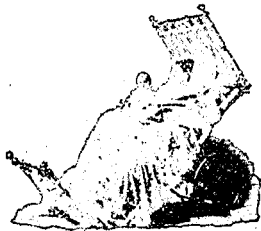


Inventions, Preparations, &c.

THE GORHAM BED.

ONE of the most ingenious and valuable inventions which have recently been made is the novel bed manufactured by the Gorham Invalid Bed Company, of 14, Finsbury Square, E.C. It enables a patient to obtain frequent and easy changes of position without the slightest effort on his part, and therefore is an immense saving of labour to Nurses. Its mechanism is so simple that a child of ten years old can move the heaviest patient. It enables a patient to sit up for eating or reading, to be lifted and easily swung on a Lift Hammock for rest and change, and to



permit the airing of a mattress and the changing of bed linen. Its use is especially valuable in cases of fracture, or where patients are perforce bed-ridden for long periods. All these advantages are obtained by the simple turning of a wheel underneath the bed. We hope that this very valuable invention will be shown at the forthcoming Nursing Exhibition, because it is impossible to do justice to its great advantages by any verbal description. The accompanying block, however, shows one method in which the bed can be used, thus enabling a lying-in patient to sit up without the slightest exertion on her part.

Bookland.

WHAT TO READ.

"At the Sign of the Cat and Racket," translated from H. de Balzac by Clara Bell, with a preface by George Saintsbury. (London: Dent and Co.)

"The Purple East," by William Watson. (London: John Lane.)

"Teuton Studies": Personal Reminiscences of Count Von Moltke and Prince Bismarck, &c., by Sidney Whitman.

"Comedies of Courtship," by Anthony Hope. (London: A. D. Innes and Co.)

"The Dancer in Yellow," by W. E. Norris.

"A Self-denying Ordinance," by M. Hamilton. (London: William Heinemann.)

"The Red Badge of Courage," by Stephen Crane. A new volume in "The Pioneer" Series. (London:

[The two last named books are works of extraordinary ability.—ED.]

Stageland.

A PLAY to see is "A Woman's Reason" at the Shaftesbury. The several phases of a woman's life under the conditions "because I must," "because I will," and "because I do," are admirably developed. At the same time that the drama is thoughtful and suggestive, it is bright and sparkling. Mr. Lewis Waller, as the young Jew married to the daughter of a needy peer, plays with simplicity and fine effect. Mr. Charles Brookfield is clever as this same needy peer, with his shifty selfish code and empty cant of honour. We are sorry to see Mrs. Beerbohm Tree show signs of fatigue so early in the season, but she comes out at her best as the fashionable up-to-date wife, dallying with dishonour, playing with double-edged tools, which go far in this case towards wrecking her life, and the life of a husband she certainly never deserves. The play is in a sense a problem play, but contrary to the rule at present in vogue, the problem is one of masculine rather than of feminine ethics. We predict a deservedly long run for this charming play.

Coming Events.

Feb. 14th.—A meeting for Nurses arranged by the Women's Total Abstinence Union, at Grosvenor House, at 2.30 p.m., Lady Elizabeth Biddulph in the chair. Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson will speak.

Feb. 17th.—Lecture (admission free) by Professor A. Wynter Blyth, the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W., 8 p.m.

Feb. 18th.—St. George's and St. James's Dispensary Dinner, Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole.

Meeting of Provisional Committee of the National Council of Women at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., at 4 p.m.

Feb. 20th.—Meeting of the Committee of the Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., at 5 p.m.

Feb. 21st.—The Duke of Connaught, the President, will open two closed wards of St. Thomas's Hospital, when the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will attend.

Lecture on Bacteriology (with demonstrations), at the offices of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 1, Old Cavendish Street, W., at 8 p.m.

Feb. 24th.—Public Meeting, National Council of Women, St. Martin's Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. The President, Lady Henry Somerset, will preside, and deliver an address. Open to the public.

Feb. 25th.—The Lord Mayor will preside at the Annual Dinner in aid of the City Dispensary.

Feb. 26th.—The Duchess of Albany will preside at the Re-opening of the Wards of the East London Hospital for Children, 3 p.m.

Feb. 27th.—Matrons' Council. Lecture by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on "The Nursing of Cases of Operations on the Intestines," at the Medical Society's Rooms, 20, Hanover Square, W., at 8 p.m. Free to members. To non-members, 1s.

Feb. 29th.—The Duke of York will preside at the Festival Dinner in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hôtel Métropole, 7.30 p.m.

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