

which I leave everything to you, even if you do not become my wife.'

'Yes, but she always says a will could be torn up.'

'If your grandmamma would prefer it, I could make it over to you in a marriage settlement.'

Bijou laughed.

'Ah! she would imagine, then, that we might be divorced, and a divorce does away with all things.'

'But, supposing I make out in the marriage contract that the half of what I possess now is really yours, and supposing I made over the rest to you, only reserving to myself the interest?'

The cunning displayed in that short dialogue is superior to, because more subtle than, Becky Sharp herself!

G. M. R.

### Bookland.

A "LIFE OF AMBROSE PARÉ," by Stephen Paget, is about to be published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam and Sons. Ambrose Paré may be called the apostle of merciful surgery, as he was the first French army doctor to dress gunshot wounds without boiling oil, and to perform amputations without using a red-hot knife. In Mr. Stephen Paget Ambrose Paré has a disciple whose intense sympathy with all forms of suffering is well known. We look forward with interest to reading the forthcoming work.

Messrs. Longman will publish in the Autumn the last volume of Dr. Liddon's "Life of Dr. Pusey."

Messrs. Chatto and Windus will shortly publish a new book by Mark Twain, entitled, "More Tramps Abroad."

"A Madonna of the Music Halls," by William le Queux, is to be issued by Messrs. White.

### WHAT TO READ.

"Studies in Two Literatures," by Arthur Symons.

"In Garden, Orchard and Spinney," by Phil Robinson.

"A Rash Verdict," by Leslie Keith.

"Where the Surf Breaks," by Mary F. A. Tench.

"'Twas in Dhroll Donegal," by "Mac."

"A Welsh Singer," by Allen Raine.

"A Daughter of the Klephts," by Edward Garrett.

"A Bride's Madness," by Allen Upward.

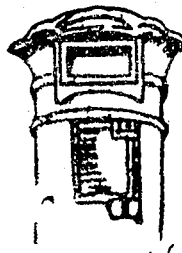
"A Bad Character Suit," by F. A. Steel. (A short story in the *Pall Mall Magazine* for September.)

### Coming Events.

August 30th.—Princess Beatrice pays a semi-State visit to Ryde, when she will lay the foundation-stone of the children's wing of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital.

The Duke of Devonshire lays the foundation-stone of a Nurses' Home in connection with the Bradford Infirmary.

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### Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### A PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—“Hospital Nurse” writes to ask how a matron of a small cottage hospital, who is single-handed, can ever get off duty. I reply that she cannot, and that it is grossly unfair of anybody responsible for a cottage hospital to put any woman in such a position. It seems to me no excuse to add, as “Hospital Nurse” does, that the inhabitants cannot afford to pay and keep two nurses. Then they cannot afford to keep a cottage hospital at all, and they are not justified in doing so at the expense of the poor woman they take as matron (!) Moreover, they will not get a really good nurse to take such a place, and so the patients will suffer, as indeed they must if the inhabitants expect one woman to nurse six patients by day and night. Cheapness, especially in nursing, may mean anything but a saving of lives.

Yours faithfully,

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### HOLIDAY EXTENSION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—As the article in your issue of July 24th gives, we feel, a false impression, we should like it to be known generally that independently, and ignorant of the matron's and maids' holiday extension, we did approach the matron with regard to a day off a month and an extra week's holiday. The matron refusing our request, we, the senior nurses (not probationers) appealed to the committee, who after special investigation granted our request. This was completed without any feeling of animosity on either side.

Yours,

THE SENIOR NURSES OF THE  
 CARDIFF INFIRMARY.

### ABUSE OF NURSES' UNIFORM.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am quite at one with your correspondent "Observer" in her objection to nurses' uniforms being worn at exhibitions for advertising purposes. Of course the "pirate" was "strongly opposed to Registration, and all such nonsense," but it would be interesting if you could elicit why those who have "the interest of the nursing profession at heart" are opposed to it also.

Faithfully yours,  
 REGISTERED.

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