

Polishing brass knobs to cots (in children's Wards only).
 Polishing large brass ventilators (from six to ten in a division of a Ward).
 Polishing brass taps.
 Cleaning copper tins for heating strapping.
 Cleaning large tin receivers, eighteen inches in diameter, for carrying away soiled dressing (in Surgical Wards only).
 Rinsing out and cleansing glass vessels.

I AM sorry to learn that Miss M. A. Core has just resigned the post of Matron to the East London Nursing Society; Miss Core, acting on medical advice, having decided to take a long rest.

MISS N. WINTER, M.B.N.A., has selected for her prize in the Seventeenth Essay Competition Esmarch's "Handbook of Surgery"; whilst Miss A. Johnson, M.B.N.A., has selected "Hartshorn's Household Medicine" as the award for her success in the eighteenth competition. The books are being duly forwarded to these fortunate ladies.

THE *Medical Record* of India, which reaches me regularly, is answerable for the following:—"A

Remarkably Big Wife.—A guileless old Scotch minister one day told some boys of the Bible lesson he was to read in the morning. The boys finding the place glued together the connecting pages. The next day the preacher read to his astonished congregation that 'when Noah was 120 years old he took unto himself a wife, who was (then turning the page) 140 cubits long, 40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood, and covered with pitch in and out.' He was naturally puzzled at this. He read again, verified it, and then said, 'My friends, this is the first time I ever read this in the Bible; but I accept it as evidence of the assertion that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.'" I give it here *in extenso* for the benefit of those inclined to be frivolous.

As I anticipated, the first of the series of post-card examination questions has proved a decided success. Not only was the number of competitors large (the competitions coming in from all parts of the country), but many of them are of the most interesting character. As far as I can judge, the examiners prefer "plain unvarnished answers" to their questions. Diffusive and impractical replies should be avoided. S. G.

POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the first of this series of examination questions has been very heartily responded to, the following having secured the prize of a book or books of the value of five shillings:—

Miss Emily Sanderson, M.B.N.A.
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Hove, Brighton.

"What is meant by the word 'Antiseptic,' and how does it differ from the word 'Aseptic'?"

The word 'Antiseptic' means, any substance used to resist or counteract putrefaction, and differs from the word 'Aseptic,' which means any thing which is not subject to putrefaction, and therefore does not require the use of an Antiseptic.

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St Dunstan's House,
 Augth 15th /90 Fetter Lane, E.C.

Deserving honourable mention:—Florence Shepherd, Sarah Clayton, Ellen Mary Green, Margaret Breay, Helen Dunn, Mary Johnson, Marian Pincoff, Mary Goodman, Emma Payne, Emma Davy. Rules disregarded by C. S. and E. B.

We particularly desire to draw our readers' attention to the examination question given in this issue.

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