

dainty covers and labels to glass and china articles, show a most desirable attention to details, without which there can be no good nursing.

From the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, comes a charmingly-fitted "out patient" basket, this department in connection with the Hospital named being ordered and worked under a special Sister with the same refinement and precision as the wards.

The Nurse's Operation Costume, as used in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, made and exhibited on a doll by Nurse Muat, is of most practical pattern.

The Spinal Splint, exhibited by the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, will, we feel sure, excite much interest.

From the Salop Infirmary, many charming nursing items are on view—lint gloves and masks for eczema cases, comfortable heel pads of various sizes, most humane padded wash-leather wristlets and anklets; and the little operation table sent by this Hospital, the feature of which is a kicking strap which is attached to the table, and restrains the patient, is excellent. The fitting of this table, the tiny patient's gown and blankets, is quite a work of art.

From the Lincoln County Hospital we have received a blanket gown of a most practical pattern, used for operations or for lavatory purposes. We feel sure it meets a great want, as even in these days of improved nursing, we know of at least one large Hospital where only cotton gowns are supplied for these purposes.

From the General Hospital, Birmingham, we have received a specimen of the "Excelsior" bed support, padded in the most comfortable and hygienic manner.

The Children's Hospital, Nottingham, sends a delightful model cot, with a Child's bed-lift attached, by which contrivance the patient can be easily moved up off the mattress, allowing the Nurse to replenish the bed linen with ease, and with no exertion to the patient. The extension and splint must have been made by fairy fingers.

The charts and notes of cases sent from the General Hospital, Nottingham, and by Miss M. E. Wilkinson, Registered Nurses' Society, and others, deserve attention.

The little gallery of Photographs of Matrons and Nurses show the best types of our English Nurses in uniform, and are a guarantee of the high type of woman who now devotes her life to nursing the sick. An ideal group of Matron, Sister, Staff Nurse and Probationer, comes from the General Hospital, Birmingham.

When so many charming things have been sent to us, it is difficult to make a selection for

description. We should like, however, to mention a midwifery bed, the bedstead for which has been kindly lent by Messrs. Jaeger, and the bed made up by St. John's House. The bed is made first with a long mackintosh and under sheet, then a draw-sheet and mackintosh. Over these is placed what is known as the labour mackintosh, and on this again two small sterilised blankets, the one on the right side of the bed overlapping that on the left. The advantage of this is that after the labour is over the first blanket can be immediately taken away, leaving the patient on the clean blanket until she has her douche, and is made thoroughly comfortable, when the second blanket and labour mackintosh are drawn away, and the patient is then in a spotless bed, and there is no necessity to change the draw-sheets or disturb her in any way. There are also on view on this bed a miniature pulley, receiver, uterine pad with ligature, binder pins, scissors, and mother's binder.

Another interesting exhibit is a "malformation bed" sent by Nurse Holdrup of St. John's House. The mattress and under sheet are made with an aperture in the centre, in which a cylinder is fixed and a basin is placed underneath this. The bed is further fitted with circular peat cushion, bed-rest, cradle, sand-bag, hot-water bottle, cushions and pillows in mackintosh cases. All the details are well carried out and finished off.

Neither must we forget to draw attention to the mortuary linen which has been sent by the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. We fear that in many of our Hospital mortuaries, more especially those which are not in any way in the care of the out-patient Nurses, but are left entirely in the hands of porters, are often desolate places where the bodies of our patients receive but scant consideration at the hands of the Hospital which has bestowed every attention upon them so long as life remained in them; but surely our responsibility for the bodies of our patients ceases only when they pass away from the care of the Hospital, and it is our duty to see that our mortuary arrangements are conducted with care and reverence, and in a way which will impress the relatives who may visit our mortuaries with our regard for their dead, and which will not, as we fear is too often the case, jar painfully upon their feelings, and add yet another pang to the grief which they naturally feel. We are sure, from the linen which has been sent to us from the Royal Infirmary at Liverpool, that here, at all events, the mortuary arrangements are all that can be desired; and we hope that many Hospital authorities will make a point of seeing it when they visit the Exhibition.

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