

ments; in other words, when the obstruction is beginning to have some effect on the patient's vital powers. The first of these signs is restlessness; the child will be tossing himself about in the bed, and even trying to climb up the sides of his cot; he is not still for an instant. This is always a sign of danger, and should be reported by the nurse directly it is noticed.

The next sign is that of cyanosis, or blueness of the lips. This shows that the blood is dark instead of bright in the capillaries, and is in itself proof positive of absolute danger.

The next stage is that of apparent relief, but it is the relief of impending death. The signs of activity have all vanished; the restlessness has gone; the child has turned over on his side, and is apparently sleeping. He is comfortable because his nervous system has been anaesthetised by the carbonic acid circulating in his blood; soon he passes away quite comfortably, without attracting any notice.

Now you will at once see the danger: a child is brought in in the stage of active discomfort, but after being put to bed perhaps turns over on his side, and apparently goes to sleep. If his lips, however, are at all blue it is not sleep, it is impending death. To fail to recognise this condition is a mistake which not only costs the patient his life but it is a sign that the nurse does not possess even the most elementary powers of observation.

(To be concluded).

King Edward the Seventh Sanatorium.

As there appears to be some doubt both among the members of the medical profession and of the general public as to the class of cases eligible for admission to this institution, it is announced that by the wish of His Majesty the King the sanatorium is primarily intended for the accommodation of those persons of slender means among the educated classes who are suffering from early pulmonary tuberculosis, and who are unable to pay the charges of private sanatoriums. For such patients 86 beds are reserved at a charge of two guineas per week, both sexes being admitted in equal numbers. It is also the King's wish that those persons of larger means who can afford to pay for treatment should not be entirely excluded from the advantages to be derived from this institution, and 14 beds have accordingly been reserved for them, for which a charge of eight guineas a week is made.

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that our Guinea Prize for August has been won by Miss Jackson Bennett, 15, Alva Street, Edinburgh.

KEY TO PRIZE PUZZLES:

- No. 1. Sanitas.
SA Knit ass.
- No. 2. Robb's Food.
robs food.
- No. 3. Zymine.
ZY mine.
- No. 4. Allenbury's Foods.
All in Berries Food.

The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—

Miss M. Sutton, Birkdale; Miss K. Eckersley, Ulverston; Miss A. F. Muller, Boxmoor; "Matron," Birkdale; Miss Susan Taylor, Brixton; Miss Hope Dibben, Lynton; Nurse Eliza, Middlesbrough; Mrs. Shoesmith, Durham.

The puzzles seem to have been very puzzling to many of the competitors this month. Thus, "Wolfe's Schnapps" is one of the solutions ingeniously offered for No. 2, and "Compo" is a very favourite solution of No. 4. "Fruit Salt," "Cadbury's Cocoa," "Pear's Soap," and "Oxo" are also given as solutions of the same puzzle.

The new set of puzzles will be found on page viii. The rules remain the same.

Progress of State Registration.

Dr. T. Basil Rhodes, Medical Superintendent of the Bagueley Sanatorium for Infectious Diseases, in a letter to the *British Medical Journal*, expresses the opinion that the reason for opposition on the part of some medical practitioners to the State Registration of Nurses is the belief that "as a result of Registration a number of nurses would be able by degrees, if they wished, to form a sort of 'practice' for themselves, and so take work out of the hands of the general practitioner."

"For, supposing for instance a nurse to be living in a country district, she could allow it to become very well known that she is a 'qualified nurse,' and the result is bound to be that by degrees she will be called to see various children, and, later on, adults, for minor ailments such as the doctor would have otherwise been called to see."

Dr. Rhodes goes on to say:—"It seems to me, therefore, that a system of registration is required which, while giving the nurses their proper status in relation to the public, in rela-

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