

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.

The King and Queen have shown their appreciation of the work done by the Scottish Women's Hospitals by commanding the attendance at Buckingham Palace on Saturday, February 16th, of the "Elsie Inglis" Unit, which is leaving immediately for Serbia to rejoin the Division to which it was attached in Russia. The plans had been made by Dr. Inglis during the few days preceding her death, and so it has been decided that it shall bear her name.

A detachment of Sisters, orderlies, and a section of the motor transport were paraded under the command of Dr. Annette Benson, B.Sc., M.O.

The Hon. Officers and Dr. Benson were first presented to Their Majesties, and then Dr. Benson presented the staff, including Dr. Lilian Chesney and Dr. Gladys Ward, Miss Maud Bullock, Senior Sister (trained Chesterfield General Hospital) Miss Winifred Sturt (trained Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester), Miss Isabel Drummond (trained Royal Infirmary, Liverpool), Miss Lily Sayer (trained West London Hospital), and Miss Hilda Willis (trained Sussex County Hospital), also Miss Murphy, Anæsthetist and Dispenser.

The King's words to the Unit as a whole will long be remembered by those to whom they were addressed.

"I cannot tell you how much I admire the pluck of you women, I wish you a prosperous journey, the best of luck, and a safe return."

Their Majesties also spoke individually to each member of the Unit, and were especially interested in those who had been in the Serbian and Roumanian retreats, and the Queen talked for some time to Dr. Ward, who had the care of Dr. Elsie Inglis in her last illness, making sympathetic enquiries about her. The King was anxious to

know how many members of the Unit had mastered the Serbian language.

The Unit is going at the special desire of the Serbian Division, as well as at the request of our own War Office, with its full recognition, and with every facility for its work. So, in spite of the refusal of their services by the War Office in the first instance, the members of the Scottish Women's Hospitals have "made good" and commanded recognition.

THE HARLEY HAMMOCK CRUTCH.

Every nurse knows that the ordinary crutch is

a most unsatisfactory implement, not only because of the discomfort of the pressure under the armpits, but of the danger of paralysis of the arm due to pressure upon the nerves. Yet down through the ages during which crutches have been used no one has thought of the expedient which seems obvious now that Mr. Walter Clifford, a dental surgeon, has demonstrated it.

As shown in our illustration, Mr. Clifford's idea is to apply the principle of a swing to the crutches. A swing is slung between the cross-pieces in such a manner that the lame man sits all the time he is walking, and, if he wishes, can rest completely every few steps he takes. The saddle which supports the weight of the body on the ischial tuberosities, and which can be raised or lowered as required, is indicated

in the illustration. The manufacturers and vendors of the crutch are Messrs. A. V. Gilkins & Co., 68, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. 1.



THE HARLEY HAMMOCK CRUTCH.

Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, President of the Australian Red Cross, has sent to the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John £90,000 from the people of New South Wales, in response to the "Our Day" appeal. Australia has sent in all over £300,000 for "Our Day" 1917.

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