

pest during the day? It seems to me that a veil, something like that on view at the United Service Institution as worn by the Japanese soldier might usefully be adopted for wearing over the sun helmet during the day. The question of the protection of the hands is a difficult one, for close-fitting gloves could not be borne in many tropical countries. There ought to be a fortune waiting for the inventor of mosquito proof gloves and stockings, which are cool as well as effective. With a constantly sodden skin a mosquito bite is apt to develop into a troublesome ulcer, difficult to cure. Indeed, there are many who have been at home for years who still have reminders of the days spent under a tropical sun in the scars which these ulcers have left. Residents in malarious countries would, I believe, have greater exemption from contracting a serious disease, and certainly would have a much greater degree of comfort if they were able to efficiently protect their faces and extremities from mosquito bites. Who will invent a practical method of effecting this?

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

PRACTICAL PERSON.

Comments and Replies.

Private Nurse.—Messrs. Southall Brothers and Barclay, Ltd., Birmingham, could supply you with everything you need. They are a firm of long-standing repute, and their goods may be relied upon.

Countriy Matron.—The first nurse-training school in the United Kingdom to establish a preliminary school was that of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. The London, and Guy's Hospitals both have now similar schools through which all probationers who enter these hospitals must first pass to the satisfaction of the authorities. Probationers who enter the preliminary school of the London Hospital are required to find someone responsible in a fine of £10 if the applicant breaks her agreement (presumably any time during the four years she is bound to the hospital). At Guy's Hospital the fee is six guineas for a six weeks' course, which covers the expense of board, residence, tuition, and practical work. The probationer pays her own laundry expenses and provides herself with uniform.

Nurse Porter.—Cæsarian Section, in which operation the abdominal cavity is opened, and an incision made into the uterus through which the child is delivered, is so called because there is a legend that Julius Cæsar was brought into the world by this method.

Mrs. Evans.—Messrs. Allen and Hanbury's, 48, Wigmore Street, London, have designed a Midwives' Case, which they have called the "Allenbury's," with the purpose of furnishing one complying with the regulations of the Central Midwives' Board. It consists of a steriliser and all the necessary appliances for the midwife's use at a maternity case. The price is £2 12s. 6d.

To our Correspondents.

The correspondence of the Editor has now assumed such proportions that she is obliged to ask those who desire answers to their letters to enclose, in future, a stamp for the reply. Will correspondents kindly note this request.

Our Five Guinea Prize Competition.

A Prize of Five Guineas will be awarded each quarter by the Editor to the author of the best article on some practical nursing subject of about 2,000 words in length, with illustrations, of which photographs must be enclosed, and under the following conditions:—

1. Each competitor must enclose with his or her article a sealed envelope, outside which is written the title of the article, and inside a piece of paper containing the name of the article and the author's full name and address.

2. The decision as to the winner of the Prize will be made by the Editor, and the decision must be accepted by each competitor as final and unquestionable. The Prize cannot be won twice in any one year by the same competitor.

3. The Editor reserves to herself the right to publish, if she thinks fit, any of the articles received for the competition; and in such an event will pay the author of such article the sum of one guinea, such article to become the property and copyright of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

4. Each competitor must be an annual subscriber to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The first Prize will be awarded on June 22nd, and all articles competing for it must be received by the Editor not later than SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH. The successful article will appear on July 1st.

Notices.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses will find an application form on page vii., or can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

Those interested in the efficient organisation of nursing should procure the Annual Report of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Six copies, post free, 7d., or one copy, 1½d. Gives a brief review of the history of State Registration of Nurses.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor will at all times be pleased to consider articles of a suitable nature for insertion in this journal—those on practical nursing are specially invited. The Editor will also be pleased to receive paragraphs, such as items of nursing news, results of nurses' examinations, new appointments, reports of hospital functions, also letters on questions of interest to nurses, and newspapers marked with reports of matters of professional interest.

Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page viii.

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