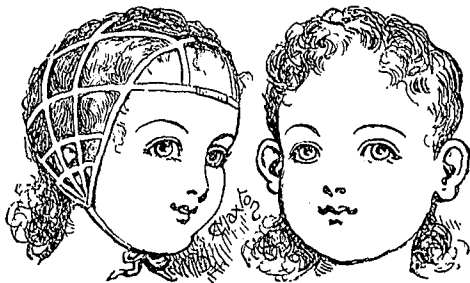


the sole English import agents. The kinds and styles of these pens are too numerous for us to more than mention that a well-assorted stock, ranging from seven shillings to forty-two shillings each, according to the mounting, chasing, &c., is kept. But we have to chronicle one excellent feature in this company's way of doing business, that no matter what price is paid for an article, if entire satisfaction is not obtained they will willingly exchange the goods. The "Crown Fountain," another very prominent pen, is good and cheap, fitted with a 16c. gold nib, capable of doing any reasonable amount of work in an efficient manner. Every kind of pen is supplied by this house, whether stylographic or fountain, but a thoroughly good, cheap and useful stylo is to be found in the "Riverside," so-called from the size of the barrel, which holds a greater quantity of ink than the ordinary kind; this pen is fitted also with Messrs. Robinson and Taylor's own patent "Ink-trap," which prevents any leakage from the barrel. This pen ranges in price from seven shillings. This same firm undertake repairs of every kind, and as they are all done under the principal's own supervision, a guarantee as to their excellent finish is at once established. Our readers when in town should call and inspect the stock for themselves.

CURLING PINS.—Messrs. Hindes and Co., Limited, of London and Birmingham, have added still another patent to their list of articles for the ladies' toilet, in the shape of their patent "Hair Curlers." They are of very strong manufacture, and can be adapted to the hair in a very easy fashion, being both light in weight and comfortable in wearing. Instructions for using (which, by-the-by, are extremely easy in following out) are enclosed in every box, and can be obtained of all hairdressers, perfumers, and fancy dealers in sixpenny and one shilling boxes.

CLAXTON'S PATENT EAR CAP (A. Claxton, 62, Strand, W.C.).—This is a simple and at the same time ingenious little apparatus, which is parti-



cularly adapted for the purpose for which it is intended—viz., as a preventative against promi-

nent ears in children. The illustration given here shows the method of application, and the ear-cap itself is so light in weight, and at the same time so cool, that a child will not object to wear it. There are seven sizes kept in stock, and special sizes can be always obtained in a couple of days. A chart also is supplied, giving instructions how to measure. Prominent ears in children are very common, chiefly from two causes—first, careless washing, and the constant rubbing the "wrong way" with towels, flannels, sponges, &c.; second, the tying of the child's hat or bonnet by strings—a very prolific source of producing prominent ears, this. To counteract these things, which, in the ordinary course of events, are not likely to be remedied for some time to come, this little invention is particularly adapted. It is claimed also, and not unreasonably, that the strings of this ear-cap, being tied under the chin, cause the child to unconsciously acquire the healthy habit of breathing through the nose in sleep, instead of through the open mouth, and consequently prevents snoring. We have no hesitation in commending this little invention to the attention of our readers, particularly those who have to deal with the nursing of children. The retail price is three shillings and sixpence each.

AMONG the many excellent preparations in the market of "Essence of Beef, Concentrated Beef Tea, and Extract of Beef," "The Pure Beef Company's" preparations, Old Trinity House, 5, Water Lane, Great Tower Street, London, E.C., are particularly suitable for invalids, as they include the gelatines and the all-important albumens, which are purposely excluded from all the so-called "Extractum Carnis." Their "Essence of Beef" is stated to be made only from the finest selected beef; it is most delicate in taste, and thereby serviceable in cases of extreme exhaustion. It should be taken cold, and in the summer the tin should be placed on ice *before* opening; where ice is not to be had, wrap the tin in wet flannel and expose it to the *direct* rays of the sun for half-an-hour; be careful that the flannel is kept wet. Their "Concentrated Beef Tea" is shown by analysis to be rich in creatines and other extractives of meat. It contains a large percentage of fibrine and albumen, and a high percentage of phosphatic and potash salts, and is therefore strong, refreshing and nourishing. These two preparations should form part of the contents of every store and Nursing cupboard, so that in cases of sudden illness, exhaustion, and sickness, they can be administered without delay. For flavouring and giving strength to sauces, gravies, pies, entrées, and all made dishes, their "Extract of Beef" will be found most useful.

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