

firm will be pleased to give all information concerning this work.

LEMCO and Oxo, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, E.C., exhibit many dainty preparations. The Nursing Oxo supplied by this firm is much used and appreciated for invalids and convalescents.

KEEN, ROBINSON, AND Co. (incorporated with J. and J. Colman), Denmark Street, St. George's-in-the-East, are exhibiting their well-known patent barley, which is a household word in so many families and institutions.

Their medical mustard bran is also a valuable preparation which should be known to nurses.

WELFORD AND SONS (DAIRY COMPANY), LTD., Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, are renowned as the purveyors of asses' milk, koumiss, sauermilch, and other preparations, which may be seen on their attractive stand.

MESSERS. BURROUGHS, WELLCOME, AND Co., Snow Hill Buildings, E.C., show their valuable preparations, and appliances, most daintily put up. The tabloid brand First Aid outfits are specially attractive, and most nurses, after seeing them, will desire to possess one.

SOUTHALL BROS. AND BARCLAY, LTD., Dale End, Birmingham, show many of their well known exhibits, and some novel ones. Southall's Shieldette should be noted, and their accouchement sheets are well known and widely used by maternity nurses.

W. H. BAILEY AND SON, LTD., 38, Oxford Street, W., as usual show great discrimination in gauging the needs of nurses. The new "Congress Bag" has not only a removable washable lining, but also a fixed one. It is specially made for the Queen's Nurses. The new S.S. (safe slide) bag should also be noted.

#### NURSES' PRACTICAL EXHIBITS.

The German Nurses' Association has a most interesting and complete exhibit of nurse dolls in every imaginable style of uniform, the most striking being "Sairey Gamp," accurate in every detail, even to her bottle tied up in a red pocket-handkerchief. Another is of a Turkish nurse attendant, with her soft veil and golden waist cords. Again, the "History of Nursing" had been consulted for the costume of a Sister of St. John of Jerusalem in the year 1099. The nurses are not content with the ancient costumes, but most of the habits and uniforms of the religious sisters, deaconesses, and free nurses are shown, including the exact costume worn by the President of the Association, Sister Karll. A real army nurse's costume has been lent by the Minister of State for War. A very interesting little exhibit shows patient, nurse, and surgeon, with dressing table and everything complete.

Another is a baby's cot, with padded sides, with the mother in costume suitable for nursing her child, with the monthly nurse in attendance. At the foot of the cot hangs a dressing tray with all the necessary articles ready.

A very useful exhibit was sent by Madame Jacques, Matron of La Salpêtrière, Paris, in the

form of an oak case containing the few requisite articles necessary for the school nurse. Here also are four dolls dressed in the uniform of the Assistance Publique, Paris.

The case containing the different orders, badges, medals, etc., is extremely fascinating. There is the Royal Red Cross, the Greek Red Cross, the Red Cross of Sweden, and other war medals. Of the badges of the Nurses' Associations, most certainly those of the Dutch Nurses' Association are the most complete in the amount of information they convey at a glance. The trained nurse receives a round badge in silver with blue enamel lettering surrounding it, and the centre contains a raised Greek cross in silver. When the trained nurse adds a maternity qualification, she receives a badge with a stork on the centre cross. Should she add mental qualifications to the others, her badge is changed to one with a blue centre cross with the stork upon it. For the trained nurse with a mental certificate, the badge has the blue enamel cross. For the trained male nurses a pin is arranged, showing by the silver or blue enamel cross if they are qualified for only ordinary or mental work, so that anyone meeting a member of the Dutch Nurses' Association wearing the badge knows at a glance the work which can be taken.

The Irish Nurses' Association exhibit contains several very interesting and ingenious inventions of Miss Huxley's. Among these a hot water dish divided into sections, so that a meal of meat and vegetable can be conveyed from place to place, be kept hot, and yet be daintily served. The bed rest made of cord, with a foot piece, and the whole kept in place by cords, looks full of comfortable possibilities for future patients. The children's safety tie appears both comfortable and simple of adjustment. A whole set of photographs had been sent showing the surgical technique of the early 'nineties; also a muslin face mask for operation work. Two other good inventions are to be seen on this table—one a strap for fastening the patient's arms out of the way during abdominal operations, the other a washable instrument wallet.

In spite of the busy lives which nurses lead (or perhaps because of it), they are constantly inspired with ideas which conduce to the convenience and comfort of their patients, and on the inventions' table were many ingenious inventions by nurses.

A pair of bed crutches, by Nurse Burt, should prove most helpful to heavy patients.

A double-handled bed-pan must be a great convenience. The low bath for infirm patients, sent by the Superintendent of the Dorking Infirmary, will be a blessing to many.

From Bordeaux comes a very cheap steriliser and a clay pipe which had been used by Dr. Rolland as a female catheter; also a bed hammock in which to isolate a patient suffering from incontinence when only a double bed is available.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital sent a case of lovely old pewter feeders and mugs; also an ancient "beer jack," which now does duty as a linseed meal tub. Here, too, are straps to keep a child in bed. The splints, padded with wash leather, are beautifully made. A private operation box and

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