

gollywogs from 6½d. to 7s. 11d., and many other attractive things, including Pet's Stores, which provide everything required for keeping shop, and which would keep a child engrossed for hours.

We must, on no account, forget to mention the Christmas crackers, which may be had from 6d. a box upwards in bewildering variety, while those whose purses are well lined will find a most useful and acceptable Christmas gift for a friend in an electro-plated entree dish, which is usually sold at 32s. 6d., but a limited number of which are just now to be had at 16s. 11d.

#### USEFUL GIFTS.

But not only in the Christmas Bazaars are presents for nurses to be found. What could be more acceptable to a nurse than a case of instruments for her use from Messrs. Down Bros., St. Thomas' Street, S.E., the reliability of which are assured; or the wonderful "Nurse" clinical thermometer supplied by Messrs. Lewis and Burrows, 22, Great Portland Street, W., costing only 1s. 6d. post free.

Then does anyone know a nurse who goes to bed without a hot-water bottle? Whatever may be the reason, nurses are chilly people, and one of the hot-water bottles supplied by the Medical Supply Association, 228, Gray's Inn Road, could not fail to be a useful and acceptable gift to any nurse. The prices vary from 2s. 6d. to 7s. 9d. The Nurse's Watch, costing 19s. 6d., from Messrs. B. W. Fase, of 50, Oxford Street, W., is another gift which could not fail to please. It has a second hand, and is guaranteed to keep time to one minute per month.

Lastly, all nurses desire that at Christmas time their uniforms should be smart and fresh. If they wish to renew these they cannot do better than pay a visit to Wells and Co., 68, Aldersgate Street, E.C., before deciding on a new one. Moderate prices and promptness of delivery are characteristics of this firm.

### The Thermos flask.

Messrs. A. E. Gutmann and Co., makers of the "Thermos Flask," have received a letter from Captain Maitland, of the Essex Regiment, Member of the *Daily Graphic* Balloon Expedition to Russia, in which he says:—

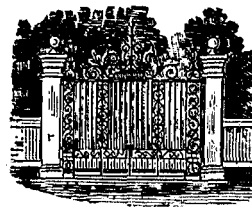
"During the time we were in the basket of the balloon (32 hours in all) we were exposed to severe cold—at one time the thermometer registered 4 degs. below zero, the altitude being 17,200 feet—considerably higher than any mountain in Europe. The Thermos Bottles and Cooker enabled us to have hot meals and drinks, and proved of the greatest value. Their use considerably reduced our many hardships, and were largely contributable to the success of the expedition.

"I shall have the greatest confidence in recommending them to all balloonists, as I consider them an essential article of equipment for every aeronaut who intends to make big ascents."

Thermos Limited have just successfully protected their Patent rights by obtaining an injunction against the British Caloris Company restraining them from infringing the same.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



When receiving a deputation of Members of Parliament last May, who advocated the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, the Prime Minister invited an expression of opinion from

the women of the country. The Association of Registered Medical Women of the United Kingdom have accepted the invitation, and have written to all the registered medical women residing in the United Kingdom asking whether or not they are in favour of Woman Suffrage. The results of this inquiry are as follows:—In favour, 538; against, 15. The Association therefore wrote to Mr. Asquith asking him to receive a deputation on the subject, and said:—"We venture to submit that these striking figures show that the practice of our profession, which gives an intimate knowledge of the conditions of life of all classes, leads to the conviction that the enfranchisement of women is essential to their well-being."

The Prime Minister requested that the views of the Association might be put before him in writing, and a letter has accordingly been sent to Mr. Asquith, signed by fifteen leading medical women on behalf of their colleagues. They state that they desire to have the vote in order to protect their own interests, and also to co-operate more effectually with the rest of the profession in advancing its general interests. They show that in earning their living they encounter the same economic conditions as men, and claim that they should have a voice in the regulation of these conditions. They claim further that, as graduates of Universities, the majority of their number are doubly qualified for the exercise of the franchise, and point out also the anomaly of their position, demonstrated by the fact that while, as women, they are debarred from exercising the elementary right of citizenship, as doctors they possess, in common with men, the legal power to sign certificates of insanity which deprive men of their right to vote.

Another Woman's Suffrage paper is announced to make its appearance on January 20th, 1909—the *Englishwoman*. It will be published monthly by Mr. Grant Richards, 7, Carlton Street, S.W., and the subscription, payable in advance, is twelve shillings yearly. The Editorial Committee consists of the Lady Frances Balfour, Lady Strachey, Miss Cicely Hamilton, Miss Lowndes, and Mrs. Grant Richards (Editor). The continuous policy of the magazine is to further the enfranchisement of women "by securing the sympathy and holding the attention of the public interested in letters, art, and culture generally; and by a wise, fair, and decorous marshalling of facts." It is intended that every month the particular disadvantages from which women suffer

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