

New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

THE "GEM" PURE WATER STILL.

We have much pleasure in drawing attention to the usefulness of the "Gem" Automatic Pure Water Still, as we feel sure it would be a boon in many households, by providing an absolutely pure water supply, at a minimum amount of trouble. We believe this Still has only to be known to be very largely used. It is not only desirable in ordinary households (and housewives will learn with interest that distilled water is so soft that it makes excellent tea), but it would be invaluable in dispensaries, where distilled water is constantly required. The price of the Still, which can be used on an ordinary oil stove, cooking stove, or gas ring, is 40s.



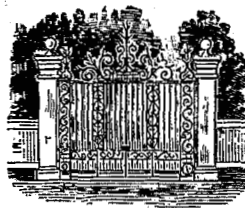
SECTION OF STILL.

The principle of this apparatus is as follows:—The Retort at the bottom, and the Condenser at the top are filled with water, no matter how foul. From the Retort, clouds of steam are generated, which come in contact with a cold metal surface and are condensed back into water, dripping off into and stored in a reservoir.

We must also mention the "Gem" Quaker Bath Cabinet, by means of which the luxury of hot air, Turkish, and vapour baths can be enjoyed at home. It can be folded up when not in use, and practically takes up no space. The price of the cabinet is 30s. with lamp, or in a superior quality £2 15s. Both the Still and the Bath Cabinet can be obtained from the Gems Supplies Co., Ltd., 6, Bishop's Court (near Post Office), Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A case of interest to women generally has been raised in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. Miss Margaret Howie, Strang Hall, belonging to Kirn, in the West of Scotland, applied, as we previously reported, for admission to the law agents' examination.

The Court ordered the Incorporated Society of Law Agents to lodge answers to her petition if they had any, and the society, in its answers, says that no lady has ever heretofore been admitted as legal practitioner in the country, and it is a question whether women have a legal right to admission to practice as law agents, a privilege which has been hitherto confined exclusively to men. The statutes of their society did not appear to contemplate women becoming members of the profession, but they did not consider it to be their interest or their duty to maintain that women ought not to be enrolled as law agents. This is, indeed, a much more satisfactory reply than we hoped for.

Mrs. Creighton is so well known, in her public capacity, to many readers of the NURSING RECORD that we feel sure the sympathy which is accorded to her by them in the irreparable loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, the much beloved Bishop of London, will be deep and heartfelt. We sincerely hope that we may keep Mrs. Creighton in our midst, and that after a time she will once more take up the public work for which she is so well fitted.

Lady O'Hagan was elected chairman of the Burnley School Board on Monday. She was the nominee of the Progressive party, and beat Mr. Pritchard, of the Church party, by one vote.

Considering how the proverbs of all nations whet their wit on woman, it is somewhat surprising to find her still beguiling men. These proverbs of the nations, give sarcasm its razor edge. "We ask," says a proverb of the Chinese, "four things of a woman—that virtue dwell in her heart, modesty in her forehead, sweetness in her mouth, and labour in her hands." Another proverb advises men to choose a wife with the ears rather than with the eyes. Another states that the sea is more dangerous than war and that woman is more dangerous than the sea. "Before going to war say a prayer; before going to sea say two prayers; before marrying say three prayers." This is bad enough, but listen to one from Alsatia—"If you would make a pair of good shoes, take for the sole the tongue of a woman; it never wears out."

Amusing mistakes, and mistakes not amusing, have sometimes been made in connexion with the tying of the matrimonial knot, and not all have been so careful as the bridegroom in the following anecdote:

At a negro wedding, when the clergyman had read the words "love, honour, and obey," the bridegroom interrupted him and said, "Please, sah, read dat again. Read it once mo,' so's de lady kin ketch de full

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