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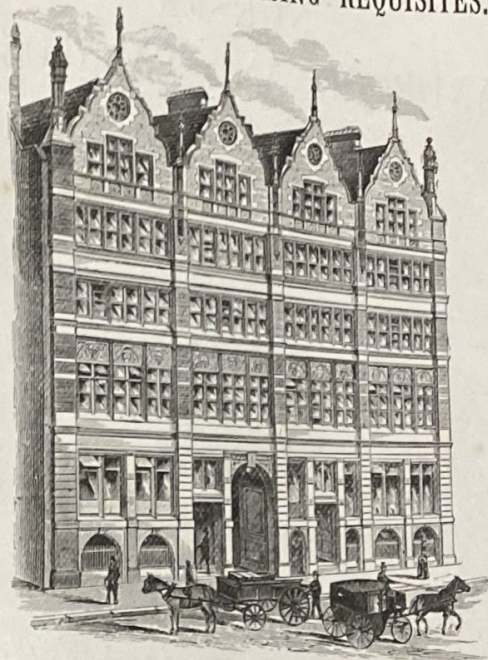
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PREFACE.

—*—
A hope has cross'd me, in the course
Of this self-pleasing exercise, that ye
My zeal to his would liken, who, possess'd
Of some rare gems, or pictures finely wrought,
Unlocks his cabinet, and draws them forth,
One after one, soliciting regard
To this, and this.

Wordsworth.

IT has been our endeavour throughout the following pages to produce a work which, though unassuming in its proportions, will yet contain illustrations of such instruments as are chiefly in use by nurses in the course of their daily routine; also, we hope, some useful information upon the details of nursing. In presenting the result of our labours, we trust that due allowance will be made for the incomplete way in which this, our first attempt at any work of the sort, has been brought to the Press.

The book is divided into two parts. The first is devoted to a consideration of the general principles and details of nursing, etc., and the latter consists of a catalogue, not so complete, perhaps, as one would wish, of nursing requisites. It is hoped that the earlier part of the work will be found especially useful to those who take charge of the sick in private houses, and who are left, more or less, to their own resources without any ward sister or matron to fall back upon when any question of doubt arises. That nurses may have every confidence in acting upon the advice offered, it may be as well to state that the earlier part of the work has been written by a member of the medical profession, who has had a large experience of hospital practice.

In the second part of the book it has not been our aim to form an exhaustive list of all the requirements which a nurse, during her career, may be called upon to use, but we have endeavoured to collect together, under different headings, the more important instruments, sick room requisites, invalid appliances, etc.

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They are a trust but lent us, which we take,
And should, in reverence to the donor's fame,
With care transmit them down to other hands.

Shirley.

In order, however, to compete with the large number of general drapers, ironmongers, and businesses of a similar nature, who now so largely cater for the nursing profession and palm off upon them, at low prices, goods of an inferior quality, under guise of the best, we have, in many cases throughout this catalogue, quoted for two qualities of the same article. We wish it, however, to be thoroughly understood that in so doing we are merely endeavouring to show our customers that we, as well as other firms, are able to supply articles at lower prices if required. We do not, however, recommend such articles, and the only guarantee we can give with them is that they are the best that can be obtained for the money. A little experience will soon show that in all cases the higher priced articles are, in the end, the cheapest, and we have every confidence in recommending our best goods, and will, in many cases, guarantee them, with fair use, to last for an indefinite period. We would wish our customers thoroughly to grasp the fact that, in all cases, we shall endeavour to persuade them to buy the best.

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Is burying diamonds in their mine;
All is not gold that shines, 'tis true,
But all that is gold—ought to shine!

Bishop.

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