

A VALVE STRAINER.

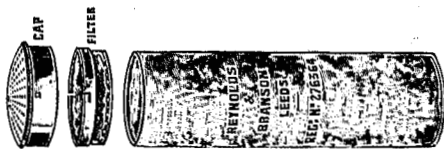
EVERY medical man and Nurse has probably experienced, more or less often, the disagreeable accident of a breakdown whilst using the ordinary enema syringe. Amongst the various causes of this, one of the most frequent is the blocking of the tail valve of the syringe by some shreds of wool, hairs, or other foreign bodies. Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, of Leeds, have bent their inventive faculties to the cure of this annoying occurrence, and have produced a most ingenious little strainer, which, fastened over the tail of the tube as shown in the appended illustration, effectually prevents



the entrance of anything except fluid into the tube. As the price of this admirable appliance is only 6d., or 5s. a dozen, and as its use will probably prolong the life of many syringes, it is easy to predict that the ingenious little invention will not only meet a want but a large sale. It can be obtained through any chemist or instrument maker; or direct from Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, 13, Briggate, Leeds.

AN ASEPTIC CYLINDER.

THE latest invention with which Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, of Leeds, have favoured the Nursing profession is by no means the least valuable of their many ingenious and useful appliances. It consists of a celluloid cylinder, which will hold rolls of lint, wools, or any dressings. The top consists of two parts, which are removable; the lower, a perforated cup, as shown in the appended illustration, fits tightly down



into the top of the cylinder. In it, can be placed any form of antiseptic desired, and over this fits tightly a perforated cap. The sterilised dressings then placed in the cylinder can thus not only be protected from the air, but can be kept permanently aseptic for any length of time. The appliance should be widely used, both in Hospital and District Nursing, and can be obtained direct from Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, or through any chemist or instrument maker.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



MARIE CORELLI has just perpetrated a violent attack on women who bicycle. She says: "I entirely abhor bicycle riding for women. I think even men look sufficiently hideous and undignified on the 'bike,' but to my mind 'women on wheels'

look worse than hideous, namely immodest. The 'poet's ideal' of exquisite womanhood is utterly destroyed by the sight of these perspiring, red-faced, lank-haired objects working their legs treadmill fashion, and tearing along every road in the country," etc.

Miss Corelli, when she penned this uncalled-for criticism on bicycling—and there certainly is no more becoming sport for women, who, when suitably and prettily dressed, look absolutely charming on wheels—was smarting under a paragraph in the papers stating that she was entertaining a party of lady grouse-shooters at Pitlochry. Surely Marie Corelli should remember, when speaking of the "poet's ideal," that invective and violence are far more unwomanly than the following of so harmless and healthy an amusement as cycling could be.

Li Hung Chang must be thankful that he is beyond the range of interviewer and reporter. He seems, for the time, to have been converted into a great Conundrum solver, and has been forced to give his views on moral, social, and political conditions, at railway stations, on steamboat tenders, and in hydraulic "elevators." In New York he was very anxious to know why so many American women work. When he was told that many of them supported children and parents, he replied, "They are very good then, and deserve to be rewarded and to be very happy."

The great Li spoke with much common-sense when he replied to a question as to whether he thought American women as graceful and beautiful as those he had seen in other countries. "They are clever and good looking, and very smart. Some have too small waists." On the subject of small feet he was silent. Perhaps he knows that compression of feet is a mere trifle compared to the hideous compression of waists which "civilised" woman is at present indulging in to a greater extent than, perhaps, has ever been known before.

Much controversy and correspondence has recently been going on as to whether it is right that the practice of hair-shirts and flagellations for the subduing of original sin should be revived. One correspondent on the subject says:—"If influential Anglican leaders advocate corporeal penance, it may become a fashion. There is something of the nature of an epidemic in such matters. The latent hysteria in most persons, especially in women and sensitive men, can easily be called into play; and flagellations and the

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