

## New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

### ROYAL ADMIRALTY SERGES.

Of all the bewildering variety of materials which are now offered as dress fabrics, none has ever excelled, or even equalled, serge in popularity. And the public estimate is just, for, provided the serge be a good one, nothing looks better than a well-made costume in this material, and nothing is more satisfactory in wear. The great point is to obtain a serge of good quality, and we commend to the attention of our readers the excellent patterns supplied by Mr. James Beattie, the Royal Admiralty Serge Warehouse, 73A to 78, Victoria Street, Wolverhampton. In colour (both in black and blue), finish, and appearance they are all that can be desired, while the price is most moderate, ranging from 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 3s. 6d. per yard from 40 to 46 in. wide. The white and red serges also are most attractive, the prices of the white ranging from 1s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 1s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per yard, and of the red from 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per yard double width. All these serges are woven from the finest British yarns, and the makers guarantee them proof against sun and storm, and that if boiled in soda or saturated with sea water they will retain their elasticity and suppleness of touch; that they will not change colour if exposed to the sun, sea water, or sea air; that they will not spot if rained on, or shrink when washed or wetted—in fact, that they cannot be injured unless the fabric is destroyed by powerful acids. As all nurses nowadays require a durable costume, whether uniform or otherwise, to wear when off duty, for no up-to-date nurse thinks of wearing ward dresses out of doors, we commend these serges to their attention. In this wet season, a material which withstands the weather is especially acceptable. We believe that these serges have only to be well known by nurses to be widely adopted by them.

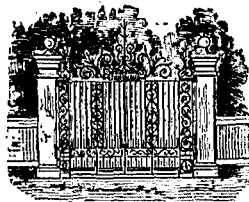
### THE SANITAS FUMIGATOR.

A useful appliance is that known as the Sanitas Fumigator, supplied by the Sanitas Company, Ltd., Letchford's Buildings, Three Colt Lane, Bethnal Green. The cost is 2s. 6d. The cup of the fumigator is placed upon its stand and half-filled with boiling water, and a small quantity of Sanitas oil is then added. A cone, which is fitted with a long tube for the dispersion of steam, is then fitted over it, and the water made to boil by means of the spirit lamp supplied with the fumigator. When the water boils, the Sanitas oil comes off with the steam in the form of vapour, when it should be inhaled by the patient. When the fumigator is kept constantly at work—which is of advantage when its use is prescribed in cases of asthma—so that the air of the room is kept constantly charged with the vapour of Sanitas oil, a pyramid nightlight may be used in place of the spirit lamp. It must always be remembered that the oil is inflammable.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.

The Lord Mayor has received from the Queen the sum of £100 to be applied as her Majesty's contribution to the Mansion House Fund for the Unemployed.



The Lancashire and Cheshire Women Textile and other Workers' Representation Committee announces that Mr. Hubert Sweeney has consented to stand for Wigan as the Committee's candidate. The present main object of the Committee is the extension of the franchise to women.

This is a very rational move. What we want in the House is a Woman's Party, of which each man would be specially pledged to work and vote for our Parliamentary enfranchisement. When women work only to send men into Parliament who will give these pledges there will be some sense in their canvassing; to help to return men who are opposed to justice to women is foolish and disloyal to their own sex, and detrimental to the well-being of the whole community.

We have been intensely interested in the debate on indentured Chinese labour for the Transvaal, and sincerely hope all the members who appeared inspired by genuine detestation of human slavery, and who spoke so eloquently against it, realised that their own white women—mothers, sisters, and daughters—are still held in bondage in this land of boasted freedom, and are compelled to pay taxes without representation and to obey laws for or against which they have no power of appeal.

Mrs. Fordham, the talented daughter of Sir Walter Foster, M.P., has just published a most interesting volume dealing with the Evolution of Imperial and Local Government. The work is prefaced by an introduction from her father's pen, and should find a place on every woman's bookshelf.

The Congress of the Transvaal Guild of Loyal Women was held recently at Pretoria. Lady Lawley, in the course of her address, said that the preservation of the graves of those who fell in the war was a great work which would never be forgotten. The Guild had, indeed, left a mark on the country which was not likely to be effaced.

Why should all these graves of brave men lie scattered where they fell? Why should not the Transvaal follow the example of the United States, and select as a memorial to those who lost their lives for the Empire a National Burial Ground, where in most beautiful surroundings all the brave dead are gathered together, each with his own headstone, to rest in peace in a sacred spot in the loving care of the people?

Nothing moved us more in the United States than a visit to Arlington—once the home of the Lees, now the resting-place of the nation's dead warriors—so situated that all who come to the capital can pay it a

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