

When gloves have been put in to boil, nurse must tie up her hair with gauze and cover mouth with mouth-piece; sterilise her hands as for an operation; put on sterile long-sleeved gown and first pair of gloves just sterilised, which must be discarded after all are finished; cover table with sterile sheet; put on dressing towels and sterile powder-pan ready to begin.

Gloves are then dried thoroughly with sterile towels inside and out; powdered inside and out with sterile talcum powder, rolled in sterile gauze and pinned as before; each set rolled in sterile towel, with extra sterile towel on outside, and labelled.

Make as many complete sets as possible, and put all extra pairs in separate set, and label odd gloves.

A set consists of two pairs for surgeons, pair for house surgeon, two pairs for nurses.

Before the gloves are put on for the operation, the nurse powders her hands with sterile powder, then takes a piece of sterile gauze to handle the first glove, and after that she puts on all the other gloves for the surgeon, house surgeon, or nurses.

Legal Matters.

How full of quibbles is the Law. When the Holly Park Estate at Crouch Hill was sold by public auction in 1864 it was provided that the owners for the time being should not carry on in any messuage or building on the estate any trade or business whatsoever, except that of doctor or apothecary, nor at any time permit any building on the estate to be used as an hotel, tavern, lunatic asylum, tea rooms, or beershop.

In June of this year Mrs. Mary De Wytt took one of the houses on the estate, known as the Hollies, and in the Chancery Division she was the defendant in an action brought by other owners, who asked for an injunction to restrain Mrs. De Wytt from carrying on a business on the estate, in alleged breach of a covenant in the lease.

It was alleged that the defendant had opened the Hollies as a nursing home, and that persons of weak intellect were taken to reside at the home whose conduct was annoying to the neighbours.

In summing up the judge said that as the husband was not a party to the action, and the case put forward was that the husband was a medical man and was carrying on an ordinary medical business, he thought that justice would be met by dismissing the action against Mrs. De Wytt.

We regret that in the list of new members of the Society for State Registration published on Dec. 16, No. 1621 by a printer's error appears as Miss C. C. du Santry. It should be du Santoy.

Nursing Echoes.

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Christmas has been celebrated during the past week in our hospitals and kindred institutions all over the kingdom with all the goodwill and merriment which could be infused into it by the combined efforts of the medical and nursing staffs. To those patients who were capable of discussing the good cheer provided and of entering into the fun and frolic of the day it has probably been the gayest Christmas they have ever spent. At the London Hospital Father Christmas, as the representative of Mr. Edgar Speyer gave a present to every patient. At St. Bartholomew's the Santa Claus Society and *Truth* provided beautiful gifts, and later in the day the hours passed merrily with conjuring tricks and music. At Guy's not only in-patients but out-patients were entertained. No less than six hundred children were the guests of the hospital at tea; afterwards there were Christmas Trees and a cinematograph which were greatly enjoyed, and each received a substantial parcel of welcome food and clothing before leaving. At Westminster a Christmas Tree laden with toys, the delight of childish hearts, was provided by the generosity of Mr. H. D. Erskine, a member of the House Committee, and in many other institutions throughout the country the spirit of Christmas infected both staff and patients. Most notably was this the case in the infirmaries, to which drift in sickness and old age the very poorest of the community. Through the agency of many kindly hands and hearts, Christmas Day made a bright spot in many lives. It was a day to be remembered, and enjoyed in the future in the recollection of the pleasure which it brought. We regret that we have not space to publish detailed accounts of hospital entertainments which have kindly been sent to us.

The new President of the Local Government Board, Mr. John Burns, devoted some time on Christmas Day to visiting the Wandsworth Workhouse, and spoke some welcome words of

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