

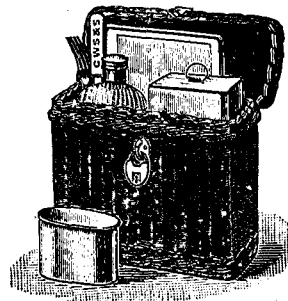
with the lamentable result of typhoid epidemics of grave extent. Now, at last, trained nursing is being called into requisition for these camps; and, at the instance of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and the "Daughters," Miss Anna Maxwell, Superintendent of Nurses in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, has been appointed to the important task of systematizing the work at Chickamauga, and straightening out the tangle. Miss Maxwell is one of the best known and most capable women we have in the profession; a great organizer and administrator, and New York Nurses are rejoicing in her appointment. Her stay at Chickamauga will be only until the work is systematized—the Presbyterian Hospital giving her a leave of absence for this purpose. She will then leave one of her graduates in charge, and return to her hospital position. She takes twenty nurses and five cooks with her, and thirty more follow in a few days time. The "Daughters" have gone about their work of securing nurses in quite a business-like way, having usually, though not in all instances, reached the nurses through the Training Schools or Alumnae Associations. This method has not been so uniformly followed by the Red Cross, whose officers have not looked to the training schools as vouchers for the nurses, but endeavoured to register and investigate each individual applicant, and deal with them directly, thus making themselves an enormous amount of unnecessary labor. It is also true that at the Red Cross Headquarters numbers of untrained women were registered and were given courses of lectures and "First Aid," thus giving cause for much criticism. Yet, when it came to practical work, I have not heard of any but trained nurses being sent by the Red Cross into hospital service. It is to be remembered that the Red Cross is dependent upon voluntary contributions, and these untrained helpers are often possessed of means which nurses lack, enabling them to bear their own expenses; then, too, Miss Barton, who is now nearly seventy years of age, may be easily excused for not always barring out the volunteer assistant, when one recalls her own wonderful life of labor and achievement for humanity. Beside her works of peace she has gone through two wars, our own civil war and the Franco-Prussian war, as a nurse, though not hospital trained, and has a number of medals from foreign Governments, among them being medals given by the old Emperor William and his wife Augusta.

Nurses, of course, are sorry that the National Association of Alumnae Societies might not have been first in the field, and entrusted with the task of supplying nurses. Mrs. Robb, the President, went personally to Washington to present the Association's resolution to the Surgeon-General, but the "Daughters" were ahead of her.

The greater number of "immune" nurses now in Santiago hospitals are coloured women. The circular now being sent out by the societies mentioned above, state that nurses' transportation and maintenance will be borne by the united associations, while the Government will pay thirty dollars a month salary. Nurses are required to take the oath of allegiance, and alien nurses must signify their willingness to become American citizens. Among Miss Maxwell's first staff were a German nurse, a Dane, a Scotchwoman, an Englishwoman, and several Canadians! Truly the nurse may say with Paine—"The world is my country, and to do good is my religion."

## New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

### A BICYCLE LUNCHEON BASKET.



THE nurse who does not cycle is now the exception that proves the rule, nurses will therefore, we think, be glad to be made acquainted with the Bicycle Luncheon Basket, supplied by Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, of Wigmore Street.

The size of the basket is only  $10\frac{1}{2}$  by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  by 9 inches. It can therefore easily be attached to the handle bar by means of straps. The basket contains a large wicker covered flask, an electro-plated drinking cup, an electro-plated sandwich box, a square enamelled steel plate with gilt edge, and a knife and fork. The price of this basket, fitted with a patent metal handle, padlock, and attaching straps, is 27s. 6d. Other luncheon baskets may be obtained of various patterns, but this appears to be the one most likely to commend itself to nurses.

### THE CHADWICK CARRIER.

THE Chadwick Carrier is a device for carrying the wounded which has been designed by Mrs. Cornelia Chadwick, the wife of the Commander of the United States battleship *New York*. The carrier consists of heavy sail cloth or canvas arranged in straps. When the straps are together they form what seem like a stretcher with hooks and straps at each corner. The wounded person is laid on the canvas, and the canvas straps go over the shoulders of the bearers. The straps are so arranged that the men have their arms absolutely free, so that they can both hold up a wounded man, and steady themselves when carrying a patient down a narrow gangway. The straps also support the weight of the man on the stretcher when the bearers are standing, and so make it possible to them to carry a considerable weight. Mrs. Chadwick's invention has the approval of Surgeon-General Van Ruypen, of the United States Navy, and when Admiral Sampson's fleet sailed for Cuban waters, each ship was supplied with one or more of these carriers. One advantage of the Chadwick Carrier is that it takes up so little room that even on board a battle ship where every inch of space is of importance, 200 or 300 can be kept close at hand. This is a great improvement upon most stretchers, which are cumbersome and unwieldy, as well as unsuitable for transporting patients on board ship.

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