

Reviews.

DIARIES.

We have received from Messrs. Charles Letts & Co., specimens of their well-known Diaries; and the ordinary Office Diary—especially the one shilling form interleaved with blotting paper, and the Ladies' Year Book and Diary, which is a model of what such a diary should be, and contains a mass of most useful information, a house-keeping account book, and a weekly family washing book all combined, especially deserve the high commendation and success which they have received and obtained. The Calendars with quotations are most tasteful and useful, and fully maintain the high reputation of the firm. But we are compelled to express our surprise and great regret at the matter contained in the special Diary and Handbook issued by this firm for Hospital Nurses. It contains, and commences with, a Sketch of the Rise and Progress of Trained Nursing, which is very sketchy indeed, and very imperfect, and will, moreover, arouse a feeling of great annoyance by the misleading statements which it makes concerning the Royal British Nurses' Association. The total ignorance of the writer is well exemplified by the suggestion that that Association, a body of professional women, incorporated by Royal Charter, should amalgamate with a certain Insurance office; and he considers that, by this means, "an unpleasant controversy would be ended, and the new Society would utilise all the strength that must inevitably be wasted by two competing bodies." Of course, all professional people know that there cannot be, and never has been, the slightest "competition" between the R.B.N.A., and any Insurance Office. We strongly advise Messrs. Letts & Co., for their own reputation, as well as for the future success of this particular publication, to ask some professional person to re-write their preface, and thus prevent in future the annoyance which will be caused to many hundreds of Nurses by the statements in their present publication, and which, certainly, while it maintains its present misleading character, we cannot recommend.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

HAZELINE CREAM.

We have received from Messrs. Burroughs & Wellcome a specimen of the Hazeline Cream which this well-known firm has recently introduced. We have examined and tried it carefully, and find that it is a preparation which can be not only confidently recommended for its purity, because the reputation of its manufacturers is sufficient guarantee of that quality, but also because it

combines the valuable properties of Hazeline with the antiseptic, and at the same time emollient, qualities of Lanoline. It will, we believe, answer all the purposes for which ordinary Cold Cream is so largely employed, and with much greater benefit to the employer. Besides this, it will prove a valuable dressing for burns, bruises, scratches, and other abrasions of the skin from its styptic and astringent properties. It is most pleasant and fragrant to use, and from our experience of it we imagine it will keep longer and better, and certainly will go much further in quantity, than the ordinary preparations of cold cream. It is supplied in collapsible tubes, and its price is most moderate, considering its quality. We can safely predict for it a large and increasing employment, and would recommend our readers to try it for themselves before recommending it to their patients.

KHIVA CORSETS.

One very noticeable tendency of the present day is towards greater simplicity and comfort in articles of clothing, and women have especially benefitted both in health and pocket by this sensible departure from ancient custom. One of the last, but by no means the least useful, of the improvements which are now being made in Corsets, has been produced by the Khiva Corset Company. Their Corset is made on perfect anatomical principles, and supports the bust and back without constricting the chest and abdomen. An eminent medical man, whom we are glad to number amongst our readers, has written in reply to an inquiry from us on this matter as follows:—"I have ordered this Corset for a number of my patients since seeing it advertised in your interesting Journal. It gives comfort and support without injurious compression, and in growing girls especially is most valuable. In married women it permits an elastic Belt to be worn with comfort, which is often impossible under the ordinary form of Corset."

JOHANNIS WATER.

The Johannis Company are not contented with the great success which they have achieved, and by the high position which their Water has now gained as the acknowledged King of Natural Table Waters; but they have issued to their customers, "with the Compliments of the Season," a series of exquisite Art engravings, representing Bacchante; La Merveilleuse; A Fairy; Arcadian Shepherdess; Carmen; Pansies; A Noble, A.D. 1350; and King Johannis—the Prize Costume at the Covent Garden Ball; each one of which is most artistic in design and colouring. We are not surprised to learn that those who have received these souvenirs value them very highly.

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