

Dr. Hamilton remarks on the forcible effect produced by a professor of one of the Paris Hospitals on seeing the nurses of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. His comment is: "I was greatly struck by their beautifully clean uniform, their respect for the sick, the delicacy of their manners, their kindness, their professional knowledge, and their irreproachable deportment."

It is significant of the views of one of the most distinguished of Paris nurses and teachers that she declares that she would never permit her daughter to enter the nursing profession, knowing well how dangerous it is to a virtuous girl.

(To be continued.)

New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

MARKS ADJUSTABLE BEDSIDE AND READING TABLE.

We have pleasure in directing the attention of nurses and others to the above table. All particulars concerning it may be obtained from the Marks Adjustable Chair Co., Jessell Chambers, Chancery Lane, W.C., but the following are its principal characteristics. The table leaf is so arranged as to be firmly fastened in a level position, but it may be adjusted to any angle. A plated book holder is arranged for holding books. The frame of the table is constructed of steel tubing, which is finished with black enamel; one end of its base is provided with suitable castors, while the other end has a well designed foot, which rests firmly on the floor. The table leaf is 2ft. long, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ ft. wide. It is made of choice Indiana oak, and finely polished. Its entire weight is only 15 lbs., while the price is most moderate, being 25s.

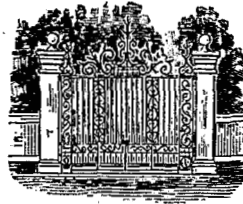
Besides being most useful in cases of sickness, the table serves many purposes in daily life, and is a useful addition to a sitting-room, study, or sewing-room. Moreover, those who purchase it in time of health will find that when sickness assails, that they have provided themselves with a most convenient appliance.

BLANCHE LEIGH SOAP.

There is, perhaps, nothing which people appreciate more when they are ill than dainty and pleasantly perfumed soap, and it happens not seldom that a nurse may have to purchase this article for her patient. We are, therefore, pleased to direct attention to the soaps supplied by Madame Blanche Leigh, whose London establishment is at 126, Oxford Street. These soaps are of the purest quality, lather freely, and also contain a percentage of Ichthyol, which is a powerful antiseptic, and which is absolutely deodorized. One of the principal is the Savon du Transvaal, which is luxurious in use, and delicately scented.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Lady Roberts-Austen has just been unanimously elected chairman of the Womersley (Surrey) Parish Council for the third time.

Miss Helen Gladstone has accepted the post of Warden of the Women's University Settlement, Southwark, in succession to Miss Sewell, resigned. Miss Gladstone will go into residence early in September. As a co-opted member of the committee, Miss Sewell will continue her connection with the work of the Settlement.

The number of women in attendance at the German universities during this present winter semester has passed the first thousand," says a Gottingen newspaper. "In all, 1,029 have been admitted, against 618 in the last summer semester, and 664 in the previous winter.

The Countess Dowager of Portsmouth presided at a meeting of the Pioneer Anti-Vivisection Society, held at the Empress Rooms, Kensington. In moving a resolution urging the House of Commons to legislate against vivisection, the Countess said that the subject was very near the heart with the approval of the head. In seconding the resolution, Mrs. Despard said the young medical men of to-day had not the delicacy of the old school, and it was a pity there was not a proper supervision of our hospitals to remedy this.

It is rumoured that Mr. Frank J. Warde of New York is the chief promoter of a scheme to establish a daily newspaper in London after the example of *La Fronde* in Paris, written and worked by women for women. Should this be true it is to be hoped that the real interests of women will at last be represented, and all the banal *frou frou* trash which now insults the intelligence of our sex, under some such heading as "Women's World," "Items of Interest to Women," dealing with clothes, cosmetics and *cocottes*, may be severely left to male managers. We are tired of being catered for by a press gang as contemptuous as it is contemptible.

Should paupers pick oakum? Surely not. Mrs. Stroud, a member of the Lambeth Board of Guardians, has reported to the board that on a visit she paid to the Prince's Road Workhouse she saw 35 female paupers picking oakum. The reason given was that there was no needlework for them to do. Who prescribed this penal occupation? Find him and remove him from office. His sphere is in charge of a Kimberley compound.

The current number of the *Journal des Femmes* directs its readers' attention to a letter from Mrs. Farquharson of Haughton, urging that, in commemoration of the glorious reign of Queen Victoria, all unjust restrictions imposed on women by social and legal laws should be abolished. This would indeed make Her name blessed for ever more.

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