

served as ward nurses in a general hospital for the period of at least two years, as well as by such as can prove by certificate from a medical man that they have been engaged in private nursing to his satisfaction for a period of at least six months.

Nurses pay a fee of one crown on being entered on the lists of the Society.

If permanent work is procured through the Society, the fee of one per cent. of the salary of the first year is paid by the nurse.

Our Guinea Prize.

For the first time we have to announce that, out of dozens of replies to our Prize Puzzle, we have not received one entirely correct reply, and we shall therefore not have the pleasure of forwarding the Guinea Prize to any of our readers.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLE.

- No. 1. Gastritis. Gas-try t'is.
- No. 2. Phlebitis. Flee-bite-is.
- No. 3. Elephantiasis. Elephant-tie asses.
- No. 4. Erysipelas. Eerie-sip-eal-eye s.

The following competitors sent in three correct replies, substituting Nephritis or Delirium Tremens for Erysipelas: Miss Helen E. Court, Miss Helena M. Garwood, Miss A. M. Jubb, Miss E. S. Eckford, Mrs. Alice Scott, Miss S. Young, Miss Amy Lister, Miss J. Rhodes, Miss Susan Murray, Miss K. Ridge, and Mrs. Lane.

Honestly we are not surprised to find that the gentleman in No. 4 is supposed to have an excessive thirst for alcohol.

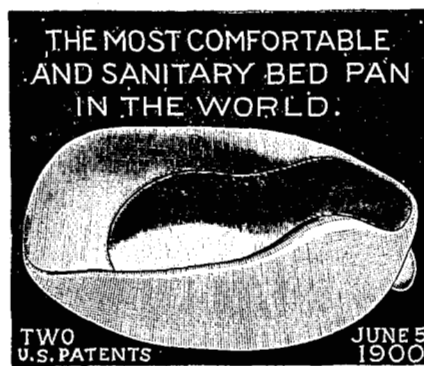
The Rules for the Guinea Prize remain the same. The new set of Prize Puzzles will be found on page VIII. next week. The Prize Puzzle artist has been unavoidably prevented from sending the sketches for insertion in this week's issue.

The Midwives' Bill.

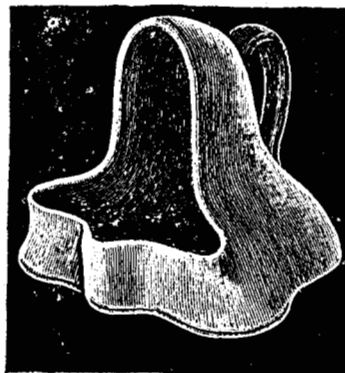
The Midwives' Bill which is backed by Lord Cecil Manners, Mr. Tatton Egerton, Miss Schwann, Mr. Parker Smith, Sir John Tuke, Sir Savile Crossley, Mr. Eugene Watson, Mr. Tennant, and Mr. Heywood Johnson, has secured Wednesday, February 26th, for its second reading. There is always a possibility of the Government taking a day for its own business, but this is hardly likely so early in the session. It therefore behoves both the promoters and the opposers of the Bill to be on the alert. Women's Societies will do well to study the Bill carefully in the interests of women as a class, while the large number of trained nurses who hold the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society are directly and vitally concerned in it.

Notes on Practical Nursing.

A room was given up near the Congress Hall at Buffalo, in which works and magazines on Nursing, photographs of Hospitals and Nurses, and a variety of useful nursing appliances were on view, and so excellent were some of the latter that we were anxious English nurses should see them. Through the courtesy of Messrs. Meinecke and Co., of New York, we were enabled to show some of these articles to the nurses present at Miss McGahey's good-bye gathering on the 9th ult.



THE PERFECTION BED PAN.



NEW URINAL FOR WOMEN.

The "Perfection" porcelain bed pan is of a novel, and we are informed by American nurses, a most efficient shape, and some good reasons are given why it is better than other kinds:—

1. It is more comfortable and does not hurt the patient. Other bed pans when in use press against the spine and hurt.

2. It has a large capacity, holding fully two

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