
The establishment of Messrs. Garrould, 150, Edgware Road, is too popular amongst nurses for it to be necessary to say more than that their Christmas novelties this year are as desirable as ever, and the prices are arranged to suit the requirements of all.

At Holborn Circus, the numerous purchasers who keep the large staff of assistants busy at Messrs. Thomas Wallis and Co. testify to the public appreciation of the wares there supplied.

What also could be more acceptable than a box of some of the delightful soap for which the Vinolia Company is renowned. Or of the delicious chocolates and other confections which Messrs. Cadbury and Messrs. Fry supply in such bewildering variety.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A beautiful marble statue of the late Queen Victoria has been unveiled by the Duke of Connaught in the new Town Hall at Woolwich, when it was stated that the almost continuous association of the town with the Royal House dates from the time of King Alfred down to the visit of Queen Victoria to the sick and wounded soldiers of the Herbert Hospital in 1900.

The Nobel Peace Prize has been conferred on Baronne Bertha von Suttner, the Austrian authoress, the great writer of "Lay Down Your Arms," and who is noted for her great activity in forming Austrian and German peace unions.

She is an intimate friend of the founder of the prize, the institution of which was largely due to her influence.

The other prizes, each of which, like the Peace Prize, is worth about £8,000, also have been awarded to distinguished foreigners.

In "A Staff Officer's Scrap-Book during the Russo-Japanese War," Sir Ian Hamilton, K.C.B., says: "Japanese women are not yet emancipated. They walk out of dinner after their lords and masters, and take the lower place both literally and metaphorically. If, however, Europeans and Americans wax critical on this point, the Japanese can make the crushing retort that the result leaves their women the most charming example of the gender feminine in the world. Looks may be a matter of taste, but charm is not. The smile of the Japanese girl is an enchantment. She looks exquisitely good and I am sure those looks do not in the least belie her. There is something childlike about her, and yet she is so thoughtful, and they say, and I believe it, so brave. There is something else. She is intensely essentially feminine. Asiatic women still guard the secret of what Western women show signs of losing. Men have always been selfish, but now an appalling danger confronts civilisation in the shape of the American selfish woman and her imitators in Europe.

"In Japan the sphere of the sexes is still totally distinct; and although this may shock foreign feminine opinion, in practice it certainly seems to tend to the general happiness, not only to the general happiness, but also to the general military efficiency. Women occupied in passing examinations, struggling through society, sport, plays, travel, with interludes of flirtation, can scarcely find the time the Japanese mother does to stir the young imaginations of her children with tales of derring-do."

We do not doubt that in a short time the women of Japan will rise even to a higher plane. As nurses they have already shown of what they are capable, given the opportunity. And in another generation they

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