

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Everyone is thinking this year what practical gifts they can give their friends, for we should be sad indeed if some remembrance did not find its way from us to those dear to us, and yet we all realize the necessity for wise expenditure, and many of the pretty trifles we took such pleasure in selecting in former years must be passed over until the times are less stern.

AN ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

An exception to gifts of utility must be made in the case of children, for we shall all strain a point to make this Christmas a happy one for the children, especially those who are sick. One of the most attractive and topical toys in the Christmas Bazaar of MESSRS. GARROULD, 150-162, Edgware Road, W., is a white tent, bearing the distinctive mark of the Red Cross. It contains four small hospital beds, the red cross being repeated on the dainty white counterpanes; two screens in Turkey twill add to the general brightness; and there is a dressing stand. A taste for nursing in later years might readily be traced to the fascination of such an educative and alluring toy. Then there are ambulances with black covers on which the red cross appears on a white panel. These have rubber wheels, and are fitted with stretchers, and cost 7s. 11d. A boy's patriotic set of khaki cap, belts and satchel costs 2s. 11½d. It will be seen, therefore, that even the toys have a martial tendency this year.

But there are other favourites, and prominent amongst them are an excellent selection of dolls, which the firm had the good fortune and prevision to secure from France early in the year. Father Christmas, at 1s. 11½d., is a cheap investment, having regard to the delight he is sure to give; there are scales, at 8½d. and 1s. 11½d.; a celluloid duck which floats; fascinating tea sets, in blue and white, at 2s. 11½d.; a cockatoo, on a swing, at 1s. 6d.; and many other attractive items, from prams to gramophones. But intending purchasers would be wise not to delay their visits.

Do not forget when visiting the Bazaar to see the Nurses' Saloon, where everything a nurse can desire is gathered together; nor to write for Garrould's Nurses' Catalogue, as war conditions do not permit it to be sent without a direct request.

WHAT TO GIVE AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Surgical instruments, hot-water bottles, books, are all gifts which would be welcome to nurses; while for institutions and homes, as well as to private friends, the list below will suggest many that will be both useful and acceptable.

NURSES AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

A visit to the HOSPITALS AND GENERAL CONTRACTS Co., LTD., 19-35, Mortimer Street, W. 1, will provide a selection of most up-to-date Invalid and General Furniture, Surgical Instruments, Antiseptic and Aseptic Dressings, Drugs, &c.

A very useful appliance obtainable here is the "Lansdown" bed rest, made of sail cloth, pliant, soft, durable, easily disinfected, and procurable for the moderate sum of 10s. 6d.

A. E. BRAID & Co., LTD., 30, Gower Place, Gower Street, W.C. 1, are still the sole agents for the "Sterling" Rubber Gloves, which are manufactured in Canada, and are of a quality which must be tested to be appreciated. They are not only most satisfactory to wear, but stand the test of many sterilizations.

Boots' PURE DRUG Co., LTD., Station Street, Nottingham.—Do not forget, when shopping for Christmas, to pay a visit to one of the numerous Boots' Stores. Whatever you may require, whether drugs, hospital equipment or pretty and useful Christmas gifts, you will be hard to suit if you cannot find something to please you here.

MESSRS. INGRAM, Hackney Wick, London, E.—The selection of a bottle for a hand-fed baby is a matter of great importance; permanent malformation of the mouth may result from an unsuitable bottle, while its contents may be emptied over the baby if an ill-fitting or loosely-fitting teat is used. No such catastrophe will occur with a bottle fitted with Ingram's "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve. The band grips the neck of the bottle tightly, will fit any boat-shaped feeding bottle, and will not slip off. Both teat and valve, which are manufactured by Messrs. Ingram, Hackney Wick, are obtainable through all chemists.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, 167-185, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C. 1.—The Medical Supply Association, which has branches in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Sheffield, Cardiff and Belfast, as well as headquarters in London, has added to its many useful surgical appliances a new angle measure for determining the improvement in stiff joints, which would be a welcome Christmas gift to hospitals, as well as to nurses and masseuses who wish to be quite up-to-date, and who does not?

A welcome gift to those suffering from varicose veins would be the "Leicester" Varico Leg Bandage, the makers of which are MESSRS. A. DE ST. DALMAS & Co., Leicester, and which can be obtained from all chemists. It is much to be preferred to an elastic stocking, as it can be applied to meet the requirements of each individual case.

A most useful and pleasant preparation, both for a mouth wash and gargle, and as a safe, unirritating antiseptic solution, is Listerine, supplied by the LAMBERT PHARMACAL Co., St. Louis, U.S.A., and widely used in this country. Its many valuable qualities are well appreciated by nurses.

FOODS.

A more striking testimony to the value of the Allenburys Foods, supplied by MESSRS. ALLEN & HANBURYS, LTD., Lombard Street, E.C., could scarcely be furnished than that supplied by "Britain's Best Babies" on page vi of our advertisement columns. In an independent com-

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