

Infirmery, with its 200 beds, notwithstanding the great prevalence in all parts of the town for so many months of small-pox, was spared any outbreak, strictly speaking, in the wards. One or two cases had been removed to the Contagious Hospital, and the institution had been almost entirely free. This had been, he thought, brought about, among other reasons, by excluding visitors except under special circumstances.

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PAISLEY EYE INFIRMARY.—Lord Lothian, Secretary for Scotland, has forwarded to Mr. Barbour, M.P., an intimation that the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the new Eye Infirmery in Paisley being named the Victoria Eye Infirmery, in remembrance of Her Majesty's recent visit to Paisley.

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THE new Children's Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, erected by Mr. John Fleming in memory of his wife, will be opened on September 26th. It is capable of accommodating from sixty to eighty patients.

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A GERMAN Hospital is to be built at San Remo, and subscriptions are being collected. The Emperor Frederick subscribed a considerable sum to this object, which he had much at heart.

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ANY feat of strength or endurance is interesting to women, and if it be done by Medical men, it is doubly interesting to Nurses. The following account, therefore, is well worth recording in these pages. It has been sent us by some kind correspondent, who not only has withheld her own name, but the name of the journal from which it has been cut. "At the Folkestone amateur regatta, held last week, the race which produced the most interest was a four-oared galley contest, in which four crews competed, composed of members of the banking, legal, medical, and military professions respectively. At an early period of the race the Doctors, who had the worst position, and the soldiers gradually came to the front; but the officers were unable to head the rival crew, who eventually won, amidst much applause, by three lengths. The following formed the crew of the leading boat:—Mr. R. Bowles, Dr. Frederick Eastes, Mr. Gerald FitzGerald, and Dr. C. E. Perry."



### WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to present an engraving of herself, bearing a gracious inscription, signed by Her Majesty, to Miss Emily Faithfull,

who has just completed the thirtieth year of her work in promoting the educational and industrial interests of women.

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THE QUEEN OF SWEDEN, who takes a great interest in the Nursing profession, and in the troubles of the poor, has presented the Samaritan Society of Stockholm with a carriage specially constructed for the conveyance of sick persons, on condition that it has to be used by the police authorities for the transport of sick and helpless persons, and in case of accidents.

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THE EMPRESS FREDERICK takes great interest in the Kindergarten at Potsdam, known as the "Kaiser Friedrich Kinderheim." Her frequent visits are a source of evident pleasure to the children.

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THE following account recently appeared in our contemporary, the *Echo*:—"As I look from the window of the Berwickshire farmhouse in which I am writing, in the freshness of the early morning air, I can see in the 'steading,' or stackyard, a number of farm 'lassies' at work. In many parts of England no women are employed on the land except at the harvest time; but here, across the Border, in this great agricultural county, girls are regularly employed all the year round. The great plain of Berwick-on-the-Merse, lying between the Lammermuir hills on the north and the Cheviots on the south, is noted for its fertility and substantial farms, and consequently for its large employment of labour. The 'lassies,' whose acquaintance I have been making within the last few days, are all bonny and pleasant-spoken. They are busy, together with a number of extra Irish labourers, in filling a huge silo which occupies one end of the steading. The silo in question, the receptacle of the ensilage so dear to the more advanced modern farmer, is a large pit dug in the ground, sixty feet long, ten feet broad, and ten deep, which is being filled with beans, peas, tares, and oats, all green and fresh, brought direct from the field as cut. The 'lassies,' yesterday, were standing ten feet below ground on the floor of the silo, each with fork in hand, to receive, scatter, and trample under feet the big fragrant bundles which the men pitched down from above. This morning their work has so progressed that they are working still as before, but now perched several feet above ground, on the bed of green ensilage, which, by subsequent pressure, will be sunk deep down into the pit. Very picturesque they look on the huge mound of green, contrasting with the yellow of the haystacks close by. They are dressed in plain short skirts, striped red and blue, displaying neat ankles in stockings of their own knitting, and feet

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