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A most useful diluent of milk, both for infants and invalids, and one very frequently ordered, is barley water. In the preparation of this, Robinson's Patent Barley, in powder form, supplied by Keen, Robinson, and Co., London, E., will be found invaluable. Barley water is easily made with the patent barley, which is more reliable in use than the ordinary pearl barley, which must be very carefully selected and prepared to ensure purity.

THE MATERNITY NURSE'S ASEPTIC OUTFIT.

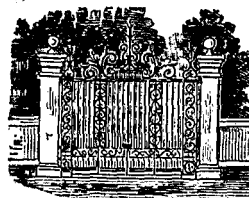
Nurses who are renewing their appliances will do well to send for the catalogue of Messrs. Down, Bros., St. Thomas's Street, Borough, S.E., or still better, call and inspect their specialities. The Monthly Nurse's Aseptic Outfit contains everything that she is likely to need in a most compact and convenient form in a japanned case with waterproof canvas cover. The price with fittings is £3 10s. We can imagine no more welcome gift for a maternity nurse than this Aseptic Outfit.

JEYES' FLUID DESTROYS MOSQUITO LARVÆ

The question of an efficient agent for mosquito destruction is one which affects not only the health but the lives of the community in many tropical countries, where freedom from malaria can only be attained by the destruction of the mosquito. The following extract from the Army Medical Department Report for 1907, is, therefore, of interest. Experiments were made to find a cheap substitute for kerosene to destroy mosquito larvæ in drain gratings and small collections of water. It was found that Jeyes' fluid would do the work of ten times the amount of kerosene; moreover kerosene evaporated within three days in the hot weather, whereas Jeyes' fluid remained effective until the rains commenced and washed it away. Both the fluids are the same price by bulk, and kerosene issued for the destruction of larvæ is apt to be put to other uses in barracks.

THE LONDON MEDICAL EXHIBITION.

The promoters of the Medical Exhibition, organised by the *British and Colonial Druggist*, proceeding during the present week, until Friday evening at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W., are greatly to be congratulated on their endeavour to keep the attendance of a professional character, and on the success which has attended this effort. The public is excluded by an expensive entrance fee, and free season tickets are sent to members of the medical profession. The result is that busy medical practitioners are able to inspect the exhibits in comfort, and the exhibitors are brought into contact with the clientèle whom they wish to meet. That these arrangements are appreciated is evident from the large number of medical visitors to the exhibition, and from the increase in the number of exhibitors this year, more than one hundred firms being represented. The most up-to-date appliances, medicines and invalid foods are exhibited in most attractive forms.

Outside the Gates.**WOMEN.**

The Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, to be held at Aberdeen from the 12th to 15th October, is already assured of success. Mrs. Edwin Gray, the charming President, will have the support of many popular favourites. On Tuesday, 13th, Miss H. M. White, LL.D., Alexandra College, Dublin, and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson have papers in the session devoted to "The Early Training of Boys and Girls in Citizenship," and Lady Aberdeen, Dr Marion Hunter, and Miss M. Horn on "Health Questions"; and on Wednesday, 14th, Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., will read a paper on "How Women May Help in the Practice of Citizenship by Serving on Medical Boards and Charities." Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, and Miss Louisa Lumsden are also to take an active part in the Conference.

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women takes place on the 14th and 15th inst. The resolutions down for discussion deal with the importance of domestic science, in the future, being one of the optional subjects in the examination in secondary schools of the various examining boards, the necessity for the State Registration of Nurses, provision being made for direct and adequate representation of the nurses on their governing board, and the necessity for legislative action for the protection of women employed in sweated industries.

Lady Rücker and a committee of distinguished educational authorities have established a University Course in Home Science and Household Economics at the Women's Department of King's College, London. This experiment, designed to induce cultured women to take an interest in household economics, was inaugurated last week. The authorities report that the new course is sure of success, as there has been a rush of students anxious to become M.A.s of the home. Two courses have already begun, one of twelve months' duration, and a second for a full term of three years, and the full-pledged university house-wife will graduate in the following studies:—

- Business methods and household management.
- Domestic arts, needlework, cookery, house cleaning, and laundry.
- Law of employers' liability.
- Law of landlord and tenant.
- Hygiene of food and personal hygiene.
- Physiology, biology, bacteriology, and chemistry.
- Principles of decoration and architecture.
- Home nursing and first aid.
- Care and upbringing of children.

The Pereira Medal—generally known as the "blue riband of pharmacy," which is awarded

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