woolly toys, Noah's Arks, Christmas cards and calendars. More distinctively for the grown ups are lustre teapots at 8s. 11d., French cookery earthenware; dishes, casseroles, &c., in the new Pyrex ware, scent, soap, work baskets, at all prices; a copper kettle at 8s. 11d., ladies' umbrellas from 6s. 11d., handkerchiefs from $6\frac{3}{4}$ d. each, and boxes of three from 2s. 6d.

BOOTS GIFT DEPARTMENT.

At this time of year delightful gifts are to be found in Boots Gift Department, the chief London branches being at 182, Regent Street, W. I, and 112-117, Edgware Road, W. These establishments have a well-deserved reputation for the excellence and attractiveness of their wares, and for courteous and prompt service.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STORES, HOT-WATER BOTTLES, &o.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, 167-185, Gray's Inn Road, and at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Sheffield, Cardiff, Dublin, and Belfast, makes a special Christmas offer of best quality india-rubber hot-water bottles, than which no present is more serviceable or seasonable, at most reasonable prices.

THE SURGICAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD., 83-85, Mortimer Street, W.—This is a well-known and convenient centre for medical and surgical supplies and hospital furniture of all kinds.

MESSRS. A. & E. BRAID & Co., LTD., 30, Gower Place, W.C. r.—The "Sterling" Rubber Gloves, manufactured in Canada, for which this firm are sole agents, are very specially to be commended.

MESSRS. J. G. INGRAM & SON, LTD., Hackney Wick, E. 9, are famous for Ingram's "Eclipse" Hot-water Bottle, which has special excellencies, in the patent constructed neck, devised to obviate the possibility of leakage, and the Patent Rubbercovered Screw Stopper. This bottle can be obtained at all chemists or stores.

FOODS FOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

There are certain things in which a well-provided household should never be lacking; such are :---

ALLENBURYS' FOODS.—The name of Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., 37, Lombard Street, E.C., is a guarantee of excellence, and their foods should always be at hand where there are babies. If the natural food is not available or is insufficient for an infant, No. 1 Milk Food should first be used, next, from 3 to 6 months, No. 2 Milk Food, and later No. 3 Malted Food, constituting the baby's first step towards solid food.

BOVRIL (Bovril, Ltd., Old Street, E.C.), which is a great stand-by not only as a beverage and pickme-up, but for a variety of household uses. Many tasty dishes can be made with its aid.

BENGER'S FOOD.—Benger's Food, Ltd., Otter Works, Manchester, valuable in all conditions of digestive debility, is unique in combining the natural digestive principles, amylopsin and trypsin, in such a manner that they become active while the food is being prepared with fresh milk.

VIROL.—It is sufficient testimony to the value of Virol, supplied by Virol, Ltd., 148–166, Old Street, E.C., that it is used in more than 2,000 hospitals and infant clinics. Its success is attributable to the well-balanced nature of the food, the presence of animal fats, and the careful process of its manufacture.

BOOKS.

A Short History of Nursing, by Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., in collaboration with Isabel Maitland Stewart, A.M., R.N.; price, 175. 6d.; just published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, Ltd., 24, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C. 2.

The Theory and Practice of Nursing, by Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister-Tutor at St. Thomas' Hospital; price, 105. 6d. published by H. K. Lewis. & Co., Ltd., 136, Gower Street, W.C. I.

Lessons on Massage, by Mrs. M. D. Palmer; price, 105. 6d.; published by Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 8, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.

Or one of the many other books published by the above firms.

THE GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY.

There is probably no one factor, in these days of shortage of domestic service, which has done more to relieve the situation than the use of gas for fires, cookers, lighting, and hot-water supply. If you want these invaluable aids installed, apply to the Gas Light and Coke Co., 84, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. 1.

HIGH-CLASS TAILORING.

Our readers should note—and where possible take advantage of—the offer made by Mr. Herbert Meller, 5, Baker Street, Portman Square, to supply a costume, made to measure, for ten guineas. Mr. Meller comes from Premet, Paris, and his prices ordinarily are considerably above this sum. His cut, style and materials are excellent, and everyone we know who has had costumes from him has been exceedingly pleased with his work. The present opportunity, therefore, is one not to be missed. These special prices hold good for one month only.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is one which should make a special appeal to every working nurse, who should endeavour to give at least a small annual subscription in support of this fund and to help it in other ways. An opportunity of so doing offers on Wednesday, 15th inst., when H.R.H. Princess Christian will open a Sale of Work in aid of the Fund at 67, Eaton Place, S.W., at 12 noon. Many beautiful and moderatelypriced articles will be for sale. Go and take your friends, and so help the good cause.



