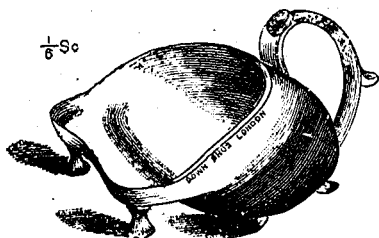


Inventions, Preparations, &c.

NURSE MANCHESTER'S DRESSING TRAY.

MESSRS. DOWN, of St. Thomas's Street, Borough, are the makers of a new dressing tray, which has been designed by Nurse Manchester, of the Guy's Institution, and is, for many purposes, an improvement on the ordinary kidney-shaped and three-cornered trays now in use in the Hospitals.



It is made with a curved front, fitting almost any part of the body, and a raised back which prevents the Nurse from getting splashed, whilst the handle serves to keep the hands from coming in contact with foul discharges.

It holds three pints and a half of fluid, and for all large dressings where irrigation is required, especially colotomy or empyema, this will be found most useful.

The tray is also particularly convenient for the subsequent use of patients who have undergone the operation of colotomy.

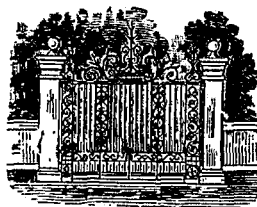
SOUTHALL'S SPECIALITIES.

A VALUABLE addition to the well-known manufactures of Messrs. Southall Brothers and Barclay is the "Combination" Suspenders.



It is made in silk, and is most comfortable, being shaped to the waist and hips. It should be widely recommended by Nurses, as it is in every way a most useful and excellent appliance.

Outside the Gates.



THE Royal wedding is fixed for July 22nd—a date so late in the season as to cause rejoicings in the hearts of London tradespeople.

In order to close the Parliamentary Session by August 15th—most members are showing a strong disinclination to remain in town after that date—the Government will have to abandon a large number of measures which are now on the Order Book. So far the Government has not introduced one progressive piece of legislation.

It is expected that a good deal of dissatisfaction will be caused in India by the decision of Parliament to impose the expenses of the Indian troops sent to Suakim on the revenues of that country.

The inquiry into the alleged complicity of the Chartered Company with the Transvaal raid is to be conducted by a Committee of the House of Commons, of which Mr. Chamberlain will be chairman.

There have been a few cases of cholera among the British troops in Egypt, several soldiers belonging to the North Staffordshire Regiment having been attacked, but such stringent measures of quarantine and separation are being taken that no serious spread of the disease is anticipated. The weather is extremely hot, the temperature in the shade ranging from 120° to 122°. But the atmosphere is clear and dry, and therefore the epidemic is not so likely to spread as is the case in hazy, muggy weather.

The Queen has conferred a peerage upon Sir Hercules Robinson, the Governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner for South Africa, in recognition of his valuable services during the recent crisis in the Transvaal.

One of the most severe fights that has yet taken place in Rhodesia has just been cabled. Our loss was heavy in proportion to the enemy. At the same time our victory was the greater, as the Matabele had taken up a position which seemed, at first sight, absolutely impregnable, but which yielded to the stern and determined attack of the British troops.

In spite of the disturbed social and industrial condition of the city, owing to the great strike, the Emperor and Empress have made their State entry into St. Petersburg. They remained in the city a very short time only.

WOMEN.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, the report regretted "the failure to secure, during the present Session, any consideration by Parliament of a measure for extending the parliamentary franchise to women"; but it was stated that over 300

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