

pendium of information, and Miss Dock's "Materia Medica" and other important and authoritative books bear witness to the high standing of their respective authors.

MESSRS. H. K. LEWIS & Co., LTD.

Most popular publishers with nurses are Messrs. H. K. Lewis & Co., of 136, Gower Street, W.C., who will send a complete list of their nursing books free on application as well as specimen charts. Special mention may be made of the "Lectures on Tuberculosis to Nurses," based on a course delivered to Queen's Nurses by Mr. Oliver Bruce, and "Lectures on Medical Electricity to Nurses," by Dr. J. Delpratt Harris.

#### SOME VALUABLE DISINFECTANTS.

The value and indispensability of good disinfectants needs no emphasis to nurses, but unless they are thoroughly dependable they are worse than useless. In the first ranks are—

##### SANITAS.

Sanitas in various forms is supplied by the Sanitas Co., Ltd., Locksley Street, Limehouse, E. The best known is "Sanitas Fluid," both a germicide and an oxidant. "Sanitas Sulphur Fumigating Candles," and the powders and soaps supplied by the firm are much appreciated.

##### LISTERINE.

Listerine is a well known antiseptic valuable for dressing superficial wounds, and, both for ordinary use and especially in illness, it is a delightful and useful mouth wash. The proprietors are the Lambert Pharmacal Co., St. Louis, and it is held in well-deserved repute on this side of the Atlantic.

##### LYCRYL.

Lycryl is an all-British Lysol supplied by Bucryl, Ltd., 61-63, Lant Street, Southwark, a guarantee as to quality. It is especially useful in removing mucus accumulations and grease.

#### SPHAGNOL.

Sphagnol, supplied by Peat Products (Sphagnol), Ltd., 18, Upper Thames Street, E.C., is a preparation prepared by the calcination of peat. It may be incorporated in soap, ointment, or a toilet cream, and has been very successfully used in the treatment of trench sores, and face wounds.

#### TONIC WINES.

##### WINOX.

A wine which, taken under medical direction, may prove a tonic of considerable benefit is "Winnox," supplied by the firm of that name, 65, London Wall, E.C. It is a combination of unfermented grape juice with specially fermented wine and extracts of malt and beef.

##### WINCARNIS.

Wincarnis is a tonic wine supplied by Coleman & Co., Ltd., of Wincarnis Works, Norwich. It is claimed that the upbuilding of the system which is the secondary effect of this wine follows on the primary effect of stimulation before this has worn off.]

## BOOK OF THE WEEK.

### "MR. BRITLING SEES IT THROUGH."\*

There can be no denying that Mr. Britling was in a sense distinguished. He was in the "Who's Who" of two Continents. In the last few years he had grown with some rapidity into a writer recognised and welcomed by the more cultivated sections of the American public, and even known to a select circle of British readers.

Mr. Direck had come over from America to invite Mr. Britling, as a representative thinker, to cross the Atlantic and lecture to a Massachusetts Society for the Study of Contemporary Thought, of which he was the rather over-salaried secretary.

This remarkably clever book sets itself to describe the effect of the war, from the moment it was declared, on the house of Mr. Britling, and on the little village in which he lived.

Every page is alive, and so packed with incident and character study, both grave and gay, that it would be a well-nigh hopeless task to touch on even a small part of its many-sided interests and infinite variety, or to give any real impression of the true value of the book in a short notice such as this.

The arrival of Mr. Direck at Matchings Easy, the country house of Mr. Britling, is, so to speak, the "kick off."

Mr. Britling met his guest at the station in a car, which he perceived almost at once that his host was driving for the first, second, or at the extremest, the third time in his life, and after somewhat alarming experiences he got through the gateposts of his very agreeable garden. His family welcomed his safe return, visitor and all, with undisguised relief and admiration. A small boy appeared at the corner of the house and then disappeared hastily again.

"Daddy's got back all right at last," they heard him shouting to unseen hearers.

The masterly description of this pleasant English home in which the American finds himself launched is one of the many good things of the story.

Mr. Britling was married for the second time. His wife, Edith, was "a tall, freckled woman, with pretty, bright brown hair and pre-occupied brown eyes." She was the mother of two little boys.

Mr. Britling's first wife, Mary, had been the love of his life, and the seventeen-year-old Hugh was the legacy she had left him.

Like all truly pleasant houses, the company at the Britlings' was not confined to the immediate family circle, and around the long, narrow table under the big sycamores, which was spread with the many pleasant things which can make tea time so agreeable, were gathered a casual company "Auntie," whose hooked nose was attributed in some remote manner to the Duke of Wellington; an Indian young gentleman, whom Mr. Direck alluded to in the phrasing of his countrymen as the

\* By H. G. Wells. Cassell & Co., Ltd., London.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)