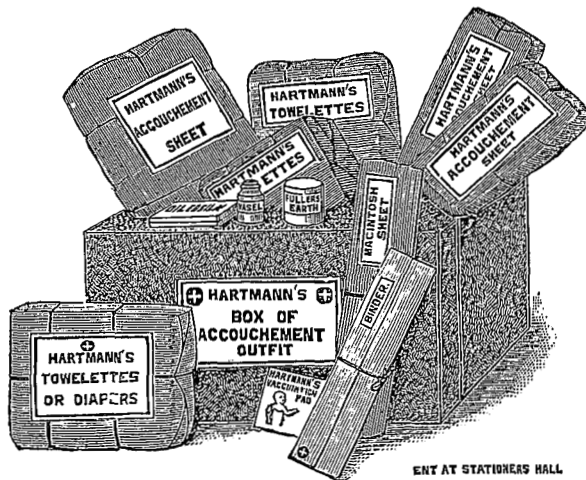
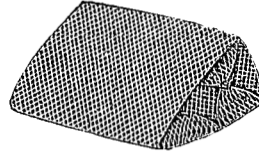


indebted for one of the greatest health-sustaining comforts in general use that it has yet been our privilege to test. Perhaps to those who have not heard of or seen one of these pillows, the idea of wire being coupled with the words "comfort and luxuries" will appear ludicrous in the extreme, and we must confess, before practical experience converted us to the contrary, we, too, thought it an over-rated expression. Of course wire mattresses, &c., have long been in use, but one would rather shrink from the idea of laying one's head for the night on anything so hard and ungainly as they look and yet anticipate rest. Nor are these manufacturers to which we refer to be spoken of in the same breath, being so totally different, both in the material and the way in which it is used. The "American Braided Wire Co." (64, Church Street, Shoreditch, London, E.C.) have made a point—and a very estimable one too—of making their goods from the very best of material, so that the wire pillows to which we refer are made almost entirely of fine blue steel wire (such as is used for watch springs), with this exception, that for the centre section, where the principle strain comes, a rather thicker kind is used. This wire is so manipulated that it is adaptable for almost any purpose, and while up to now we have only spoken of one article, it is not by any means the only one manufactured by this firm, they having also applied

their patent process to the use of mattresses, a dear little back-rest, or traveller's pillow, besides every description of invalids' furniture. And, as the manufacturers inform all kinds and sizes of cushions can be fitted to any bed-rest if the required measurements are forwarded. We cannot speak too highly of these goods, whether for health, hygiene, comfort, or cleanliness, as being so excessively porous a current of fresh air will pass into the cushion with every movement of the person resting on it, and in cases of illness the infectious germs can be so easily destroyed by the thorough cleansing this is capable of undergoing afterwards. Therefore it is entitled to a place in every hospital, nursing institution, and home, and those who would only adopt its use in place of the ordinary feather pillow will find that they will far less frequently get up with a headache, as it keeps the head beautifully cool and fresh while sleeping. While discussing this subject we must say that we think it quite worth anyone's while to go this short accessible distance for the pleasure of viewing and trying these goods, which any of our readers are privileged to do, even while at the same time they have no intention of buying, as the firm are anxious that all medical men, nurses, and others should see for



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