

Nurses there, than his appearance in Syria. Nurses can often do more than they think towards helping to ward off these terrible epidemics, in whose propagation, at all events, dirt plays such a conspicuous part. If they would only impress the value of cleanliness and home sanitation on the poor, with whom they are brought so much in contact, and who will often listen to "the Nurse" on such points, when they turn a deaf ear to the Doctor, they might do much good—more perhaps than would appear on the surface. District Nurses have done yeoman's service in that way; but Hospital and Infirmary Nurses do not, as a rule, trouble themselves much as to what becomes of their patients when they have once passed out of the gates.

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THE following items, culled from the daily papers this week, will interest many of our readers: "On September 13, at Killieser Avenue, Streatham Hill, the wife of Dr. Herbert Milton, of the Kasrel-Aini Hospital, Cairo, of a daughter."

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"ON August 14, at the Cathedral, Bloemfontein, by Ven. Archdeacon Crisp, George Percy Brownlow, of Kimberley, to Laura Gertrude Scamell, third daughter of the Rev. Francis Scamell, late rector of Newton Reigny."

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I AM asked to mention here that Mrs. Daniel Norris (R.R.C.) understands from Doctors and others that whilst there are several places on the Riviera (some of which are partly supported by subscriptions), where invalids of small means may winter, there are few, if any, where those who can pay for the luxuries and comforts of their own homes can find accommodation and secure efficient Nursing. In consequence of this, she has thought it well to make arrangements for taking invalids who are ordered by their medical men to spend the winter months at San Remo or its neighbourhood. Mrs. D. Norris's many years' experience of Hospital Nursing enables her to take the charge and responsibility of any invalids committed to her care, and she would also receive friends who might wish to accompany them. Every appliance for good Nursing will be provided, and, when necessary, Trained Nurses can be relied upon. Mrs. D. Norris intends leaving England in October, so that early application should be made to her for terms, &c., at her home address, 2, Dennington Park Mansions, West Hampstead, N.W.

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THINGS move quickly across the Atlantic, and our shrewd cousins are carrying the science of

Nursing into the region of the sky. When they desire rain they do not wait, as we do in this country, for the rain to come down; but apparently manufacture the article for themselves, if the following account, which a correspondent kindly sends us from an unnamed paper, is true: "Within the last three weeks nine showers of rain, of which one was considerable, have been artificially produced in a region almost rainless normally. The district selected for experiment by the United States Agricultural Department, is near the midland staked plains of Texas, a grazing country, where agriculture is impossible because of the aridity of the climate. For more than three years no rain has fallen there, except in very occasional small showers. On Wednesday the vegetation was parched, the sky unclouded, the barometer at 30.5, the hygrometer between dry and very dry. The cowboys, who are shrewd judges of the weather, declared that rain was impossible. With this condition of the atmosphere, the following experiment was tried: Five balloons, each twelve feet in diameter, and charged with one-third oxygen and two-thirds hydrogen, were exploded by electricity, or time fuses, at heights ranging from one thousand feet to five miles. Three hundred and fifty pounds of Rackarock dynamite were also exploded in scattered packages of from ten to twenty pounds, at intervals of one minute, ending at ten o'clock p.m. At three o'clock the next morning a sharp clap of thunder was followed by heavy rain. At sunrise a beautiful rainbow was seen. The rain stopped at eight o'clock, but began again to fall after more explosives had been used."

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I AM also asked to mention that the London Young Women's Christian Association, which is doing an excellent and increasingly useful work, is again provided with an attractive prospectus of evening educational classes for the coming winter. Upwards of two thousand students attended the classes during the session 1890-1, and several passed successfully the Society of Arts, the Civil Service, the St. John Ambulance, and other examinations. Such practical subjects as shorthand, type-writing, book-keeping, dress-cutting, cookery, Civil Service preparation, &c., are taught at sixteen Institutes in different parts of London. At the City Gymnasium, the Morley Halls, Gymnasium for the West End, as well as at Barnsbury, Clapham, and Richmond, classes are held for gymnastics, drill, &c. There are also a number of other Institutes and Homes all over London at which many more advantages are offered. The prospectus can be had free from the Secretary, 16A, Old Cavendish Street, W.

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