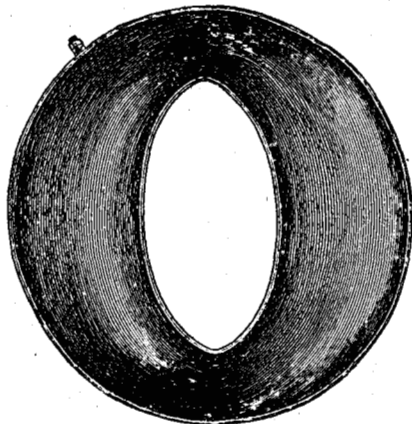


Notes on Practical Nursing.

AN OVAL RUBBER RING.

We are all well used to the discomfort of round air and water cushions—for years complaints have been made of their unsatisfactory shape—and yet no attempt has been made in this country to provide a substitute more anatomically correct. At Buffalo new oval and horseshoe shaped rings were shown, the special features being that they are perfectly ventilated, non-heating, conform to the shape of the body, and that they are adjustable for seat, pillow, or bolster.

The oval cushion is known as the "Solid Comfort" Invalid Ring, and its advantages will be appreciated at a glance. When in use the old style ring, with round centre, swelled up back



THE SOLID COMFORT INVALID RING.

and front, causing uncomfortable pressure and an insecure seat. The new cushion perfectly avoids these difficulties. With the oval centre cushion the buttocks cover only the centre part of the opening, leaving the front and back parts open, thus securing ventilation.

The "Horseshoe" shape specially commends itself to us; it is without exception the most comfortable cushion we have ever sat upon, and we are not at all surprised that the American medical and nursing worlds are loud in their praises of its advantages over every other cushion. For those afflicted with Rectal and Spinal complaints it is highly recommended, and widely in use in the States. It is made in two sizes: No. 1, Standard size, 16 inches, retails at \$4.50; No. 2, Small size, 14 inches, retails at \$4.00. Both are patented by Messrs. Meinecke and Co., of New York.

Legal Matters.

THE CONVICTION OF ISABEL SPENCE.

At the Central Criminal Court, before the Recorder, Isabel Spence, aged 29, late a nurse at the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, recently pleaded guilty to stealing a book, the property of the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria Street, Westminster.—Mr. Safford prosecuted; Mr. Chas. Mathews defended.—On December 12th the prisoner was seen in the stationery department of the Stores to pick up a book and leave without paying for it. She came again on December 20th, when she was observed to take several other articles. In a portion of a pillow case beneath the prisoner's cloak, Christmas cards, diaries, and other articles, of the value of £4 10s., were found. She said, in reply to the charge, that she could not explain why she took the articles without paying for them.—Mr.



"HORSESHOE" AIR CUSHION.

Charles Mathews said, in extenuation, that the prisoner's past record was a most praiseworthy one. From fourteen years of age she had devoted herself to the profession of nursing, and came afterwards to St. Thomas's Hospital, where she remained four years. The conduct of the prisoner was quite inexplicable.—Sentence was postponed until the next Sessions.

For this reason we refrain from comment upon the case, further than to say that the statement of Mr. Chas. Mathews that the prisoner had devoted herself to the profession of nursing from fourteen years of age, is one of the most astonishing ever made in open court. That any man of affairs can conceive it possible that a child of fourteen can seriously adopt the profession of nursing, or discharge its duties, passes our comprehension, but the fact that such an assertion has been seriously made is proof of the ignorance which still prevails on nursing matters, and of the need in which the public stand of enlightenment.

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