

building, shall, as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is suffering from an infectious disease, send notice to the medical officer of health for the district. (b) Every medical practitioner attending the patient shall forthwith, on becoming aware that the patient is suffering from an infectious disease, send to the medical officer of health for the district a certificate stating the name of the patient, the situation of the building, and the infectious disease from which in his opinion the patient is suffering. Every person required to give a notice or certificate who fails to give it will be liable to a fine not exceeding 40s. If, however, a person is not required to give notice in the first instance, but only in default of some other person, he will not be liable to any fine if he satisfies the Court that he had reasonable cause to suppose that the notice had been duly given.

NURSE MADGE AND CO.

WE are glad to notice that the police have their eye upon the "Massage" houses, which are too often houses of ill-fame, and that two proprietors of establishments, believed to be used for improper purposes, have been charged at Marlborough Street during the past week. We draw attention to the existence of these houses of unsavoury reputation because it directly concerns the Nursing Profession, inasmuch as the women who pursue this corrupting and corroding trade usually adopt the title and the dress of trained nurses, and, in consequence, drag the good name of nurses in the mud. When the proprietors of these houses do actually possess certificates as masseuses, and combine the two occupations, the case is even worse than when their purpose is wholly unmistakable. The loose way in which certificates are given to women after a few months' training only, by persons who know little or nothing of their personal characters, must be wholly condemned. It emphasises the need for prolonged general training, and for the registration of all duly qualified workers. We should then no longer hear of police inspectors entering houses of doubtful reputation, and finding "Nurse Madge" playing cards, and another colleague, styling herself a masseuse, in a most compromising position. It is time that the police made a serious attempt to put down "massage" houses. Their existence, and their reputation has so long been so well known that the fact that they still flourish is a scandal.

"THE MEDICAL TIMES."

MANY of our readers will, we feel sure, be glad to know of an eminently readable medical journal, which will keep them informed of the most recent advances in medicine and surgery, and which also contains each week most valuable articles by specialists on subjects upon which they are specially qualified to treat. The *Medical Times and Hospital Gazette* has been now entirely rearranged, and is an exceedingly useful and popular journal. Nurses will, of course, remember that it is written for medical practitioners, and deals with the treatment of disease, but as the better understanding of this is undoubtedly an aid to them in the intelligent performance of their work, and as many nurses do not consider they have done their weekly duty unless they have at least skimmed the pages of the *Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, they will doubtless be glad to be made acquainted with a medical publication which they can procure for the modest sum of 2d. per week, and which will give them all the cream of the news of the medical world. We commend the *Medical Times*, therefore, to the attention of our readers.

"PRETTY WOMEN."

HENCEFORTH, says the *Médecine Française*, there is no reason why an otherwise beautiful face should lack character for lack of eyelashes. Artificial eye lashes are the latest French novelty; the process may appear a little painful, a needle threaded with hair being passed through the lid, and the threads cut in the middle with a fine pair of scissors, each end becoming an eyelash. False hair is an ancient institution, and ladies of fashion—dignified in the women's papers as "pretty smart women"—will no doubt willingly add this new torture to the long list which makes them "quite lovely." And after all the professional beauty of to-day knows little of the excruciating agonies endured by her prototype of the "cage" age, when, compressed in iron stays, with the coiffure dressed three feet high à la Excelsior, decorated with fruit, vegetables, flowers, and feathers, she dosed at night in an armchair rather than disarrange this work of art, or smudge her enamelled features. At least in these days we can remove the toupée which successfully covers deficiencies, and "sleep clean," as one of the "smart and pretty ones" lately remarked.

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