

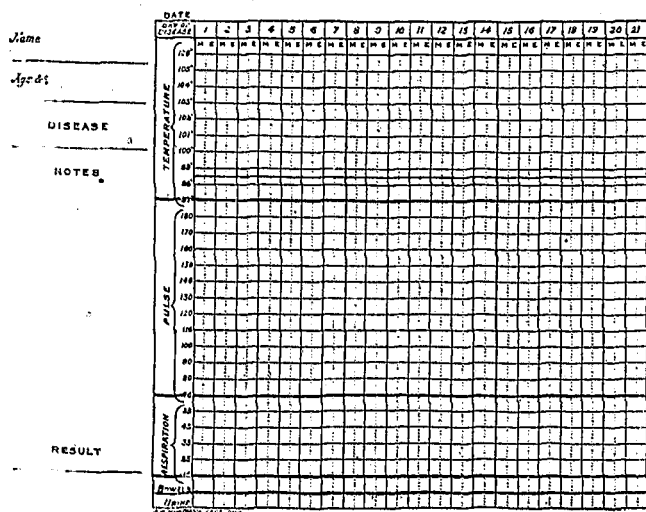
**Inventions, Preparations, &c.**

LAVENDER WATER is an essential in the sick room, and, like everything else used for Invalids, should be of the best quality. Messrs. John Jackson & Co., the famous Lavender distillers of Mitcham, have given special attention to the preparation of their Lavender Water; it has a strength which is delicate, not giving that powerful, but too often sickly odour, so often produced by strong, cheap scents, and so objectionable to the Invalid. Messrs. Jackson & Co.'s Lavender Water can now be procured from Chemists, and from all the Stores, but it is important to see that the label bears their name.

MESSRS. DEBENHAM & FREEBODY, of Wigmore Street, whose exhibit of Nursing uniform, &c., at the Nursing Exhibition attracted so much attention, have just sent us a wonderful collection of patterns of washing materials suitable for Nurses' uniforms. These comprise 70 varieties in excellent texture and colouring, and at specially reduced prices; English prints from 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. per yard. The Manager of this department will be glad to forward full set of patterns post free to any Nurse.

**A VALUABLE CHART.**

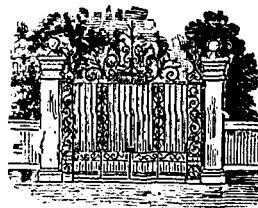
PROFESSOR MAYO ROBSON, F.R.C.S., has suggested to Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, of Leeds, the accompanying chart, which he is himself using. In the ordinary chart the whole attention is directed to the temperature, with



very little reference to pulse or respiration. In many cases the pulse has far greater significance than the temperature, this applying especially to abdominal cases, and it is with a view to being able to compare the daily variations in temperature, pulse, and respiration, that the combined chart has been suggested.

**Outside the Gates.**

**WOMEN.**



THE position of the Royal College of Surgeons with regard to the admission of women to their examinations is as illogical as it well could be. The Council have publicly and by the following resolution declared themselves *in favour* of such admission:

—“That the Royal College of Surgeons of England, although in favour of granting the petition of the London School of Medicine for Women, do not see their way to admit women to the conjoint examinations in face of the vote of the meeting of Fellows and Members of this College, and the expressed opinion of the Royal College of Physicians.” So that, while the governing body approves, they have voted against women, because of the views held by another body—the College of Physicians. Now why should the Surgeons stifle their convictions at the bidding of the Physicians? Why should they not ask the Physicians to conform to them? The position is untenable and illogical.

Good news for women came from Canada on the 18th inst., when the chivalrous Benchers of the Ontario Law Society passed rules admitting ladies to the Bar under an Act of the Provincial Legislature giving them power to do so. The rules stipulate that lady barristers must appear in Court attired in a black dress under a black gown, with white collar and cuffs, and bareheaded.

Why are women to be deprived of those fascinating wigs? No doubt, however, male barristers will require any little advantage which the wig bestows upon their appearance in competing with our charming Canadian cousins. But won't the women retaliate by assuming dangerously exquisite *coiffures*; and there is no regulation forbidding the hair to be worn *poudre*. Anyway we may hope that the new Law will not produce “wigs on the green.”

The second Annual Report of the Women's Industrial Council shows an unusually busy and useful year's work, and work which is calculated to be of the utmost advantage to women workers, and to the work they do. A very practical step has been taken by enquiries which have elicited the hard lot of some young women, ranging from 150 to over 200 who reach Liverpool Street Station every morning by workmen's trains arriving at 6 25 a.m., and whose employment does not begin till 9 a.m. Great and unnecessary hardship is thus inflicted, and one which a little pressure on the Railway Company would surely remove. That hour and a half waiting makes a terrible difference in a working day, and causes a cruelly early uprising.

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