

ON Friday evening last a most successful concert was given at the beautiful little Lyric Club Theatre in aid of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. I am glad to hear that it resulted in the acquisition of about £150 to the funds of the Institution.

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MISS ELLA BEATRICE PETERS has been adjudged the successful candidate in the nineteenth Post-card Competition, which had for its subject, "Describe the best method of making linseed tea." The competition was a highly successful one, and I draw my readers' attention to the one announced in this issue.

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I AM asked to mention that H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, will distribute the medals and gratuities to the Nurses of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association at their eleventh annual gathering, to be held at 9, Conduit Street, Regent Street, to-night, at eight o'clock.

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I HAVE much pleasure in stating that Sister Collins has chosen as her prize in the seventeenth Post Card Examination "Marlett's Princess of the Moors," and "The Adventures of Three Russians and Three Englishmen," by Jules Verne.

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I AM also pleased to inform my readers that Nurse Birrell has chosen in the eighteenth of this series of examinations "Prince Albert's Golden Precept" and "Thomas à Kempis."

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I CONGRATULATE these two ladies on their success and upon their selections. S. G.

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### INVENTIONS,

### NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

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NEW ANTISEPTIC SURGICAL DRESSINGS. — We have received samples of some of the Antiseptic Dressings and Surgeons' Materials which are manufactured, according to Sir Joseph Lister's instructions, by Mr. John Milne, of Ladywell, S.E. One of our medical contributors, to whom we have submitted the articles for report, writes as follows:—"I have used some of the antiseptic dressings prepared by Mr. John Milne for some time in both hospital and private practice, and can testify to their excellence. The samples you send me, however, include some of the newer preparations, which deserve special mention—viz.,

Iodoform lint, gauze and wool; Alembroth lint and wool; the Red Cross carbolised tow—this is in a very convenient state for use. The open wove antiseptic bandages possess the advantage of being two yards longer than those hitherto made, and are of great strength combined with lightness. The Lister's Ligature and Suture Flasks come as a boon to all general practitioners who find a difficulty in not always having a suture or ligature at hand when wanted. The cat-gut ligatures are cut into twelve-inch lengths, and so placed in a flask that any sized ligature can be seized and drawn out ready for use. The Carbolised Silk Sutures—three sizes—are wound on a divided glass spool, which is attached to the stopper of the flask, when not in use both flasks are kept sealed up by simply replacing the stoppers. It is a long time since I have seen anything which is so likely to be appreciated as these flasks.

<sup>1</sup> BOVININE.—The first raw food extract—introduced to the medical profession more than twelve years ago—is a fluid preparation of meat, which we particularly wish to bring before the notice of our readers as being invaluable to invalids suffering from extreme weakness of the digestive organs, being so easily assimilated, even when the system rejects all other foods. This highly-concentrated form of the juices of lean uncooked beef has remarkable nutritive properties, being especially suitable in cases of typhoid fever, nervous prostration, weakness of old age, inanition of young children, &c. The J. P. Bush Manufacturing Company, of Chicago and London, the proprietors of this valuable food, guarantee its keeping perfectly in any climate, and the cost of this useful preparation is within the reach of the poorest. We shall take some future opportunity of giving an analytical report for the benefit of our readers.

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### POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

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WE are pleased to be able to announce that the *nineteenth* of this series of examination questions, "Describe the best method of making Linseed Tea," has been very successful. Miss Ella Beatrice Peters, whose card we reproduce, has secured the prize of a book or books of the value of five shillings:—

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PARADOX EXTRACT OF MEAT AND MALT BISCUITS (Patented) are a boon to Nurses and Invalids. The *Lancet* says: "We agree that these Biscuits are rich in bone-forming materials." In 1s. tins. Write to Thorp and Co., Glossop, for sample and particulars. Special quotations for biscuits in bulk to Hospitals, &c.

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