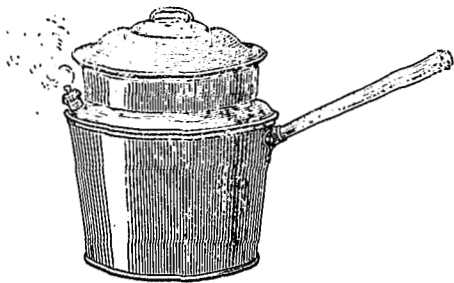


Preparations, Inventions, &c.

THE DUPLEX BOILERETTE.

A VERY ingenious and useful invention, to which this name has been given, has been brought to our notice, and we have pleasure in commending it to the attention of our readers. It is made of galvanized iron, and is divided into an inner and an outer part, the latter being filled with water and the article to be cooked being placed in the former chamber. The instrument being then placed on the fire, cooks meat, poultry, vegetables, milk, and so forth,



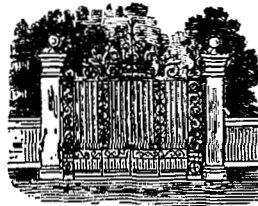
without any possibility of the contents being burnt, and as quickly and more efficiently than in an ordinary saucepan. It possesses the further practical advantage that it requires no attention. Nurses will find it, therefore, invaluable, especially in preparing food in the night time for their patients, and its moderate price should make it universally used. It can be obtained from any ironmonger's, or direct from the patentee and manufacturer, R. Welbank, North Newington, Banbury.

SPLINT PADDING.

SPECIMENS of the lint and splint padding manufactured by the Liverpool Lint Company, have been submitted to us and call for our unqualified approval. Every nurse is aware of the difficulty with which splints can be efficiently padded at a short notice in private houses, when everything is wanted in a hurry and nothing is ready to hand. For such emergencies, and even in hospitals, the beautifully even padding prepared by the Company in question, which is made of antiseptic carded material between layers of gauze, and which can be cut into any length as required, is most useful; and in consequence of the saving of material also most economical. The lint and wools prepared by this well-known Company are excellent in quality and by no means expensive, and we can therefore confidently recommend them to the notice of our readers, whether engaged in hospital work or in private houses. These goods can be obtained either through any chemists or direct from the Company, Mark Street Mill, Netherfield Road North, Liverpool.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



THE following interesting suggestion has been made by Miss Frances Power Cobb, in a letter to the *Times* :—

“Sir,—It is a somewhat surprising fact to many readers of history (and one not very creditable to mankind at large), that the only woman on whom the title of ‘great’ has hitherto been conferred is that far from exemplary personage, Catherine II. of Russia. May I suggest that it would be no more than historical justice to the splendid sovereignty of our Queen if, on the occasion of the 60th year of her glorious and beneficent Royalty, she should be hailed by Parliament and people as ‘Victoria the Great,’ and a column, such as that of Trajan or Antoninus, set up in London to commemorate the decree of the *Senatus Populusque Britannorum* ?”

The Lady Mayoress has issued the following appeal in the City in the interests of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund :—

“The Mansion House, London.

To the Ladies connected with the City of London— I appeal, as a woman, to the benevolent instincts of every member of my sex within the limits of the City of London. I invite the co-operation of all the ladies who, as wives, daughters, or connections of the members of the Corporation and the City Guilds, or of the wealthy and influential citizens, can materially promote the success of the Hospital Fund initiated by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. If the ladies to whom I appeal will collect within their households donations and subscriptions, however small, for this purpose, their efforts will, I feel convinced, prove of invaluable service to this noble project. Subscriptions and donations can be sent to Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie and Co., to the credit of the ‘Lady Mayoress’ branch of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.’

HELEN FAUDEL-PHILLIPS,
Lady Mayoress.”

We hope that as this fund is being raised in commemoration of the most glorious reign in English history, and of a period during which a woman has sat upon the Throne, that the name of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will be associated on the committee with that of the Heir Apparent, and that also the name of the Lady Mayoress will soon appear side by side with that of our first magistrate on this important body. The day has gone past when women can be excluded from taking a responsible part in great national movements, and we feel sure that there are numbers of women who will not “collect within their households donations and subscriptions” until their sex has been recognised as worthy of helping to distribute the money which they are invited to contribute.

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