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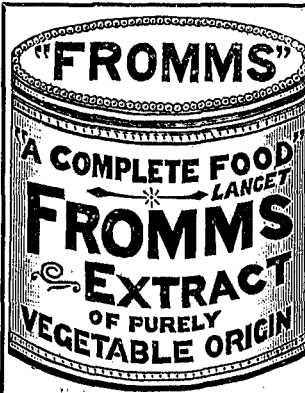
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Editorial.

THE FATE OF A QUACK.

ON various occasions, we have called attention to the manner in which women in nursing uniforms were engaged in puffing or selling various quack preparations; and, from time to time, we have expressed the annoyance and contempt which all thoroughly trained nurses must feel at such conduct. Our attention has been recently called to the facts that certain well-known manufacturers of valuable and standard preparations offer nurses large commissions upon the sale of any of their goods, effected through the nurse's agency or recommendation; and that other excellent firms send out women in nursing costumes as their commercial travellers. As regards the first fact, there is no doubt that the practice is wrong in principle, although, in the present chaotic condition of the nursing profession, it is not to be wondered at that leading firms should consider that nurses are open to such inducements. It is a nurse's duty to obtain for her patients many articles; but, in so doing, she should be guided in her choice by the sole intention and desire to do the best for her patient's interests, and not in any way to secure her own aggrandisement. There is, unfortunately, a growing feeling of suspicion amongst the public, that nurses are inclined to minimise their duty in this particular, and to purchase goods on which they receive some commission. Such a

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