

## Notices.

### OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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## Comments and Replies.

**Maternity Nurse.**—Cæsarian Section is performed in cases of contracted pelvis, where the woman's life is in danger, owing to the fact that the head of the child cannot pass through the pelvis of the mother. Under these circumstances one of two operations may be performed by the medical attendant: (1) Craniotomy, (2) Cæsarian Section. Craniotomy consists in puncturing a fontanelle, (the anterior one is usually selected), through which the child's brains escape and then crushing the head with special forceps, after which delivery is usually effected easily. The operation, in skilful hands, is attended by little risk to the mother, but it means, of course, inevitably the death of the child. Members of the Roman Church are not allowed to have craniotomy performed. The operation of Cæsarian Section is a serious one to the mother. It consists of abdominal

section, and an incision into the uterus. The child is frequently born alive. If the necessity for surgical interference is discovered before labour comes on the choice of operation is usually placed before the mother, but if she is not in a position to be consulted the surgeon acts on his own judgment. The name of Cæsarian Section is given to the second operation owing to the tradition that Julius Cæsar was brought into the world by this method. It is on record that the first successful case of Cæsarian Section in this country was performed by an Irish midwife named Mary Donally.

**Country Worker.**—The Council of the National Union of Women Workers acts as the National Council of Women for Great Britain and Ireland. The Organizing Secretary of the National Union is Miss Emily Janes, to whom letters should be addressed at the office, 59, Berners Street, London, W.

**Nurse Bingham.**—The operation of tracheotomy has become comparatively rare, since the treatment of diphtheria by anti-toxin has been introduced. We are told by the Matrons of infectious hospitals, that the difference is most marked; indeed, it would almost seem that a case of tracheotomy will soon be as great a rarity as a linseed poultice is now-a-days.

**Charge Nurse, London.**—Vaccination is the name given to inoculation with the material of vaccinia or cow-pox. In relation to the human subject, this operation is performed in order to protect the person vaccinated from an attack, more especially from a severe and fatal attack, of small-pox. Cow-pox never occurs spontaneously in man, and neither is it communicable to him in any way except by direct inoculation with its own specific virus. After vaccination has been performed, care should be taken that the vesicle is not rubbed or mechanically injured, and at the end of a week if not sooner, the arm should always be shown to the medical man in charge of the case.

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