

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

Queen Alexandra, attended by the Hon. Charlotte Knollys and Colonel Sir Arthur Davidson, visited the General Headquarters of the Australian Red Cross Society at 36, Grosvenor Place, last week.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who recently visited Kitchener House Club, at 8, Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park, N.W., was so much interested in the operations of the club that she offered two

increasing work at No. 32, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W. It has been greatly inconvenienced for lack of room at No. 40.

Under the patronage of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is the Master of the Mint, a Gold and Silver scheme in aid of the funds of the Red Cross is being organised throughout the country. Gold and silver in every form and quantity is to be collected. Plate of artistic value or historic interest will be dealt with separately, but the bulk of the metals will be melted down into bullion. The scheme has the whole-hearted support of the Mint, as the increase of the gold and silver reserves in the Bank and the saving of tonnage are matters of national importance at the present time.

The new type of stretcher here depicted is an American pattern. It will be seen it has many points of interest. It is very light in construction, and the patient can be fastened to it so securely that he can be carried vertically, horizontally, or on his side, whichever way conduces most to his comfort, or is determined by the exigencies of the space through, or route over, which he has to be carried. The photograph is the *Daily Mail* copyright.

We sometimes doubt if women, as a whole, are sufficiently grateful to the men who are suffering and dying for them under conditions of great mental and physical agony. We fear not. We were recently in a London street, the afternoon's paper, with its report of retreat and heroism, crushed in our hand. Two young women, not of the lowest type, tidy enough girls in working overalls, were guffawing and shrieking with laughter, the while tipping the glad eye at all the passing khaki. Their conduct jarred.

As we came alongside we said gently: "Oh! girls, don't you realise, now at this very moment, brave men are dying in battle and suffering agony for you?" "We're not dead," one of the girls replied, with prompt and hideous savagery. "No, and neither are you worth dying for," we rapped out.

Can these girls be typical of a class, or may we hope they are abnormal? Anyway, the deaths of heroic men are sorry waste in their defence.



A NEW TYPE OF AMERICAN STRETCHER.

prizes of £5 each for the best work done at Kitchener House during May. The competition will open on Monday, May 6th, and close on Monday, June 3rd. Wounded men at any hospital are eligible to compete. The judges will be announced later.

The Red Cross Sale at Christie's, which extended over sixteen days, brought in the magnificent sum of £151,000. The generosity of the public is perfectly marvellous.

The American Red Cross will now carry on its

An Allied Conference on the After-Care of Disabled Sailors and Soldiers will be held at the Central Hall, Westminster, May 20th to 25th. There will be an exhibition of work done by disabled men and of appliances for the disabled.

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