

#### THE DUCHESS OF YORK BELT.

A very useful belt, to which its inventors have given the above name, has been submitted to us, and both for its usefulness and novelty, demands commendation. It is made in a number of different sections, each attached to, and supported by, burnished steel loops, which are placed about two inches apart. It not only, therefore, gives the wearer the greatest possible support, but is so pliable that it bends with every movement of the body. It is made of the finest Coventry silk; the York rose being woven in the material every two inches. The buckle is especially handsome and artistic. The silk is manufactured in various colours, black, old gold, silver grey, cardinal, light green, rose-pink, and peacock-blue, so that it can be obtained to harmonize with almost any dress. The very reasonable price at which it is produced is by no means the least of its advantages.

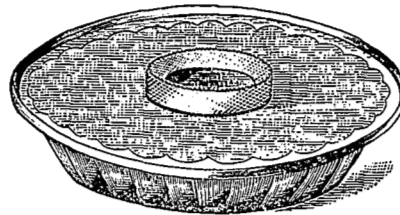
#### SPECIALITIES FOR NURSES.

Those few of our readers who are not aware of the valuable manufactures of Messrs. Allen and Hanburys will be grateful to us for calling their attention to the "combined chatelaine and pocket case," which contains all the instruments which can be needed in ordinary work, most compactly arranged in a case with flaps which cover over and so conceal their contents from nervous patients. Comments have previously been made in these columns upon the ferocious display of steel weapons which some so-called Nurses hang upon their waist bands, after the example of red Indian warriors; and to such we would recommend the excellent closed case of Messrs. Allen and Hanburys as an arrangement more serviceable, and in much better taste. It is needless to say that the instruments contained are all of excellent material, and that it is by far the cheapest in the long run to procure the best. The "Bag for District Nurses or Midwives" will be found most useful by such women, as it contains nearly everything which can possibly be required for their work. The "Nurses pocket case" has been found valuable, not only by Nurses but by medical men, for its compact convenience. The antiseptic dressings, bandages, and other manufactures of the firm need only be mentioned to be warmly commended. To those of our readers who are engaged in monthly Nursing, we can recommend Hop-Bynin, a combination of Bynin with the tonic principles of the best English hops. It has answered remarkably well when given instead of stout or porter to nursing mothers, acting as efficiently as those stimulants, and being free from the objections which are urged against their use. The air proof pillows and beds compare very favourably in price with those produced by other firms, whilst it is almost unnecessary

to say that they are made of the best materials. We have also been favoured with a calendar produced by the firm, which is both useful and ornamental for the desk, and contains a good deal of postal information at its back.

#### SULPHUR FUMIGATING CANDLES.

The various preparations of the Sanitas Company require, now-a-days, no description, because, alike for their power and their safety, they are widely known and employed. A new preparation in the form of a plate of sulphur, provided with an inflammable wick, and containing sufficient for the disinfection



of an ordinary-sized room, has been submitted to us, and we have tested it carefully with satisfactory results. The ease and certainty with which disinfection of sick rooms can be carried out by means of this novel and valuable invention, entitles the Sanitas Company to the greatest credit, and we commend it strongly to the attention of our readers, especially those engaged in private Nursing.

#### LABELS AND FORMS.

The various forms and labels which Mr. H. Silverlock, of 92, Blackfriars Road, S.E., prepares for the use of medical men deserve high commendation, not only for their usefulness and neatness, but also for the very moderate price for which they are sold. The temperature charts and certificate forms will be found especially serviceable and cheap, and their medical and surgical emergency Reference book (Price 2s. 6d.), will be found extremely useful.

#### KNEE CAPS.

A form of knee-pad designed especially for the use of housemaids and to obviate the occurrence in these women of inflammation of the bursa of the patella which is so common amongst them, and from which the name of "housemaid's knee" was derived, has been submitted to us. The appliance has been found useful for Nurses in those Hospitals where Probationers are called upon to do much scrubbing work, involving, of course, similar pressure upon the knee. The pads are well made, and the buckle is so arranged as to clasp the knee well above the joint, thus preventing the injurious pressure upon the posterior tendons which so frequently causes pain, or at least, inconvenience, in

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