

ceed or not must mainly depend upon their ability to maintain a standard of personal and professional qualification throughout their ranks which will command public confidence and support."

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SIR ANDREW CLARK affirms that tea made with boiling milk is much more wholesome both for nerves and digestion, than when it is made with water: And many people who have taken his suggestion quite share his faith.

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NURSES will find it wonderfully comfortable if they try lacing the corset with elastic, rather than with the old-fashioned stay cord. It enables the corset to "give" to the figure when bed-making, and lifting helpless patients; and saves many a weary back-ache.

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I HEAR that Miss CAROLINE DOGGETT has been appointed Matron of the Wagga-Wagga Hospital, New South Wales.

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WHAT will anyone give me for a novel method of pill-taking? I was doing a little amateur district visiting the other day, and happened to come across a girl who protested that she could not swallow a pill which the parish doctor had sent for her benefit. I saw that the difficulty partly arose from the smallness of the pill, and was proceeding to enclose it in a piece of soft bread quite according to orthodoxy, when a neighbour who had stepped in, said, "Law, Miss, why do you take all that trouble? I can show you an easier way than that." Of course I was interested and eager to add to my nursing education, so I asked her for her simple plan. She said, "When I wants to take one, I just makes some tea, puts the pill in the spout of the pot, and pour the tea down my throat, pill and all, and it slips down beautiful!" But even this ingenious plan has its drawbacks. With more sense of humour than I should have given the woman credit for she related how one day the family tea party was considerably excited over the unusual bitterness of their afternoon beverage. After much examining of kettles and water to trace the source of the trouble, it was found that the inventive medicine giver had placed a pill in the spout of the teapot, and then forgotten to take it. It had become lodged in the strainer, thus causing the tea which passed through to contain a large percentage of dissolved pill!

DISPOSE OF THE DEAD AS NATURE DIRECTS.—Everyone interested in the reform of funeral abuses should read the brochure published by the London Necropolis Company. It can be had gratis of the Secretary, 2, Lancaster Place, Strand, or 158, Westminster Bridge Road.

I LEARN that the recent examinations for Probationers at the Chelsea Infirmary was of an exceedingly satisfactory nature. The average was unusually high, there being little in point of merit to choose between any of the competitors. Probationer ALICE HAWES scored the largest number of marks in Anatomy and Physiology; and Probationer MAUD RAWLINS, who was very closely run by her sister, Probationer EDITH RAWLINS, headed the list for Practical Nursing Ward Work and General Conduct. S. G.

MESSRS. F. C. CALVERT AND CO'S. PREPARATIONS. —In our special issue of January 7th last we made highly favourable mention of some of this well-known firm's manufactures. Ever to the front with everything that is useful in their particular line, Messrs. Calvert and Co. have forwarded us other samples for test and report, comprising the following: *Calvert's Carbolic Tooth Soap*. A neatly rounded cornered metal box, containing a tablet of a transparent, well-made, carbolised and delicately-prepared soap, which is a refreshing deoderiser to the mouth. *Calvert's Curative Powder*, which is an admirably-prepared toilet powder, slightly carbolised, and useful where roughness, chafing, &c., are. *Calvert's Medical Soap*, guaranteed to contain not less than twenty per cent. of pure carbolic acid, is put up in a rounded corner metal box, and should be in every medical practitioner's and Nurses' dressing-bag, for use after surgical operations, or after attending upon infectious or contagious cases. *Calvert's Creso-Carbolic Disinfecting Salts* is, as is stated, a powerful deodoriser. It is free from odour, is soluble in water, and can therefore be used for indoor disinfection. It is put up in perforated top tins. *Calvert's Carbolic Soft Soap* is a good quality soft soap, charged with sufficient carbolic acid to render it particularly useful for scouring Wards, dormitories, and other rooms, and for washing urinals. *Calvert's Petrofeine Soap*, containing definite proportions of pure paraffin oil and carbolic acid, is useful for washing the scalp, and is a beautiful stimulant. *Calvert's Carbolic Household Soap* is a well-made article, remarkably pure, and just such a soap that can with advantage be used in every household. Messrs. Calvert and Co. enhance the great reputation they already hold.

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