

who have been so good and kind to them. We understand the nature of many of their homes only too well in this poor district. Most of our patients are poor and uneducated, and so unable to contradict false statements by writing, though many would gladly do so if they could. Though our matron is too busy, and works too hard in other matters connected with the management of this great hospital to visit the wards daily, she has an assistant who ably and efficiently performs this duty, and is always ready to listen to any Nurse's "tale of woe."

I hope you will kindly publish this letter as an answer from a Nurse who is still working in the hospital, with a view of doing what she can for the sick and suffering, and of getting a living.—Yours faithfully,
F.W.D.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

In our notice of the Canfield Rubber Company's Specialities, we inadvertently gave the address of the depot of the excellent manufacturers as Basinghall-street, E.C. It should have been Manchester House, Friday Street, E.C., which we hope our readers will make a note of.

"HOME SPECIALITIES."

(Messrs. ALFRED BIRD & SONS, Birmingham.)

The "Home Specialities" of this well-known firm of "Custard Powder" repute, consist of Bird's Custard, Blanc-mange, Baking and Concentrated Egg Powders, all of which are so thoroughly well known (or we hope so) by every housekeeper and good manager, that they require no further comment at our hands as to their utility; but we would suggest that whilst invalid's food has to be nourishing, it is equally essential that it should be light and digestible, and easily and readily prepared, so that those of our readers who may have forgotten the actual properties of these Preparations, may now remember that in providing tasty and nourishing dishes, these "Home Specialities" are indispensable. Nurses are invited to apply to Messrs. Alfred Bird & Sons, Birmingham, for a copy of a little book entitled "Pastry and Sweets," which will be sent post free upon receipt of address.

TEA.

(THE RUSSIAN-CHINA TEA Co., 21, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.)

It is generally acknowledged now, that where a careful selection of tea is made, few need be debarred the pleasure of taking that refreshing beverage. To this end we have lately tested the qualities of the "China blends" belonging to the above Company, nor can we speak too highly

of that sold at two shillings per pound, as it is rich, full-flavoured, and gives off that clear brown fluid which is so much appreciated by the lovers of the "cheery" cup. In accordance with the advance in price, those sold at 2s. 6d. and 3s. (numbered 10 and 3 respectively) are excellent, and ought certainly to fully meet the demands of those who usually pay these figures. We trust at some future time to try this firm's 1s. 8d. blend, which we understand has already become very popular with many of our Hospitals, and is a thoroughly good household tea; but to those of our readers who wish to try the various qualities, samples will be sent post free on receipt of a post-card at above address.

EFFERVESCENT GRANULES.

(Messrs. ALLEN & HANBURYS, Plough Court, Lombard Street, E.C.)

This new series of Six Granular Effervescent Preparations reflects every credit upon the well-known firm introducing them, and whose name for reliability and accuracy are household words. The novel features claimed by the manufacturers consist in the fine and uniform granulation. It is easy to see the advantages accruing from such a condition. In the first place, the ease and accuracy with which these preparations can be measured, and secondly, the uniformity of effervescence produced on the addition of water, as compared with the old form of unequal sized granules, some of which are commonly four or five times larger than the smaller granules. When dissolving the latter in water, it frequently happens that a patient has to swallow large lumps during effervescence or wait until the effervescence has ceased. A further advantage is that in measuring the dose, on account of the uniformity of the granules, the medicament must necessarily be more accurate than when the old-fashioned granules are measured. It frequently happens that from vibration the upper part of the bottle consists of the large granules and the lower part of the smaller ones; and consequently, if a dose be measured from the upper part of the bottle, the patient gets really less of the medicament than he would if measured from the lower half, in which case he would get an excess. The convenience of the bottle in which they are packed will also be noticed, as the hollow stopper is made to contain the proper minimum dose of one-sixth of an ounce of the preparation. We have put these preparations to a thorough test, and have been greatly pleased at their excellence. The effervescent granules comprise some 40 or 50 kinds, among which may be mentioned sulphate of soda, citrate of magnesia, ammonia, citrate of iron, citrate of potash, phosphate of iron, antipyrine. In each instance their palatableness is a leading feature.

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