

but an inveterate smoker, and to say that he comes into the sick room 'reeking' with tobacco is a mild way of putting it. My patient declares that the least whiff of his 'bird's-eye' turns her sick and faint. She is too 'nervous,' she assures me, to put the case before the doctor, and, having no male or any relative in the county, she insists that I, the Nurse, must 'bell the cat,' and reprove my 'chief' for indulging in so many 'fragrant weeds' while making his rounds. Dear fellow Nurses, what am I to do? Can a more awkward position be imagined? I am hoping for many cases from the doctor, who has expressed his satisfaction with my work. On the other hand, I realise that the tobacco produces much nervous disturbance in my invalid. Am I to put my own professional interests before those of my patient; and is it possible to speak on such a subject to a doctor without incurring his lasting displeasure? I may mention that this particular practitioner has no sympathy with the 'new woman' movement, and thinks that 'feminines' have a distinct place in which to be kept. Please help

A PUZZLED NURSE.

Comments and Replies.

We find ourselves compelled to restrict our rule hitherto of answering many of our correspondents privately, as the consequent labour is becoming very great. We must therefore request our readers to receive replies to their communications in this column unless the matter is too private to permit this or too urgent to wait.

REPLIES.

Miss F. Roberts Atkin, Brighton.—We are of opinion that your best plan would be to bring your views before the Matron of the Hospital to which you allude.

Miss Alice M. Bowers, Chester.—As the name of the Hospital was not mentioned by Sir Sydney Waterlow, we are unable to give it; doubtless, he would answer your question himself—address 29, Chesham Place, London, W. The two Institutions you name do not receive awards because they are endowed Hospitals, and do not publish publicly their accounts, although the former is greatly in need of funds.

Connaissance de Cause.—We regret we are unable to publish your letter as it is anonymous. We shall be pleased to do so if your name and address are given as a guarantee of good faith.

Ing's House.—Your letter shall appear next week.

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