

Fresh Pages.

WE are glad to see that "Hors de Combat" (Cassell & Co.) has reached a second edition. It is excellently "got up;" printing, paper, and illustrations all being superfine. It tells the story of one Sir Philip Carew—whose dogcart having been run into by a brewer's van, he is removed in an unconscious state to the Royal Hospital. In an easy unaffected style the Misses Southam tell how he fared for three weeks in the Institution. It would spoil our reader's pleasure in reading the book (as we advise them all forthwith to do) if we re-told the story; but there are several criticisms which we cannot refrain from making. We hazard the guess from internal evidence that the scene is laid either at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, or at the Salford Royal Hospital. At the latter we believe that Bart.'s caps and outdoor uniform are not worn as shown in the illustrations, and at the former it is well known that the term of training is *three*, not "two years." Wherever it be, we regret to learn that the Probationers only get a fortnight's holiday every year. Nurse Graham and Sister Agnes are most sympathetic characters, and Perkins is evidently drawn from life. But we confess that we should

like to know why Sir Philip Carew was kept in the Hospital for three weeks with a temperature apparently normal after the fifth day, and with only a broken head and arm—though, for the sake of such Institutions, we wish them many patients who are able and willing to show their gratitude in the form of a cheque for £1,000, a facsimile of which very appropriately concludes the last chapter. It is, however, only fair to add that these are the only criticisms which we can make, because, although it is clear that the authoresses are not Nurses, their descriptions have been evidently revised by some friend who is not only a medical man, but is intimately acquainted with Hospital life. The book, therefore, has the rare charm of novelty in treatment combined with professional accuracy. It should be widely read, and it will be much admired by Nurses.

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