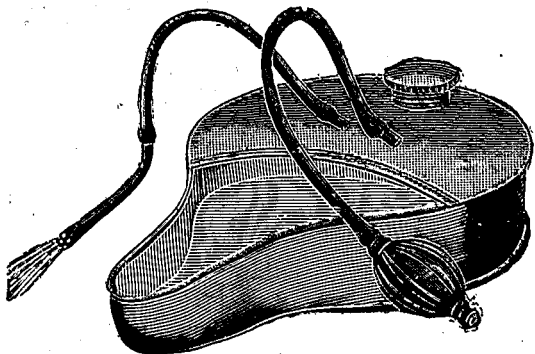


the employment of such method. Our readers will do well to note that Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome's registered trade mark is "Tabloid" Brand, and when the preparations of this firm are desired this should always be mentioned. Any attempt to supply substitutes should be communicated to the firm at Snow Hill Buildings, E.C.

A NEW BED BATH.

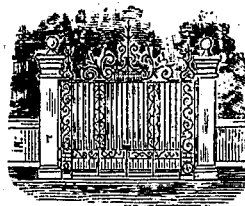
We have pleasure in directing attention to a new bed bath, just brought out by Messrs. W. H. Bailey and Son, of 38, Oxford Street, made in enamelled ware. The speciality of this bath is that it contains a reservoir for the fluid to be injected, and that the syringe for use is attached to this compartment. The obvious advantage is that not only is all the space utilized, but the bath proper has straight sides, and every portion of it can be inspected and cleansed with ease. With regard to the reservoir we should like to make two suggestions: (1) That a transparent pane of glass or celluloid should be inserted in the side, so that the nurse may be able to see when the fluid it contains is exhausted, otherwise there is a risk that she may inject air, and (2) that the lid at the top should be constructed



so as to be removable, in order that the reservoir may be thoroughly cleansed. Both these suggestions are mere points of detail which can easily be made in construction. The idea of the appliance is admirable, and it should be specially useful in district midwifery. In maternity homes the use of the cumbersome bed bath at present in vogue, and the irrigating can, for which a bracket is provided by each bed, is possible, but a nurse cannot single handed use the latter appliance in cottages. The new bed bath supplied by Messrs. Bailey will obviate many of the difficulties which at present beset her, and both general district nursing associations and those concerned more especially with midwifery, should add this convenient appliance to their stores. Private obstetrical nurses would also find it of great utility.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



It is authoritatively stated that the President of the United States ordered the flag to be half-masted not because Queen Victoria was Queen of Great Britain, but because of her greatness as a woman and her frequent acts of friendship towards the United States.

At the United Girls' Schools' Mission Settlement in Camberwell, a lecture on women as Sanitary Inspectors was given by Miss Alice Busk, guardian of the poor, and late member of the Vestry of St. George the Martyr, Southwark. The Mayor of Camberwell, Mr. Matthew Wallace, C.C., was in the chair, and among those present were members of several South London Borough Councils. Miss Busk dwelt on the success in St. George's of the women inspectors of houses let in lodgings, which she said had led to the decision of the Borough of Southwark to appoint five women on its sanitary staff. She advocated the employment by the new borough councils of women for the inspection of workshops, laundries, wholesale warehouses, &c., where women are employed, and the appointment of fully qualified women to teach simple hygiene and health questions in the homes of the poor. In a discussion which followed several gentlemen spoke in favour of the appointment of women for such work.

Mdlle. Chauvin, the pioneer lady barrister, made her first appearance last week in the Paris courts. She appeared as counsel for a pointsman who was charged with neglect of duties in connection with the railway accident at Choisy-le-Roi. Mdlle. Chauvin argued that the amnesty law applied to the case, and the court decided in her favour.

There is a considerable movement of opinion in Belgium in favour of women barristers. A Bill to permit women to practice in the Law Courts will be laid before the Belgium Chamber at an early date.

Mr. Barton, the new Premier of our Australian Commonwealth, is a big man—and consequently is not afraid of women. In his recent speech outlining the policy of the Government, he stated that he was in favour of womanhood suffrage. Home politicians please note.

The news that "Mr." Murray Hall, one of Tammany's Shining Lights, was a woman masquerading as a man for over thirty years, has caused a tremendous sensation in New York. "Mr." Hall, who was engaged in business as an employment agent and professional bondsman, amassed a large fortune. He was married twice. "He" was badly henpecked by his first "wife," and the second died two years ago. "His" sole heir is an adopted daughter, aged twenty-two, and it is possible that legal complications will arise over the will. "Mr." Hall's ability as a politician is regarded in the States as a strong argument in favour of woman's suffrage.

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