

A HANDY PEN.—It is always the endeavour of *The Nursing Record* to keep its readers well informed, not only on great matters, but also regarding the various small details, whether of administration, practice, or appliances of which their work is so largely composed. We are therefore pleased now to lay before them an invention which, if adopted, will banish one of the small discomforts attendant on Nursing, that of the untidiness and unhandiness of the portable ink-well. This should be banished to the museum now, for it has at least time-honoured associa-

to get out of order, must always be held at a certain angle, and which prevents freedom of writing. We have practical experience of Shipman's "Fountain Pen," sold by J. Funnell Christian, 17, Paternoster Row, London, E.C., and we find that it entirely overcomes these difficulties by the use of an ordinary gold-nib. The nib is supplied with ink from the reservoir (which also forms the handle) by an ingeniously contrived conduit, which allows it to flow only when the nib is subject to the gentle pressure occasioned by the act of writing. The instrument is very neat,



tions. Old Chaucer, for instance, if we mistake not, is represented wearing an ink-well of exactly the same description, as regards shape, as the present-day reporter sometimes uses. The comparatively modern instrument, combining the functions of ink reservoir and pen, known generally as the stylographic, is a handy enough article in its way, but it is difficult when using to get over the feeling that one is writing with a needle point—a delicately-adjusted point, too, which is apt

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