

**Tonic** (Greek tonos, tone, from tenio, to stretch).—A medicine which restores the tension and vigour of the muscular fibre when it is weakened and relaxed.

**Tourniquet** (French tourner, to turn).—A peculiar kind of bandage, which can be tightened or relaxed by means of a screw; applied to a limb to stop the flow of blood by pressure.

**Tow** (Latin stupa).—The coarse and broken part of flax or hemp.

**Transfusion** (Latin transfundere, to pour through).—The operation of passing blood from the veins of one living animal to those of another by means of an appropriate instrument.

**Truss** (French trousser, to tie up).—A bandage or apparatus for keeping a hernia reduced.

**Tympanites** (Greek tumpanon, a drum).—An elastic distension of the abdomen from air, sounding on percussion like a drum.

**Ulceration** (Greek elos, ulcus, a wound).—The process by which ulcers are produced.

**Umbilicus** (Latin umbo, the button or prominence in the middle of a buckler).—A round cicatrix about the median line of the abdomen.

**Urea** (Greek ouron, urine).—The essential solid constituent of urine.

**Urine** (Greek ouron).—The fluid secreted by the kidneys, from the arterial blood.

**Uterine**.—Belonging to the womb.

**Vein** (Latin vena).—An elastic tube which conveys the dark or venous blood from the arteries to the heart.

**Vesicle**.—A small bladder of the skin, containing fluid.

**Viscid** (Latin viscidus, from viscus, bird-lime).—Glutinous, sticky, tenacious.

**Viscus** (a bowel or intestine, plural viscera).—Any internal organ.

**Ventilation** (Latin ventilare, to fan).—The art or operation of supplying buildings, apartments, or other confined places with a necessary quantity of fresh air, so as to maintain the atmosphere in a constant state of purity.

**Vomiting** (Latin vomere, to vomit).—The act of ejecting food from the stomach by the œsophagus and mouth. The matter ejected is called vomit.

**Whoezing** (Saxon hpeoyam, to hiss, to whiz).—Formed probably from the sound it expresses, like whisper. A noisy respiration, caused by obstruction in the air passages.

**Wound** (Saxon wound, to stab).—A solution of continuity in the soft parts of the body, produced by a mechanical agent.

FRUITLESS is sorrow for having done amiss if it issue not in resolution to do so no more.

## NURSING ECHOES.

\*.\* SPECIAL NOTICE.—To those of our friends—in districts not already arranged for, whether at home or abroad—who will agree to send us **regularly** (reaching the office not later than Monday morning, first post) original notes or items of Nursing news, or matters of importance occurring in their districts, we shall be pleased to send in exchange free copies of the *Nursing Record* every Thursday, and also the binding case for each volume as it appears.

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THERE was a large gathering of medical men and Nurses at the Langham Hotel last week at a reception held after the marriage of Mr. Huxley, the youngest son of Professor Huxley, and Miss Stobart, daughter of Mr. Stobart, of Northallerton, Northumberland. Miss Stobart was for some time a Probationer on the regular staff at St. Bartholomew's, and was universally popular. Mr. Huxley passed through his Medical curriculum at the same great Institution, and naturally, therefore, Bart.'s was very strongly represented at the ceremony.



A CORRESPONDENT sends me the following cutting from the *Review of Reviews*, apropos of the interest now taken by the public at large in Nursing and Nurses:—"An eminent provincial Surgeon has, without expostulation, seen a woman who has worked from 6.30 a.m. to five p.m. without the break of more than half-an-hour for her hurried meals, resume at nine p.m. her intercepted labours for twelve hours of night duty. It never seems to have occurred to him that twenty-two and a-half hours out of twenty-seven might be deemed excessive for a navvy or a docker. In another Institution I have known a Nurse on duty for *eighteen* hours running for *eight* days, in one foetid atmosphere, wherein she took such meals as she could force down. The exigencies of the case precluded possibility of sleep. It is the practice of one most accomplished Surgeon, after a certain operation in which he is *au fait*, to shut up Nurse and patient in impenetrable solitude. For forty-eight, and often sixty hours consecutively, the Nurse is left to watch her case minutely, ceaselessly and *sleeplessly*. I have watched its accomplishment, not once or twice merely, but again and again, four, six, and eight

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