

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

A SAFETY THERMOMETER.

In view of the loss incurred by breakages, a case and protector for clinical and other thermometers has been devised by Mr. C. M. Page, and can be obtained by applying to Messrs. Robert G. Ivey & Co., 12 & 13, Laurence Pountney Lane, London, E.C. All strain is borne by the case, which renders it practicably impossible for the thermometer to be broken by even the most violent or delirious patients. By simply withdrawing the larger cap it is ready for use, and owing to the large exposure of mercury, registration is in no degree delayed. It can be readily cleansed and disinfected. If desired, it can be had in solid silver, aluminium, or any other suitable metal.

ROSMA.

This is an antiseptic dusting powder which has for some time been largely employed, and with so much success and usefulness that it is considered advisable that the attention of Nurses should be drawn to the preparation. It is strongly antiseptic, and the ingredients at the same time are perfectly harmless, so that it can be used with safety on the most delicate skin. It is especially useful for the prevention and cure of bed-sores and excoriations of the skin. It can be obtained from the manufacturers, Messrs. Croyden & Co., of 45, Wigmore Street, W.

GENUINE SARDINES.

We cannot speak too highly of the quality of the Jockey Club Sardines, a sample of which has been sent us. The fish are cured in oil of the best quality carefully refined from olives. These sardines are sardines, and not sprats or small pilchards. They are caught on the coast of Brittany, which, it is declared, produces a better quality of sardine than the fishing grounds of Southern Europe, that is along Italy, Spain, and the North coast of Africa. They are packed in a special kind of tin, the lid of which rolls off when the key attached to it is turned. The delicate aroma of the fish is carefully preserved, and would commend itself to the most discriminating of epicureans. The price is extremely moderate, and single tins as well as box or boxes containing one dozen tins can be obtained by applying to Messrs. C. J. S., c/o The Manager, *Nursing Record* Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand.

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Will you kindly put the following request in your valuable paper, if it is in accordance with your rules: A dear little boy, about twelve years of age, who has spinal curvature, and who has been operated upon to relieve

the disease, is very poor, being one of a family of eight, with a delicate father. I should be so grateful if any of your readers would send me some cast-off clothing, or anything for the boy. He is able to get about now with crutches and a spinal jacket, and the clothes kindly sent by a lady at Grange-over-Sands need renewing. After the operation, he kept his bed for two years.—Thanking you in anticipation, I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,

SISTER DORA,

Trained Nurses' Institute and Home Hospital, Scarborough.
[P.S.—Please address: Nurse Jane, c/o Sister Dora.]

Comments and Replies.

Several correspondents have called our attention to the following letter which appeared in the *Lancet* on October 6th. We have referred at length to the matter in our Editorial remarks this week:—

NURSES' DIPLOMAS.

To the Editors of the "*Lancet*."

SIRS,—My wife recently engaged a Nurse for an infant three months old. After being engaged, the young woman appeared in the uniform of a Hospital Nurse. On my asking what hospital she had been trained in, she replied that she had been examined by Dr. ——— of ———, and that she held a "Diploma," a copy of which document I enclose. The gentleman who grants this "Diploma" appears in the "Medical Directory," but he does not seem to be connected with any Hospital, or to hold any teaching appointment. Surely this sort of thing should be discouraged. I enclose my card, and am, yours faithfully,

F. R. C. S.

DIPLOMA.

I hereby certify that ——— has attended my course of instruction in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, and that I have this day duly examined her in these subjects and find her capable of undertaking the duties of a Midwife or Sick Nurse, medical and surgical. In testimony of which I hereto affix my hand and seal this—day of ————18—.

Signed _____

REPLIES.

Miss Hayes, Omagh.—We regret we have not been able to obtain a plan which we could recommend.

Miss M. Masters, Leicester.—The *Trained Nurse* is to be obtained from the Lakeside Publishing Company, 14 and 16, Vesey Street, New York, U.S.A. Price two dollars (8s.) a year. It is published monthly, and is an excellent journal. Through its medium, American Nurses are expressing a wish for professional organization and co-operation.

Miss Hutton, Brighton.—Call on the Matron, 12, Sussex Square; we feel sure she will have great pleasure in showing you over the Home. It has been quite full for the summer months; towards winter there are usually beds to spare, as the Nurses are busy at work. It can hardly be expected that the Brighton residents will do much to support the Home, as it chiefly benefits Nurses from other places; but any interest shown will be gratefully received.

Miss James, Dublin.—We believe the subject of an Irish Branch of the Association will shortly receive consideration. Doubtless, it would do much to raise the term of training in Ireland, and, therefore, the efficiency of trained Nurses. We shall be glad to receive your MS., the subject sounds interesting.

Miss Warren, Glasgow.—Miss Landale, 4, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, has kindly offered to receive articles for the R.B.N.A. Bazaar. If you specially wish your contribution to be sold at the Private Nurses Stall, please direct to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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