

## Comments and Replies.

### REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Miss Anderson.*—With regard to your question as to whether a mustard poultice mixed with glycerine instead of with water does not have a tendency to *soak in* to the skin, we agree that it sounds true theoretically that such would be the case; but in practice it certainly does not, as you can try for yourself.

*Honourable.*—We hope you will send us the letter you promise. It is a most important question, this sanctity of professional secrets, and it cannot too often be impressed on Nurses that their code of honour with regard to what they hear and see in sick-rooms, can hardly be too stringent. We believe that in the majority of cases where mischief is made, there is no bad motive, but what was described by an old Scotch woman as "just a leakin' o' news." It is this dangerous custom of "leakin'," and indulging in personalities and chit-chat which causes gossip. And gossip causes scandal, and scandal often leads to quite tragic developments in lives.

*Aggrieved.*—It certainly does seem hard that your Hospital authorities make you take your summer holiday so early in May. Of course, with so large a staff it is absolutely impossible to arrange holidays and "times off" to please everybody. There is no *rule* on the subject; it is a question of arrangement. But, instead of harbouring revengeful feelings against your Matron—a thing which you must see for yourself is somewhat small-minded—go honestly to her, state the facts of the case, and we have no doubt she will smooth the matter if any way possible.

*Mrs. Arthur, Slough.*—Thanks for enclosures. We will take care they are returned after Exhibition.

*Miss Mabel Halkett, Dunfermline, N.B.*—The dolls

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*Miss A. Waters, Dublin.*—We cannot publish your information anonymously. If the facts are correct, why not sign your letter?

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