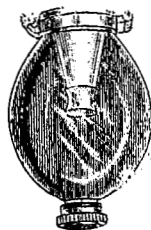


the "Heavy Winter" would, we imagine, keep one cosey at the North Pole, and as the garments are made in four sizes, there are suits to meet the needs and idiosyncracies of all. Moreover, Messrs. H. Roberts Harrison and Co. assure us that their goods will not shrink in washing. They preserve their elasticity, thus permitting the escape of perspiration, which is a sanitary necessity. Socks, stockings, night-gowns, knickers, corsets of pure wool webbing, and, indeed, every under-garment for men, women of which can be obtained by writing direct to and children, are made by this firm, price lists the above address.

#### SPUTUM FLASKS.

If there was a fault to be found with the arrangements of the British Congress on Tuberculosis, it would be that it had not been found possible to organise an exhibition of practical appliances referring to the treatment and nursing of the disease. Amongst the very few articles on view we noticed a spittoon, and sputum flasks, exhibited by Messrs. Maw, Son and Thompson, of Aldersgate Street, E.C. These interested us much, and we should like to draw our readers attention to the Pocket Spitting Flasks, for the use of patients suffering from lung affections, especially that designed, by Dr. Detweiler, Privy Medical Councillor of Falkenstein—Taunus, for the reception of secretion of the bronchial tubes and lungs. Its use is simple and more cleanly than that of a pocket handkerchief, or one might add of the floor, and its use removes all danger of transmitting infectious matter.

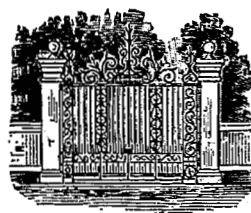


The flask stands firm upon the lower capsule, and must be emptied when the expectoration nearly reaches the funnel. The complete cleansing is easily effected by pouring in a five per cent carbolic solution, and by allowing the contents to run off from the lower hole into a waste pipe. The flask should be constantly scalded and thoroughly dried.

Messrs. Maw, Son and Thompson, supply flasks of blue glass body, with nickelled mounts,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  by 3 inches, and  $4\frac{1}{8}$  by 2 inches each, in a box, at £1 12s. per dozen, and flasks of aluminium body, with nickelled mounts,  $4\frac{1}{8}$  by 2 inches, at £2 14s. per dozen.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



A handsome drinking fountain was unveiled at Southampton on Saturday as a memorial of the heroic stewardess of the *Stella*—Mrs. Mary Ann Rogers—who was drowned when the ill-fated steamer struck the Casquets, on Good Friday, 1899. It will be

remembered that Mrs. Rogers, seeing a lady passenger without a life-belt, handed her her own and went down with the ship. The question of a memorial at Southampton was raised by Miss Francis Power Cobbe, and supported by Mrs. Annie J. Bryans, of North Cray, Kent. Subscriptions flowed in readily. The fountain, which is designed in the old Norman style, has been erected on the Western Esplanade. £250 left over have been invested with trustees for the benefit of the family of the deceased heroine.

It is rumoured that the women who are to work on the Committee and in the Boer Concentration Camps are to be very handsomely paid. Why not? It will be very responsible and arduous work. It is stated that the pay will be £4 4s. and £2 2s. a day, and so incomprehensible does this appear to the average man, that it is suggested that all the papers which report the same are suffering from irresponsible printers' devils! £4 4s. a day makes £29 8s. (say £30) a week. But we must remember that several young civil surgeons sent out to South Africa were paid at the rate of about £100 a week. Anyway, we are delighted to find women's expert work for the nation valued at £30 a week—it is the surest sign under the sun of *appreciation*, although, of course, when compared with the salary of a music-hall star it sinks into insignificance. But that is neither here nor there.

The *Daily Mail*, which appears to grow more and more intolerant of intelligence in women, states that the appointment of the Ladies' Committee to visit the concentration camps is viewed with disfavour at Cape Town, and that Dr. Jane Waterston, one of the ladies selected to act, declines to serve on the Commission. Dr. Waterston was president of the Women's Rand Relief Committee. She has written to the *Cape Times* on behalf of the Committee, pointing out that whereas the Boer women have every necessary and considerable comfort, we are only able to offer the British refugee women and children bare sustenance.

Let the Ladies' Commission be directed to look after our own people as well, if the management of the Mansion House Fund, with the enormous financial support given to it by the nation at large, has failed in its power of organization. Two blacks don't make one white!

Marriageable women in Servia have a queer way of announcing they are in the matrimonial market. A dressed doll, hanging in the principal window of a house, indicates that there is living there a woman who is anxious to become a bride.

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