

loved by Ger vase von Edelmann, a German officer in the English army. When Dirk, the young Jacobite spy, also falls in love with her, the situation is one which piques the imagination. The hearts of the women of the eighteenth century, being wholly incalculable products, it is not, of course, improbable that Lucilla should prefer this doer of political dirty work to her chivalrous and delightful German lover. But it does seem to strain probability to the breaking point to ask us to believe that an old man could successfully personate a young girl for a whole evening at a masquerade, deceiving even her lover—even though he was in reality the father of the girl he impersonated.

It is seldom that one meets such real and rare merit joined to faults so glaring and obvious as those of Miss Simpson. If she is without the faculty of self-criticism, she should submit her work to a good judge, and the result might be romance of a conspicuously high order.

G. M. R.

### The King's Daughter.

Watching the traffic's ebb and flow,  
Weary and worn with the weight of woe,  
Hopeless and haggard, helpless and old,  
Shuddering and shrinking in damp and cold;  
Doubting, she raises a lightless eye  
To the careless and selfish ones hurrying by,  
And prays, in an apathy sadder than care,  
A marvellous, mighty, and deathless prayer:  
"Por Dios!"

Oh, Child of the King in thy want and shame,  
Thou art hallowed and raised by that wond'rous name,  
And thy careless brethren are royally paid  
By the benediction that thou hast made:  
"Dios lo pagara!"

LINA MOLLETT.

### Death on the Field.

(From the German of Deblev von Liliencron.)

Among the poppies tall and red  
A wounded soldier-lad is lying.  
The tall wheat waves above his head;  
Two days, two nights, he has been dying.

He lifts his head; his breaking eyes,  
Thirst-haunted, and no longer seeing,  
Are raised towards the spreading skies,  
And lo! a vision fills his being.

His village in its workday peace;  
The swish of scythes through grain and clover.  
Home-world, good bye. The terrors cease,  
He bends his head. The fight is over.

H. F.—In the *Westminster Gazette*.

### What to Read.

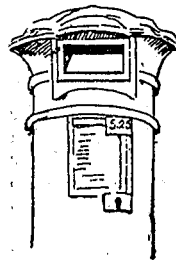
"The Cathedrals of Northern France." By Francis Miltoun.

"The True Japan. The Garden of Asia." By Réginald Farrer.

"Portalone." By C. Ranger-Gull.

"Tommy and Co." By Jerome K. Jerome.

"The Story of an East London Hospital." By J. J. ...



### 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.

#### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Many thanks for the cheque, value £1 1s., received this morning, for answer to last month's puzzles.

Yours truly,  
C. DAVIES.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.  
August 16th.

#### THE CORNWALL COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you for sending me the copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in which you have inserted a reply to my letter.

I must, however, entirely protest against your objection to our village nurses being designated as such. In your note you put the word nurses either in italics or inverted commas, as much as to say they are not applicable. Upon this subject I will refer you to the description given of village nurses in the *Hospital* of August 6th, p. 263, which is perfectly just and accurate.

Many of our nurses are employed in connection with serious operations, and, only a few days ago, I had a letter from one of the medical men in this county saying that the nurse in his district had been so employed, and that he "could not wish for a better surgical nurse."

Yours faithfully,  
MOUNT EDGUMBE.

Mount Edgumbe, Plymouth,

[We have pleasure in publishing the above letter. It must, however, be noted that the period for which the nurses, in connection with the Cornwall County Nursing Association, are trained is twelve months, a considerable portion of which time is spent in special training, as village nurses were, in the first instance, intended only to care for maternity cases, and were trained for such duties. At the present time, as Lord Mount Edgumbe states, they are employed for surgical work "in connection with serious operations," for which work, to ensure efficiency, a lengthy and thorough training is essential. We therefore still maintain that if lay philanthropic persons undertake the responsibility of providing nurses for the poor, such nurses should be as efficient as those demanded for the rich, for in these days it must surely be realised that, whether the patient be rich or poor, disease runs the same course in his veins, and demands the same skilled care. We are inclined to think that the County Nursing Associations should be largely under the management of professional persons. It is very difficult for persons having no practical knowledge of the responsibilities involved to understand the necessity for maintaining adequate professional standards.—Ed.]

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