

structed to cross-examine the Matron as to the reasons for her diagnosis and treatment in this and other cases. It would have been well also, if the public could have learned for how long, the matron is empowered by the "rule" of the Committee of the Worcester Infirmary to try her "usual remedies" upon sick Nurses before she arrives at the conclusion that they have failed, and permits her subordinates to have proper medical attendance. Miss MAY JANE McLELLAND'S usual remedies for a "sore throat," apparently is to paint the patient's fauces. It will probably be news to that lady, that in some throat affections, such treatment might be not only useless, but might even be dangerous, and that, in any case, unless skillfully performed, the operation might be extremely and needlessly painful. Miss BELSEY, not unnaturally, objected to the Matron carrying out painful experiments upon her, and apparently force was employed, and Miss BELSEY was held by another Nurse, while the Matron forcibly painted her throat. It is impossible to doubt that this was the procedure ordinarily so described—the application of a brush containing a strong astringent or caustic to the interior of the throat—because such an application, externally, in such an acute case, would surely not be included amongst "usual remedies."

If this assumption be correct, it is plain that the Judge was not informed what a delicate, and perhaps painful, operation was thus performed against her will, upon Miss BELSEY by her Matron, or of the doubtful value of the treatment. If the application had caused a fatal laryngeal spasm—and, perhaps, Miss MAY JANE McLELLAND is not aware that in acute affections of the throat this dangerous condition is easily induced—we greatly doubt whether a Coroner's Jury would have made as light of the assault to which Miss BELSEY was subjected, as the County Court Judge seems to have done.

It is useless to discuss the lady-like phraseology in which Miss MAY JANE McLELLAND indulges. She stated that "ass," "fool," and "idiot" are three words she often uses, and practically admitted that she

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applied these "soft" words to Miss BELSEY because that lady objected to having the inside of her inflamed throat scraped by the Matron. It must be presumed that this is the kind of language approved of by the Committee of the Worcester Infirmary, and to which Nurses, who are foolish enough to enter the Institution, are subjected.

The case is, as we have said, instructive and important. It shows how Nurses are treated, with the sanction and approval of Hospital Committees, and how thoroughly justified we are, and have been, in the indignant protests which we have made, and always shall make, against grinding tyranny, cruelty, and vulgar abuse, on the part of certain Hospital authorities, against their defenceless employées.

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PART II.—INFANTILE.

CHAPTER VIII.—INFANTILE AILMENTS.

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STROPHULUS, or red-gum, a papular affection of the skin, is a common infantile ailment, and as it occurs in breast fed infants, and within a short period from birth, it would almost seem that the eruption was due to maternal causes acting through the milk; it is not so distinctly traceable to errors of feeding as "thrush," nor does it to anything like the same extent distress the infant, and I have never heard of an infant dying of "red-gum." The rash generally shows itself first in small scarlet patches about the face, neck, and arms, in a few days it may extend to the shoulders, back, buttocks, and thighs, and the distinctly papular character of the eruptions becomes apparent in clusters of little hard pimples rough to the touch, but apparently causing no pain when rubbed over with the hand as in bathing the infant.

There is acidity of the stomach during the eruption, and in my judgment lime water—a teaspoonful three times a day in warm milk and water

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