

KEEN, ROBINSON, AND Co., LTD., Denmark Street, E. (Stand 13b), are exhibiting Robinson's "Patent" Barley and "Patent" Groats, which are widely appreciated by nurses.

MESSRS. WELLS AND Co., 78, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Stand 27b), manufacturers' of Nurses' Cloaks and Bonnets, are showing all their well-known specialities, and especially the "Dubleware" Collar Protector, which is designed to prevent the rapid damage caused to dresses and cloaks by the linen collar.

MME. KATE CAMERON, 59, South Molton Street, Mayfair, W. (Stand 28b), a hospital certificated nurse, is exhibiting her patent belted corset, and ideal maternity corset. Mme. Cameron stocks comfortable corsets for nurses at moderate prices.

SOUTHALL BROS. AND BARCLAY, LTD., Birmingham (Stand 39b), should certainly receive a visit from visitors to the Exhibition. Amongst their new inventions is a very convenient suspender for their sanitary towels. An excellent nursing apron of flannel, and waterproof material attached, will commend itself to monthly nurses and midwives, and their other specialities have only to be seen to be appreciated.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, 228, Gray's Inn Road, W.C. (Stand 43b), are showing a variety of appliances useful to nurses, who should not fail to visit this stand. Specially noticeable is a silver-plated steriliser which by means of tubing can be attached to an ordinary gas-burner. The "Grevilite" specialities are also noteworthy.

J. S. FRY AND SONS, LTD., Lever Street, E.C., chocolate manufacturers, and makers to the King and Prince of Wales, are exhibiting their pure concentrated cocoa, malted cocoa, and "Five Boys' Milk Chocolate."

A very interesting exhibit is that arranged by the Nurses' Social Union, with a section by the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. On the walls are striking diagrams, *e.g.*, of a sanitary bottle for an infant, and the one with a long tube forbidden by law in several foreign countries; "the great disease carrier" (the fly); a method by which adenoids are caused, etc.

Exhibits which attract much attention are the "Baby bin," which is made of quite an ordinary crate, and used at first as a cradle. When the child is older an ingenious seat and sliding table can be inserted, and the child amuses itself happily and in safety.

The chair carrier, invented and patented by Miss Sewart, Queen's Nurse, can be adjusted to any chair, by means of notches and pins, and the handles are movable, to suit both level ground and stairs. The carrier weighs only 8 lb., and has been taken on a bicycle for miles.

An ingenious device is a steam kettle for an Irish cabin, arranged by one of Lady Dudley's Nurses. A red hot peat is put into an ordinary pot, first warmed so that the peat does not smoke. A kettle filled with boiling water placed on the peat will keep steam for hours.

A hat with veil of mosquito netting, and talc window inset is another exhibit.

Sterilised Dressings for Private Nurses.

One of the most anxious cares of the Superintendent of a nursing home, and of a private nurse, summoned hurriedly to an operation case, is to ensure the certain sterilisation of the dressings for which they are responsible. True most homes have now their own sterilisers for dressings as well as instruments, but the smaller sterilisers have not always a vacuum producing apparatus sufficiently strong to ensure dressings and bandages being thoroughly dried after sterilisation.

One of Adam Smith's classic arguments for the division of labour is that "the dexterity of the workman is increased," and this is true of the technical work of sterilisation—both machinery and mechanic come nearest perfection when constantly engaged in one employment.

Realising this, Messrs. Bell and Croyden, of 50, Wigmore Street, W., in the heart of the Nursing Home district, and most centrally situated for private nurses, have made a speciality of supplying sterilised dressings, bandages, aprons, etc., and here, at any hour of the twenty-four, they may be obtained by nurses suddenly summoned to cases in the perfect certainty that they are aseptic. A visit to this establishment shows Manlore and Alliot's latest type of high-pressure autoclave installed in a specially designed chamber, glass-lined, and with rounded corners. The dressings sterilised in this disinfectant are subjected to steam for 30 minutes at 22 lb. vacuum pressure, at a temperature of at least 260 degs. Fahr. An automatic chart registers the pressure and length of time in the chamber, and there is a counter check on this also. The dressings, packed in patent metal drums, are then removed at the other side of the steriliser, in a sterile room, and hermetically sealed under absolutely aseptic conditions. A great advantage is that these drums are so inexpensive that they can be destroyed after use.

Surgeons' own dressings are sterilised and kept ready, so that they can be instantly despatched to any address.

In addition to dressings, complete outfits for aseptic operations can be supplied on hire from 21s., or an operating table only from 7s. 6d., and the messenger will place the table in position for the nurse if so desired.

The firm has just brought out a folding operating table (the Croyden), which seems to be the last word in strength, portability, lightness, and cheapness. It is made of steel, and the framework is painted with aluminium paint. It must be seen for all its good points to be fully appreciated, but they are many, and the cost is only £8 15s.

Private nurses should certainly keep by them the firm's list of surgical and other necessaries, and of sick room requisites to be obtained on hire. Maternity nurses should note that they supply a sterilised maternity outfit consisting of two accouchement sheets 32 x 32 inches, and 24 x 24 inches, and other necessaries for 21s.

A model of their sterilisation rooms are on view at the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition (Stand 23a).

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