

acknowledged that the Directors have acted wisely in providing some of the amenities of home life for them in their leisure hours. The new bedrooms for nurses and servants are in a new building above the kitchen wing. Here four additional bedrooms for Nurses and three for servants have been provided, together with a large store for linen and blankets.

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PREVIOUSLY, the ten Nurses had to be accommodated in seven bedrooms, and the eight servants in three bedrooms. The Night Sister's room is larger than the others, and resembles a small parlour. The Nurses' old bedrooms have been painted, papered, and refurnished. All the bedrooms are in direct communication with the wards in the main building. Up till now there has been no accommodation for nurses and servants in connection with the fever wards. This was found to be a great difficulty, especially in view of the engagements entered into with the County Council and other public bodies for the treatment of infectious diseases. To remedy this want, a new block of building has been put up, filling up the space between the kitchen and the porter's lodge, the under part of which is utilised as houses for the ambulance waggons, &c., while on the upper floor six bedrooms have been provided for fever nurses and servants, with bathroom, &c. These have no communication (except by telephone) with the main building, or with the fever wards. Each fever block is now in separate communication by telephone with the fever Nurses' rooms and with the main building.

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THE *Kochdale Observer* reports the following case. It would be interesting to know whether Miss UNSWORTH is a trained Nurse or not. Presumably, she is not, or she would probably have been able to recover the fees she claimed, and she would certainly have asked for more than fifteen shillings a week for her remuneration.

"Betty Unsworth, of the Golden Ball, Hamer Lane, claimed, in the Rochdale County Court, from Robert Holden, 126, Oldham Road, £9 payment for sick Nursing. According to Plaintiff's statement she nursed her uncle the late Mr. Edward Collier for about three months. The defendant was the executor under her uncle's will and he had always agreed to pay her for the work she had done in her uncle's house. In reply to his Honour she said the deceased uncle did not agree as to any payment for Nursing.—Mr. Hudson, who appeared for the defendant, denied that plaintiff had done any Nursing, and contended that the action was only taken because she was piqued at not receiving £10 she expected her uncle would leave her.—Judgment was given for the defendant."

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A Fortnight in a Private Hospital.

THE EXPERIENCES OF A TIMID BACHELOR.

PART II.

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"ONE pain is lessen'd by another's anguish." Doubtless, therefore, the bitter sense of defeat I felt at the thought of the last night's struggles contributed to the fact that the "red light" began to show signs of flickering, although now and again a bright beam would shoot forth, as if meant as a warning to the restless patient, that the haven had not been made yet. It was well that this was so, for a new tribulation was at hand. Bed making! What untold vexations to Nurses and the sick are summed up in these two words. I have always had an opinion—strictly my own—as to how a bed should be made; and will freely admit that the arrangement I favour does not conduce to orderliness. The occupant, or, at least, I should not say the occupant, for the point is that one does not occupy the bed; but words fail me to describe the system. Suffice it to say that one rather resembles a mummy, that it is difficult to see which is the head and which the opposite end when operations are finished; and that either the wrappings or the sleeper usually seek a closer acquaintance with the floor at some period of the night.

The energy and persistency with which the Nurses would insist upon tidying my bed (which, of course, returned to a state of chaos as soon as they left the room) was, though laudable enough in itself, none the less trying to a sensitive person.

I believe I had resolved to make myself as disagreeable as possible during my enforced stay in the Hospital; but now, somehow or another, this deliberate intention appeared to me rather petty—not to qualify it by stronger language—and (as the "policeman" is not likely to read this) I will confess to the weakness of trying, in some measure, to atone for the resolution; excepting when intermittently a quite irresistible opportunity for mischief-making would arise. It must have been the latter part of La Rochefoucauld's maxim, "Illness suspends our virtues and our vices," which was the cause of this reformation. But such is the perversity of human nature that my good, met, if anything, with less courtesy than my previous intentions. For instance, I would try at the expense of endless manœuvres to arrange my bed; instead of thanks, I received unlimited snubs. I would

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