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## Editorial.

"THE INEVITABLE NURSE."

SUCH is the expression which one now-a-days hears, on all sides. Wherever one goes, one is certain to meet somebody in Nursing costume, though it by no means follows that the wearer is entitled to wear so honourable a uniform. It is interesting to observe how the Drama of the day reflects various phases of public opinion concerning the position, the work, and the ubiquitousness of the modern Nurse. During the last few months, we have seen three popular plays in which actresses in Nursing garb have taken a more or less prominent part, and a fourth in which one of the characters expresses her firm determination—in consequence of a disappointment in love—to immediately become a Hospital Nurse; as though that were the most natural and effectual method of soothing her sorrow. In the first of the plays to which we refer, the Nurse appeared as a kind of guardian angel, and delivers lengthy lectures on morality and the marriage vows. She is depicted throughout the piece as brimful of the best possible intentions, and is certainly utilised for the purpose of imparting an atmosphere of freshness and goodness into scenes which distinctly require such a hygienic improvement. So, although she talks like a prig of the very first water, the "guardian angel" represents a popular aspect of Nursing which is complimentary and more agreeable than others which might be mentioned.

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