

percentage of free cresols contained in "L" Brand Lysol is maintained at a constant 50 per cent.

Amongst other specialities of this firm are Lysol Toilet Soap, a very pleasant soap for personal use; Lysol Surgical Soap, containing 10 per cent. Lysol; Lysolan, an antiseptic ointment; Lysoline, a hair tonic; and Pascarel, a new antiseptic liquid dentifrice.

SPHAGNOL.

Most people know that Sphagnol Preparations, supplied by Peat Products (Sphagnol) Ltd., 18 and 19, Upper Thames Street, E.C., are, as their name implies, peat derivatives. They are prepared by the calcination of the peat, and have been proved to be both useful and inexpensive germicides. The preparations include medical soap 15 per cent. strength, toilet soap 5 per cent. strength, shaving soap 5 per cent. strength, ointment 10 per cent, and sphagnoline cream 10 per cent. It has been used with success not only in the treatment of eczema, dermatitis, pruritis and other skin troubles, but the proprietors have received striking testimony from surgeons and officers at the Front as to its efficacy in the treatment of trench sores, face wounds and insect bites.

TOXOL.

Toxol, supplied by Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., Nottingham, was prepared by them in the early days of the war, with the object of replacing the German-owned Lysol, and has rapidly won its way into favour. It consists of cresol dissolved in liquid soap, and so has cleansing as well as disinfecting properties. While it will not corrode instruments, or injure bedding, in specified strength it dissolves grease, mucus, and other secretions. It is therefore, suitable for use for a variety of purposes, as a disinfectant and deodorant, and may be employed not only where illness exists, but as a routine practice from time to time in ordinary house cleaning, in order to act as a preventive.

LISTERINE.

One of the signs of good nursing is the care bestowed on a patient's mouth, so that it is kept free from sores, moist and clean. A great ally of the nurse in this work is Listerine, prepared by the Lambert Pharmacal Company, St. Louis, the British agents being Maw, Son & Sons, of Aldersgate Street, E.C. A teaspoonful used in a glass of water is a pleasant and effective mouth wash. It is besides useful as an antiseptic lotion and as a gargle and douche in a prescribed dilution.

TONIC WINES.

During serious illness, or to combat the conditions caused by such illness, tonic wines are often prescribed, and under medical direction may prove of considerable benefit.

HALL'S WINE.

Hall's Wine (Messrs. Stephen Smith & Co., Ltd., is a restorative, every bottle of which is guaranteed, and which has stood the test of over a quarter of a century. The original formula was evolved by a

member of the medical profession to aid in combating conditions of overstrain and nerve weakness, and since that time it has become known all over the world as a valuable restorative in such cases.

WINOX.

"Winox Wine Food" (65, London Wall, London, E.C.) is a preparation, the full formula of which is printed on every bottle, therefore in prescribing it the medical practitioner knows exactly what he is giving, and it is claimed that the formula proves that Winox is free from any injurious drug, and that its strong tonic properties must neutralise any reaction possibly caused by the alcohol it contains, and that for this reason it cannot induce habits of intemperance.

WINCARNIS.

Another tonic wine is Wincarnis (Coleman & Co., Ltd., Wincarnis Works, Norwich), the ingredients of which are standardised so that the dosage can be effectively controlled. The special points claimed for Wincarnis are that the primary effect is immediate stimulation and invigoration of the system, and the secondary an [up]building of mental and physical vigour, and that as the secondary follows immediately after the primary effect, the upbuilding of bodily vigour occurs before the stimulating effect has worn off.

MISCELLANEOUS.

INGRAM'S "AGRIPPA" BAND TEAT AND VALVE.

Nurses and midwives do not need to be told the importance to the hand-fed baby of a teat which can be readily sterilised. This is one of the many advantages of Ingram's "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve (J. G. Ingram & Son, Hackney Wick, N.E.) The Band Teat will grip on to any boat-shaped feeding bottle, and by means of the Patent Band Valve the flow of food can be regulated to a nicety.

THE "MARMET" BABY CARRIAGE.

The "Marmet" (Messrs. E. T. Morriss & Co., Ltd., 139, Finchley Road, N.W.) is the last word in baby carriages, and any one thinking of investing in so important an article should make a point of seeing the "Marmet" before coming to a decision. The fact that it has spiral springs attached to a continuous tubular steel framework makes its movements exceptionally gentle. It can be seen at the West-End at the Institute of Hygiene, 34, Devonshire Street, W.

PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE.

We frequently receive enquiries as to what books on professional subjects nurses should read and where they may be purchased. Messrs. H. K. Lewis, Gower Street, W.C., are publishers who make a special point of supplying the needs of nurses, and their shelves, or their lists, if a personal visit cannot be paid, should be consulted.

All nurses will also remember the many delightful books published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons in making their selection. A nurse's bookshelf could be well stocked from their list alone.

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