

*the Nurse to apply warmth and friction to the limbs, &c.* Shades of the St. John's Ambulance Society! That a doctor should allow artificial respiration to be done by an ignorant woman, while he is doing nothing. And further that he should order warmth and friction *before* breathing had been induced! We would commend to the writer of the article a perusal of the leaflet issued by the Royal Humane Society as to the restoration of the apparently drowned.

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A DISTRICT NURSE, engaged in work in a large town some sixteen miles from London, where the water supply, though pure, is laden with chalk, and is consequently very detrimental to the health of the people so unfortunate as to be obliged to drink it, was heard to explain the "reason why" chalky water was injurious to health. She said to an enquirer anxious for an explanation on physiological and hygienic grounds, "If you look in your kettles you will see them caked and furred with the chalk. Well, your 'insides' are caked just in the same way." We refer this Nurse to the admirable lectures of the Sanitary Institute.

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AN enthusiastic doctor (who has himself wisely married a Nurse) recently said: "The trained Nurse excels in every other field which she enters. She becomes the best governess, the best companion, the best wife and mother, and the best missionary." When we Nurses hear such sentiments expressed, we cannot help feeling that we have our work cut out for us if we are to live up to such lofty ideals.

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A PARISIAN journal, after speaking with an enthusiasm amounting almost to rapture about the appearance of English Nurses in uniform—"so simple, so ladylike, so charming!"—goes on to say that even some of them are aristocrats, and all highly popular and all deeply respected. But, after relating another "omnibus incident," where a Nurse retails to a professional sister how she has just come off duty after being sixteen hours in attendance on a small-pox patient, it inquires, hysterically, "where are the police" to allow Nurses to thus scatter the germs of infection. A graphic account is given of the immediate flight of the occupants of the "bus," and of how a spokesman appealed to a policeman, and demanded that the omnibus should immediately be disinfected. According to this veracious journalist, the police, bristling with indignation, at once commanded disinfection of

the vehicle. Lastly, we learn that a petition has been addressed to the Superintendent of the Police, praying that an edict shall go forth to the effect that no Hospital or Infirmary Nurses shall be permitted in public conveyances.

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We have made inquiries as to this authentic document, but have, so far, failed in unearthing it. Some journalist was heard once to say that he could do his work much better when he was not "hampered by facts." And it would seem as if his Parisian brother has freed himself from such trammels. The British public sits next to much worse sources of infection than any likely to be afforded by Hospital Nurses.

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Another point in the question may also be made. Comments are frequently heard that it is "unladylike" for Nurses to ride on garden-seats. But what are the poor Nurses to do? If they "ride inside" they are looked at askance as the possible conveyers of germs of the most horrible description; if they go outside, where their "germs" would be well diluted with fresh air, Mrs. Grundy is apt to condemn, and to say they do not behave with the decorum to be expected from their cloth.

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