

THE EXACTING PATIENT.

A contrast to the preceding is the exacting patient. "Are you quite comfortable?" you ask, when you have settled him for the time being. "Yes, thank you" is the answer, and you leave him, to attend to another patient. Ring goes the bell of Patient number one. "Nurse, that blind is not quite straight, will you put it right?" You do so and return to number two. The bell rings again. "Nurse, I think the under blanket is not quite smooth, will you see to it?" You smooth out an invisible crease, and return once more. Ring goes the bell. "Nurse, there is a fly buzzing about, do you think you could catch it?"

THE TRYING PATIENT.

He takes one so by surprise. He is apparently pleased with everything that is done for him, thanks you, and seems quite contented. Then comes the doctor's visit. He is satisfied with the progress of his patient, and prepares to depart. "If there is anything you would like, ask nurse for it," he says, cheerily, and is leaving the room, when a voice from the bed is heard. "Doctor, mayn't I have any food? I've had nothing since you were here last." The doctor turns to you in astonishment. He has given explicit orders. The patient is to have plenty of liquid nourishment, but nothing solid at present. "Hasn't he taken his nourishment?" he asks, and the tone implies, why didn't you mention so important a fact. "He has had two and a half pints of milk, and half a pint of beef tea, and half a pint of chicken broth, and an egg flip, and the two ounces of brandy in the twenty-four hours," you answer. "Oh, yes, I've had plenty to drink," says your patient, "but I meant food."

THE APPRECIATIVE PATIENT.

The appreciative patient is most grateful for everything that is done for him, most considerate for your comfort, most anxious that you should get off duty every day, and have your proper hours of sleep. In fact, he is so considerate that you are afraid that he does not ask for everything he wants, because he does not want to give trouble, and you feel impelled to impress upon him that a nurse's sole duty is not to look after herself, but her patient, and that he should cultivate the quality of selfishness, which seems to be quite latent, if present at all, in his composition.

THE IDEAL PATIENT.

The ideal patient knows that he is entitled to the services of a nurse, and he avails himself of them. He gives himself over, with a sigh of satisfaction, to be "done for," and is manifestly more comfortable for the services you are able to render. He has a courteous and kindly word

to say after any attention. He rings his bell when he wants anything, so that you can leave him in comfort for a few moments knowing quite well that if he needs you he will summon you. He takes whatever you give him, whether food or medicine, having faith that it is given to him for his good. He may enquire if such and such a thing is necessary, but if you tell him it is, he is quite satisfied, and he is so tractable and docile that he probably progresses to recovery apace.

I roused myself from my reverie. The cab stopped at the door, and I entered the house to spend a happy month with an ideal patient.

Appointments.
MATRON.

MISS H. E. G. HAMILTON has been unanimously appointed, out of 42 candidates, Matron of University College Hospital. Miss Hamilton entered the Nightingale School of St. Thomas's Hospital for training in 1886, and in 1888 was appointed Sister of Medical Wards in that institution, a position which she held until 1892. From 1892 to 1893 she acted as Matron of the Carlisle Hospital, when she resigned the appointment. In 1894 Miss Hamilton returned to St. Thomas's Hospital, where she acted for a time as Assistant Matron, and the same year was appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea, which position she still holds.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS ROSE NASH has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Highworth and Swindon Union Workhouse. Miss Nash was trained and certificated by St. John's House, and subsequently went to Bombay, where she did private nursing in connection with the European Hospital there. Miss Nash holds the midwifery certificate of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and also obtained experience of fever nursing at the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, while on the staff of St. John's House.

MISS ANNE J. AINSWORTH has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Tolworth Joint Hospital for Infectious Diseases. Miss Ainsworth received her training at St. Thomas's Hospital.

HEAD NURSE.

MISS ANNIE TANNER has been appointed Head Nurse of the Female Medical Wards at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital. Miss Tanner was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, where she was gold medallist of her year. For the last year she has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Rochdale Infirmary.

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