

complete hospital and the residential quarters for the medical, nursing, and domestic staff. Of the three blocks of wards, which will with the administration block form the complete hospital, one is now in course of erection. The estimated cost of completing the building is £30,000, of which close on £22,000 has still to be raised.

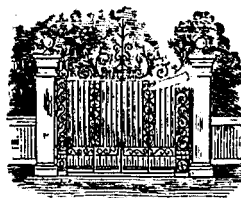
The Duke of Fife is known to be a very keen man of business, and is a banker as well as a Duke, and in expressing the pleasure which it gave him and the Princess to take part in the ceremony, said they were thoroughly alive to the necessity of providing hospital accommodation in a district such as that, where the growth of population during the past quarter of a century had been phenomenal. The Bolingbroke Hospital was founded on the wisest of all principles, namely, the paying principle. Now that it was to be converted into a general hospital he hoped that this principle would not be entirely discarded in its administration, because he was convinced that if it had been more generally and consistently adopted the financial defects which hampered all hospitals would not be so serious. He heartily congratulated the inhabitants of the neighbourhood on having overcome the initial difficulties with regard to the enlargement of the institution, and he earnestly trusted that the difficulties of maintenance might be met by the generosity and public spirit of the residents in that thickly populated neighbourhood, each contributing according to his or her means and working in combination.—Purses in aid of the building fund were then received by the Princess Royal, the sum thus collected amounting to close on £100.

There are many who are watching with deep interest the progress of the movement for the establishment of the Children's Sanatorium for the treatment of consumption at Holt, in Norfolk, knowing the urgent need of sanatoria for children, for whom no special provision has yet been made, and confident that in the capable hands of Miss Marian Rumball, better known as Sister Marian, the children will have every care and attention. The friends of the movement will be glad to know that, by the kind permission of Dr. Octavia Lewin, a Drawing-room Sale will be held on May 17th at 25, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, W., in aid of the maintenance of the first patients, as in view of the urgent need the Committee contemplate arranging temporarily for the accommodation of eight or ten children about the middle of the present year.

The very fine emporium of Thomas Wallis & Co. at Holborn Circus, E.C., is most conveniently situated for nurses' shopping from the City and East End, and this week all sorts of pretty Paris dress materials are on sale at extraordinary reasonable prices. The silk department is especially fascinating; here lengths for blouses can be bought at a price all can afford to pay. Wallis & Co.'s question to nurses in need of summer clothes and uniforms is, "Why go West?"

Outside the Gates.

THE SWEATED INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION.



In the Small Queen's Hall the *Daily News* has organised an exhibition of some of those industries which are carried on, for the most part in the homes of the workers, under conditions which are neither wholesome nor just.

Sweating as defined by a Committee of the House of Lords means, "Unduly low rates of wages, excessive hours of labour, and insanitary state of work places."

The two first conditions are shown in the Exhibition, small though it is, until one feels overwhelmed with shame that here in a wealthy country like England, in the twentieth century, such things can be.

Here we see matchbox-making at twopence per gross, this means that the worker must make 144 boxes complete for the magnificent sum of eight farthings, finding her own paste, hemp (for tying up), and firing to dry them; and, mark you, should the paper be soiled the whole lot are rejected, so particular must she be over such well remunerated work. By working twelve hours a day, *Sundays included*, 8s. 2d. per week may be earned.

At another stall is a trouser maker who receives the princely sum of 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d. per dozen pairs of men's trousers. One pair takes nearly an hour to make, and in an exceptionally good week 10s. 6d. can be earned.

Carding hooks and eyes seems rather like play work doesn't it? But when 384 must be sewn on for one penny it assumes a very different aspect. This worker can earn as much as 5s. a week if she works eighteen hours a day—and she supports an invalid husband.

Button carding is very similar but this worker and her brother, by steady sewing for fifteen hours a day, can average a weekly income of 3s. 6d.

How many tennis players realise the skill and care needed to cover the balls which afford them so many pleasant hours? Great care and skill are necessary in this work lest the stitches show too much, or the leather is torn, and for covering one dozen 4½d. to 6d. is paid, and the balls are retailed at 10s. 6d. to 12s. a dozen.

A quick worker can cover a dozen in two hours and a-half, but as the demand is chiefly during the summer months, there is, of necessity, much slack time as well as the low rate of pay.

Most nurses have, I think, a weakness for dainty slippers, and prettily beaded shoes are usually the favourites.

Would they yield so much satisfaction, I wonder, if their wearers fully grasped the fact that all the beads are sewn on by hand at 1s. 7d. to 2s. 6d. per dozen pairs? The worker finds her own needles and thread, and a fourteen-hour working day brings in an average weekly income of 6s.

The holidays are upon us, and many a ready-made

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