

case, an upholstered easy-chair with iron frame and washable leather lining, and a divan also coated with washable leather, the hinging back of which can be used as emergency bed, after covering it with horse-hair mattresses. In addition to a drop-light, there is provided a portable electrical wall and table lamp, whose light can be cut off by means of an inclosing shade. An electrical heating-pan serves to heat the bed. There is, of course, the usual electric bell call for nurse, and a wall fan for ventilation. The sick room is accessible from outside through broad folding doors in the side-walls, through which the invalid can be brought in on a stretcher or Sedan chair.

Adjoining the sick room are the quarters for the attending physician or nurse. The furnishings here include sleeping accommodation and an upholstered seat covered with washable leather; further a folding table and a metal and plate glass cabinet for medical necessaries, surgical instruments, dressings, &c.

A first-class compartment for the patient's relatives or friends is attached, this also being equipped as a "sleeper."

The kitchen is equipped with an ice box for food and drink and to store ice for medical use; there is a marble topped table, also a fire-clay sink with self-locking water faucet. Under the kitchen table there is a small chest of drawers for polishing utensils, and on top of the ice box a crockery cabinet, in which the kitchen linen is also kept. The kitchen is operated electrically. Over the kitchen, as well as the lavatory, are arranged water-tanks in tinned copper-plate.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

### NURSE CHARGED WITH OBTAINING MONEY ON FALSE PRETENCES.

Mildred Trafford, who stated that she was a certificated nurse, and appeared in the dock in nursing uniform, was charged at Clerkenwell County Court with obtaining charitable contributions by false pretences with intent to defraud Mrs. Louisa Bieberbach.

The prosecutrix stated that the nurse came to her stating that she was from the association in the district and was collecting money for a poor blind woman whom she wanted to get into an institution for the blind.

Police-constable Field deposed to seeing the prisoner call at 137, Camden Street, and after a conversation go to 142, when he told her he should arrest her, when she begged him not to, saying that she only came out of Brentford Gaol that morning.

The blind widow concerned said that she had received a few coppers and some meat from the accused. The prisoner said that she had paid her 5s. a week from the society for a month, and this the witness admitted.

The prisoner, whose collecting book showed about 30s., was remanded.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### WOMEN.

The Lyceum Club has been singularly fortunate in that for many years past Lady Strachey has presided over the deliberations of the Executive Committee, and under her experienced guidance the affairs of the club have been conducted with wonderful harmony. Her knowledge of business, charm of character, and widely cultured mind has made association with her most happy for every member of the committee who has worked under her leadership. Lady Strachey has recently resigned the office of Chair, and been elected the vice-president of the Lyceum, and the members of the executive committee propose to do themselves the honour of entertaining her as guest of honour at a dinner at the Club on March 31st. This, we feel sure, will be a very popular function.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been elected unanimously to succeed Lady Strachey as Chairman of the Executive, and Mrs. Philp and Mrs. York Trotter to the offices of vice-chair and deputy chair respectively.

The Bishop of Lincoln (President of the Church League), sent the following warning and blessing to a crowded meeting, organised by the Church League for Women's Suffrage, to protest against the White Slave Traffic: "Let me wish your meeting success, but I would suggest one caution. The passing of the Act may tempt some good people to 'rest and be thankful.' This would be disastrous. We need perpetual and untiring alertness. The wretches, who, enticed by the enormous profits offered, ply this vile trade, will be rendered by the Act more crafty than ever. We must redouble our vigilance accordingly. Probably women will be employed as agents, rather than men. Our young people will have to be forewarned more than ever, by parents, by friends. For the danger is by no means past, only the methods of the traffic will be more subtle and insidious than before. God bless you all in your noble crusade. Let us never doubt that right will prevail."

The Tennessee House of Representatives recently extended the courtesy to Miss Mary Johnston, the well-known Virginian novelist, of speaking from the floor of the House on behalf of woman suffrage. On the same day as Miss Johnston's hearing the Senate introduced two Bills materially affecting women's position, one enlarging the rights of married women to own and control their property, the other making women eligible to the position of public notary.

Imagine negro labourers in Virginia enjoying political privileges denied to the genius who wrote "The Long Roll" and "Cease Firing." Could sex prejudice go further?

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