

The Chemists' Exhibition.

THE Chemists' Exhibition which was held last week in the Covent Garden Theatre was unusually attractive. The idea of utilising this theatre was a happy one, as it is central, spacious, and in all respects well adapted for the purpose. A flaw in the otherwise admirable arrangements was that catalogues appeared to be at a premium, and had it not been for the kindness of an exhibitor, who after fruitless efforts to obtain one, lent his own, the representative of the RECORD must have left the building with a very hazy idea as to the plan of the Exhibition.

The specialities of many of those firms whom we recently noticed as exhibiting at the Medical, Surgical and Hygienic Exhibition, were on view, the stand of Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome being in a prominent position. Their "historical medicine cases" caused much interest. The actual tabloid cases used during the Ashanti and Chitral campaigns, and Stanley's tabloid Congo case were exhibited, as well as equipments similar to those recently used by the nursing staff in the recent Græco-Turkish war.

Messrs. Southall's stand was especially interesting, and a model of their cod liver oil factory at Balstad, Norway, attracted considerable attention.

The Colloid Flexible Gelatine Capsules exhibited by Mr. T. Howard Lloyd, of Leicester, were most daintily put up, and Messrs. Moss, Calen Works, Wilson Street, also exhibited capsules of all descriptions, for which they claimed that, unlike most capsules, the contents entirely filled them. Their bone marrow capsules, were a speciality which have recently been extensively prescribed by an eminent London physician.

The antiseptic dressings and other preparations of Messrs. John Milne and Co., of Ladywell, S.E., were worthy of careful inspection. Mr. John Milne was for many years the personal assistant of Lord Lister, and all the dressings supplied by him may be relied upon as being excellent in quality. His rolled plaster of Paris bandages, each supplied in a separate tin box would be most valuable in the tropics. His ligatures and sutures, supplied in glass tubes in straight lengths, are also admirable, while his idea of utilising pickle bottles with patent stoppers for sponges, drainage tubes, &c., should be largely adopted.

An interesting exhibit was that of Messrs. Bennetts, Son, and Shears, Limited, of 167, Kingsland Road, N.E., being a pill piping press, pill rounding machine, and coater, in fact, all the plant of the newest description necessary for a pharmaceutical laboratory. The ultimate destination of the exhibit was the New General Hospital, Birmingham.

Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, of Leeds, exhibited many appliances. The invariable excellence of the goods supplied by this firm, and the inventive genius which is evinced in their design, is now widely known. A novelty which may be mentioned is the "bellows insufflator," and both medical men and nurses will, we think, welcome an insufflator which claims to be at the same time simple and satisfactory.

The Instra bed-warmer, shown by Messrs. D. Blair and Co., 47, Cannon Street, E.C., was worthy of notice, while the bicycle handle bars, of which the handles were hollow, and fitted with instra fuel, which burns slowly, and keeps the handles warm for hours, should be a boon to cold-blooded cyclists.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

HILLS' CAKES.

It is well known that nurses, as a class, are large consumers of cakes. The after-dinner cup of tea, without which the majority of nurses would feel themselves unable to get through the afternoon, is usually supplemented by cakes, varying in richness, according to distance from quarter-day, and the consequent condition of the nurses' finances. We have, therefore, pleasure in drawing attention to the admirable quality of the cakes supplied by Messrs. John Hill & Sons, of the Tudno Cake Factory, Ashton-under-Lyne. That they have obtained considerable popularity is evident from the fact that the weekly sale is over 100 tons, while those who have once patronised Messrs. Hill will, we believe, be likely to become regular customers in the future.

PORTER'S NOURISHING FOOD.

WE have had submitted to us a sample of this food, supplied by W. T. Porter, of Sutton, Thirsk, Yorkshire. It is prepared principally from the finest portion of a cereal imported from the Oriental regions, which, it is asserted, contains more nourishment for the human body, weight for weight, than any other produce at present known. It is stated to be four times more nourishing than milk, while its extreme digestibility renders it a valuable article of food, as it can be retained when other foods are rejected. It is specially suitable for old people, infants, and invalids, and should prove a valuable addition to the supply of foods which may be used in these cases.

CHINOSOL.

An antiseptic agent which is asserted to be absolutely non-poisonous and non-irritant, must demand attention, and Chinosol claims to possess both these desirable qualities. It is also said that the germicidal action of Chinosol is at least forty times stronger than that of carbolic acid, and considerably more effective than corrosive sublimate. It is readily soluble in warm or cold water, it does not stain or injure linen, nor does it in any way affect the skin of the hands. It is also to be recommended on the ground of its cheapness. In appearance it resembles iodoform. Chinosol may be obtained in all the well-known forms in which antiseptics and disinfectants are now supplied. Gauze, wool, lint, and tow, become readily impregnated with it, and it is satisfactory to learn that they will keep in any climate, Chinosol being neither volatile nor hygroscopic. It may also be obtained in a powder, and in compressed tablets.

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