

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Probationer Hughes.—There are several ways of making pneumonia jackets. To cut it, take the material, measure the neck, chest and arms, and have it to fit; cut the material sufficiently long; double it; at the fold, cut out a piece to form the neck, slitting the stuff from the neck only low enough to enable its being easily slipped over the head; cut out of the sides to form arm holes, and fasten it on with tapes, after whipping over the edges. Sometimes oiled silk lined with soft white flannel is advised. Absorbent wool of course makes the best jacket, and when this is used the jacket can be washed. Dry by shaking out well before a good fire.

Nurse Alice.—The mixture you mention is not often used in the sick room, but as the physician in charge of your case wishes the patient to take it, of course it is right for you to find out the best way of making it. Put into a clean quart bottle a pint of milk, boiled and cooled, or peptonised if required, the whites of two eggs, and a little pinch of salt. Cork and shake hard for five minutes.

Miss Brown.—For the Sick Nursing Classes to which you refer, apply to the Secretary, Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel, E. We are not sure whether they are held in the Summer, but he will give you full particulars.

Nurse Whitaker.—The usual temperature of the water for filling water-beds is 90° F. But in very hot weather 3°, less may be used, unless the patient be old or with very lowered vitality. Be sure not to get the temperature below this as a good deal will be lost by diffusion of heat. Many

Nurses maintain—and patients agree with them—that a water bed is more comfortable if it is half filled with water, and then distended to the necessary extent by inflation with a pair of bellows.

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