

Spring Novelties.

The early advent of Spring has made many nurses take a hasty review of their wardrobes, for the uniforms which looked trim enough in the dark winter days appear suddenly shabby now that town and country alike are flooded with glorious sunshine. Whatever economies a nurse practises no one who honours her calling will tolerate a shabby uniform, and therefore business just now is brisk with those firms who make a speciality of nursing uniforms.

MESSRS. GARROULD, EDGWARE ROAD, W.

No one can visit the establishment of Messrs. Garrould, at 150, Edgware Road, without realising that the pains taken by this firm to meet the needs of nurses have met with a most gratifying response. One never mounts the broad stairs leading to the very handsome saloon, where every conceivable item which a nurse can desire, from headgear to footgear, as well as all the accessories of her craft, are conveniently gathered together for her inspection, without passing some half-dozen nurses, while in the saloon itself they are everywhere in evidence.

Messrs. Garrould are showing a great variety of uniform cloaks and dresses, all well cut and of good material. A new cap, suitable for Matrons and Superintendents, is the Annabel, which costs 2s. 6d. in plain muslin, edged with Valenciennes lace, or 3s. 6d. in spotted muslin. It easily comes out flat for washing purposes, and is a very becoming cap when made up.

The firm are also now supplying their popular white linen belt, which is worn outside the apron, in a three inch width. It is much liked by nurses with slim figures. The price is 8½d.

MESSRS. THOMAS WALLIS AND CO., LTD.,
HOLBORN CIRCUS, E.C.

Another firm, which caters largely for nurses, as well as for hospitals and nursing institutions, is Messrs. Wallis, of Holborn Circus, and the fact that year after year the firm has kept contracts which have been offered to open tender proves not only that the quality of the goods it supplies is approved when tested, but also that the prices it is able to quote bear favourable comparison with other tenders.

The uniform cloaks supplied by this firm range from 17s. 9d. to 31s. 6d., and upwards in price, and are of excellent design. The surgical cape, worn by the nursing staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, made in black cloth, and lined with scarlet flannel, is a marvel of cheapness at 11s. 6d., and is a trim and useful wrap for nurses who have to cross open

spaces or corridors in the course of their work. Uniform dresses which can be made to order from self measurements, or from pattern bodices, are supplied at prices beginning at 16s. 6d. Patterns of materials, which include Oxford Shirtings, Regatta, Jean, Linen, Drill, Piqué, Serge, Beige, Cashmere, and Alpaca, are sent on application. The bonnets range in price from one of fine straw, trimmed with velvet, and with ribbon strings, at 6s. 6d., to one of the same material, with silk veil in addition at 11s. 6d., or with gossamer veil 14s. 6d. Some remarkably attractive dressing gowns, indispensable items in the wardrobes of all nurses, are also on view in the saloons of this firm.

Healthy Homes.

The public are now learning that dust holding carpets, and wall papers which cannot be washed, should be abolished from any rooms in which the sick are treated, and even in the ordinary bedroom washable walls are greatly to be preferred to any others. It is easy now to have walls of harmonious tints, which are thoroughly sanitary, as HALL'S SANITARY WASHABLE DISTEMPER is supplied in every variety of shade, and besides having disinfectant qualities, it can easily be washed, thus rendering it a hygienically ideal, as well as a very charming, decoration for walls. An advantage which will be appreciated by many people is that white ceilings coated with this distemper do not turn black with sulphur, as it contains no lead, and will never crack or fall off, as is the case with ordinary whitewash. The fact that Hall's Distemper has the power of resisting the blackening tendency of gas is a very strong point in its favour.

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