

The Woman's Exhibition, 1900.**HOSPITAL SECTION EXHIBIT.**

At the Woman's Exhibition, to be opened at Earl's Court in May next, an interesting Hospital Section will be organized by the Special Appeal Committee, Charing Cross Hospital. This Committee is a large and influential one, and we are glad to observe that on the Ladies' Committee, formed in connection with the Special Appeal Committee, the name of the Lady Superintendent of the Hospital appears, so that her help will be available with regard to the arrangement of nursing details. It is just this lack of professional representation which has marred the former exhibitions at Earl's Court, and, apparently, the management has yet to learn that, if professional affairs are to be represented with any hope of success, the help of professional women must be secured, as well as that of influential women in smart society. On this Committee the Drama is represented, it is true, by some of the leaders of the profession, such as Mrs. Kendal, and Miss Ellen Terry, and Literature has its representative in Mrs. Cragie, but Medicine, the most scientific of women's professions, and nursing, are entirely unrepresented. We are, therefore, glad that the Charing Cross Special Appeal Committee has avoided this mistake, and has secured the co-operation of the Lady Superintendent of the Hospital.

By the courtesy of Mr. Reginald G. Lund, the Secretary of the Special Appeal Committee, we are able to give a preliminary notice of the Hospital Exhibit at Earl's Court. The architect is Mr. M. E. Collins, and some of the medical staff of the Hospital are warmly co-operating with the Committee to make the exhibition a success. At the entrance to this section will be a demonstration of Field Hospital Work, with an operating tent, fitted complete, as well as a tent for serious cases. These will be lent by the War Office. In the distance will be seen a Base Hospital. Adjoining this, is the ward of a modern Civil Hospital, containing 8 beds; on the right hand side of the passage leading to this is a duty room, on the left a hot cupboard for patients' clothes, another for linen, and an ice safe for food. There will also be a dispensary, an operating theatre, with anæsthetic, and Röntgen-ray rooms adjoining. A sanitary tower will contain a bathroom, lavatory, towel heater, etc., and an interesting feature will be a sunk bath, which is heated not only by the hot water poured into it, but the whole of the sides are heated by special coils, so that there is no possibility of a patient being chilled by contact with the sides above the water level. There will also be other interesting exhibits, of which we shall hope to say more later on.

Preparations, Inventions, etc.**KING'S PATENT COOKED OATMEAL.**

ONCE, when in the Highlands, we asked the "gude wife" how it came that all her sons stood over six feet in their stockings, and were such fine fellows.

"A'weel," she answered, smiling, "it's just me parridge and me broths. Scotch oatmeal maks the bra' lads and sonsy lassies."

And, indeed, it is undisputed that fine oatmeal—the chief diet of the Highlander—has built up one of the finest races of mankind; and if the English people ate more farinaceous food and less butcher's meat, we should need fewer sanatoriums in the land. But until lately, it was only the patient, careful housewife who could produce such "parridge" as was palatable, because oatmeal in the rough takes long to cook, and much stirring, and in these days the housewife or the maid is too busy in the morning to give time and attention to make good porridge.

Geo. King and Co., of the Albion Food Mills, Sycamore Street, London, E.C., have come to the aid of the busy housewife and hospital nurse, and have produced a Patent Cooked Oatmeal which is perfectly cooked by a patent process that renders it very easily digested, after one minute's boiling. For nurses in the lying-in room, this easy method of making a delicious gruel for their patients, will be a great boon, and we learn that King's Patent Cooked Oatmeal is now used in large quantities in several of our lying-in hospitals.

Geo. King and Co. are also offering a very first-rate Infants' Food—King's Wheaten (Malted) Food. The constituents of this Food have been most carefully considered, and are identical, as far as possible, with the constituents of the human body, and it builds up the infant's frame as it should be built up, in proper proportion of flesh, fat, bone and muscle. This Food is prepared from the very finest ripe English wheat and freshly ground barley malt, and its nourishing properties are so widely acknowledged that all Messrs. King's preparations can be obtained from the leading chemists and grocers.

A Good Time Coming.

Colonel Baden-Powell will be the recipient of a choice collection of luxuries as soon as they can be got to him at Mafeking.

Soups, Braised Beef, Tongue, Gelatines of Chicken, Chicken à la Gelée, Pheasants, Quails, Potted Meat, Jams, Biscuits, Sardines, and Lozenges of Tea, Chocolate and Meat are among the good things which the gallant Colonel's many friends in London have commissioned M. Benoist, the well-known purveyor, of Piccadilly, to send him.

Similar consignments have been sent to General Buller, to Sir George White at Ladysmith, and to Lord Methuen. We hope the Sisters will get some of these tasty tit bits.

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