

### Toyland.

MESSRS. THOMAS WALLIS AND CO., LTD.

I am not clear that it is a kindness to Messrs. Wallis and Co., of Holborn Circus, to advise the readers of this journal to visit their Christmas Bazaar. Nor would you be if you had seen the seething mass of humanity all struggling to get a glimpse of the wonderful collection of toys for the children, and attractive and useful gifts for the grown-ups on view here, so that the doors of the establishment have to be closed, and only opened at intervals to let in a proportion of those who desire to explore its wonders. But it follows that when there are so many attractions on all sides competing for the favour of the public, this bazaar must be of unusual excellence, and the readers of the Journal might well be disappointed if their attention were not directed to it.

To begin with, the children are wild to be taken to this particular establishment. For Teddy bears, big and little, of all shades, from the white polar bear to the dark brown furry favourite, are to be found here in the greatest profusion. And, most entrancing of all, is there not a real live bear in a cage, good tempered and handsome, in charge of a keeper, to be regarded with some fear and awe, but still greater delight and fascination? The mechanical toys of this firm are always exceptionally good, so are the soldiers, and the soldiers' uniforms, which are bound to delight little boys. A lucky pie in the form of a drum which costs 10½d. and contains 24 prizes, would be sure to give pleasure in a children's ward, or to any gathering of children, for there is an extraordinary fascination in selecting and opening a package of unknown contents. Another fascinating gift for a child is called "Nature Study," in which between two slides of glass, and through a magnifying glass of high power, one sees a nest of ants busily at work. Directions for feeding them are supplied with this novel gift, which costs 5s. 11d. The older people have not been forgotten, and an attaché case covered with mauve moiré at 10s. 9d. and a writing basket at 12s. 9d. could not fail to be welcome gifts.

MESSRS. E. AND R. GARROULD.

Those who visit the popular establishment of Messrs. E. and R. Garrould, 150, Edgware Road, W., will find that the Christmas bazaar which usually takes possession of the Nursing Saloon is this year on the ground floor, and very easily accessible. At the entrance one is met by a clown, who gives a demonstration of the powers of "the celebrated 'Mr. Jollyboy,'" most amusing of dancers, who is easily manipulated by the inexperienced, and is sure to cause much fun. Once inside the bazaar there is an endless variety of attractions. No bazaar this year is complete without aeroplanes, and from 10½d. upwards you can select your favourite. Mechanical railways, Teddy bears, Santa Claus surprise stockings from 2½d. to 4s. 3d. filled with toys and sweets, everything the heart of child can desire is to be found here. For the older people there is a large selection of fancy and use-

ful bags, dainty books by well-known authors in limp covers at 2s. 6d., including Carlyle's French Revolution, and other standard works, which would delight the book lover. Baskets fitted with gum, paste, string, sealing wax, scissors, etc., than which there could scarcely be a more useful gift at this time, and many other things. Everyone should make a point of paying a visit to this Bazaar and Toy Fair, or should write for the illustrated catalogue, from which Christmas trees, bran pies, not to mention Father Christmas' basket, can be easily and cheaply equipped.

M. B.

### Where to Find What You Want

SYKES, JOSEPHINE, AND CO.

The selection of a corset is an important item, for most women realise that unless they are well corsetted it is useless to hope for a perfectly fitting gown, and the importance of such selection is accentuated when, for any reason, special care is needed as after an operation, during and after pregnancy, etc. In all such circumstances we unhesitatingly advise our readers to secure the skilled and experienced aid obtainable at the Maison Sykes, Josephine, and Co., of 280, Regent Street, W. Moreover, in all cases of abnormality, the firm follow out medical instructions in cutting their corsets, and have the sure skill which comes from long years of practice.

A specialty of this firm is the "Gestation Corset," specially designed for wearing during this period. It combines the Corset and Belt in one, and is cut to give the greatest support to the abdomen with the minimum weight. The front is arranged to lace, and on each side elastic is inserted so that it gives to every movement of the body.

Supplementing the "Gestation Corset" is the "Restoring Corset," designed to assist the figure to regain its former contour, and to afford support to the lower part of the body. The straps attached to the lower part of the corset can be loosened or tightened at will, and the corset has other special features which only need to be seen to be appreciated.

A special feature is also made of "The Obesity Corset," the object aimed at being a compression of the abdominal parts, and a reduction where inclined to embonpoint. The firm has had exceptional opportunities of studying the requirements of figures inclined to obesity, and its corsets cannot fail to give satisfaction to those who desire to make the best of their figures. The straps and buckles which are attached to the lower part of the corset form a ceinture which supports the drooping abdomen, and braces it up to its normal position.

All of these corsets have only to be seen for their merits to be appreciated, and we may add that although fitted in this country the work is carried out in Paris. A special belt and corselet which when worn in conjunction obviate the necessity for corsets also deserve notice, and are much appreciated by patients who cannot tolerate the pressure of corsets. Mention must also be made of "The Tanette" Petticoat Combination, which cannot be

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