

Nurse Smith.—It will be found useful in making a bed with a short mackintosh, in caring for a restless patient, to stitch on to the mackintosh at either side, a width of unbleached calico, so that it can be tucked in as an ordinary draw sheet. This will both add greatly to the comfort of the patient and prevent the mackintosh from being spoilt. The calico can quite easily be scrubbed at the same time as the mackintosh.

Obstetric Nurse.—Of course legislation for Nurses must come. It is only a question of a little patient waiting. We quite agree with you that the position of a midwife is decidedly anomalous. We heard someone say recently that "The term midwife now *may* only mean a charwoman who is not busy." This is putting it somewhat strongly, and in a nutshell, but it is not wholly exaggerated.

Sister Ruth.—Mustard poultices, as you say, are apt to be irritating. In answer to your question as to how this tendency can be obviated, you will find, if you use *glycerine* instead of water, that the pungency is much lessened, and you can use mustard without any admixture of flour. Glycerine should always be used for mustard poultices when these are ordered for infants and children, or persons with delicate skins. Mixing the mustard with white of egg is another admirable plan when you want to get the efficacy of the poultice without smarting.

Nurse Watson.—There are many methods of preventing a patient from "slipping down in the bed." Blocks of wood may be put under the two castors at the foot of the bed, with a depression in the centre to keep the castor from rolling. Also a bolster pillow may be put across the width of the bed and under the mattress, so as to slightly raise the mattress at the lower part of the back. This does not get out of place. Another plan is to fasten a piece of rope through a bent pillow; put the pillow under the patient's knees, and fix the rope to the head of the bedstead. This is simple, but very effectual.

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