

The combined scrubber and self-wringing mop, the "Doty" Vacuum Cleaner, and the Bread Slicing Machine, must effect an enormous economy of labour.

Both the Colonial Nursing Association and the Nurses' Missionary League had interesting exhibits, indicating their respective activities, including many photographs.

The PEILE-SEYFANG FOOT-REST, exhibited by Miss L. A. Peile, 36, Dorset Square, W., is a simple and useful appliance, more especially when used in connection with an ordinary chair to make it the right height for a child.

One of the most interesting exhibits was that of the NATIONAL CASH REGISTER Co., of Dayton, Ohio, illustrating the social welfare work which has been in progress in their model factory for the last twenty years, where the working conditions are based on hygienic principles. There are rest-rooms and recreation rooms for their women workers, an Emergency Hospital and a visiting nurse, and much consideration shown to the employees in a variety of ways. One is that the women come fifteen minutes later and leave fifteen minutes earlier than the men, so that they do not find the tram-cars overloaded.

THE HOSPITAL SECTION included an interesting model of the Nurses' Dispensary at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, used solely for training nurses in the art of dispensing. Another instructive model was that of the Sanatoria block at the Colinton Fever Hospital, Edinburgh, in which none of the numerous windows were glazed; a photograph of the circular wards at the Alexandra Hospital, Paisley; of a "warmed table," designed by Miss Fraser (Matron of the West of Fife Infectious Diseases Hospital); a children's bath-room; and other exhibits.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH EXHIBIT aimed at illustrating in a practical way the steps taken by various Public Health Departments in Scotland to safeguard the general health of the community. An interesting item was the Health Visitor's Outfit for treatment of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

THE HISTORICAL MEDICAL EXHIBIT, arranged by Dr. J. W. Dilling, of Aberdeen, was a very interesting section, including flint knives, date 4100 B.C., a picture of the medicine chest of Queen Mentu Hotep, 2200 B.C., and a Roman breast exhauster of blown glass. Coming down to more modern times, there was a delightful engraving "the true and lively Pourtraicture of Valentine Great-rake, Esq., of Assane in ye County of Waterford, in ye Kingdom of Ireland, famous for curing several Diseases and distempers by the stroak of his Hand only." A coloured picture showed Dr. Edward Jenner inoculating his son Edward at the age of eighteen months with swinepox matter, the child evidently lustily objected to the process. Mrs. Sarah Mapp, a bone setter, was a most unpleasant looking person, and the pictures of the reduction of dislocations made one thankful that one's lot was cast in the twentieth century.

The next Exhibition is to be held in Edinburgh.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

### THE SPREAD OF INFECTION.

At Exeter County Court last week, before Judge Lush Wilson, K.C., the action adjourned from the Torquay Court, in which Miss Emmett, of the Pembroke Nursing Home, Clifton, claimed £43 16s. 3d., damages from Miss M. E. Camus and Miss Hollis, of the Kent Nursing Home, Torquay, owing to a sick nurse in the employ of the defendants and removed to Bristol, developing measles the day after she was taken to the plaintiff's Home. The plaintiff claimed that the doctor in attendance on the nurse was not informed that she had been exposed to infection, and consequently his diagnosis was incorrect. The defence was that special steps were taken to isolate patients sent to the Home who were suffering from measles. Judgment was given for the defendants. We confess our sympathies are with the plaintiff, whose Home was infected and who was in consequence put to great expense.

### MEDICINE FROM THE WRONG BOTTLE.

Two errors, which should never be made, resulted in slightly accelerating the death of a patient far advanced in tuberculosis, through the administration of a wrong medicine, at the Heath Isolation Hospital near Birmingham. In the first place the patient's medicine and a poisonous inhalation were kept in the same cupboard, in similar bottles, and, in the second, as the nurse responsible informed the Coroner at the subsequent inquest, she did not look at the label, because she was so sure of the position of the bottle. The jury found that death was "slightly accelerated by the administration of a dose of wrong medicine," and expressed the opinion that lotions, inhalations, &c., should be kept in differently shaped and differently coloured bottles. We wonder how many more persons will be poisoned before a safe system of keeping poisons in hospitals is made compulsory.

### HARD LABOUR FOR THEFT.

At Aldershot last week, Lilian Frances May, was charged with robbing a fellow-nurse of clothes and jewellery to the value of 12 guineas, and with having stolen nightdresses, towels, &c., from the Aldershot Civil Hospital. The Matron of the hospital said that the nurse had always done her work well. The prisoner left the hospital in response to a telegram summoning her to a sick relative. She was arrested at Waterloo Station. The Police Superintendent said enough poison was found in her box to poison the whole of Aldershot. There was ample evidence that she had taken drugs in tablet form and also by injection. Her downfall was due to this practice. A letter was found in her box relating to a post to which she had just been appointed at the Edinburgh Poor Law Infirmary. She pleaded pitifully for a chance, but was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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