

tween Harry Brooks and the fateful chart: the very setting of the story with the coach drives, the descriptions of Falmouth's byeways, and so forth, have a familiar ring about them which is always fascinating.

There are four women in the story, as diverse in character as can well be imagined. The gentle, womanly Miss Amelia Plinlimmon; the kindly but masculine Miss Lydia Belcher; the undemonstrative, care-worn Mrs. Stimcoe; and a certain Meta—a species of unknown quantity, who appears at the end of the story, but has her use. One of these four has a love story—it would spoil sport to say which. The little romance is a slight matter, but it is entirely satisfactory—the final touch to an eminently readable book.

E.L.H.

Coming Events.

April 27th.—Meeting for Nurses at the Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, 3.30 p.m. Tickets on application to the Secretary, Women's Total Abstinence Union, 4, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

April 27th.—Guild of the Brave Poor Things, Conference on Cripple Work at the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor presiding, 10.30; afternoon session, the Duchess of Bedford presiding, 2.30.

April 30th.—Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein inaugurates the New Portion of the National Sanatorium, Benenden, Kent.

May 1st.—A concert under the patronage of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, given by the Magpie Madrigal Society, at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, in aid of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, 8.30 p.m.

May 2nd.—The Duchess of Albany lays the Memorial Stone of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, 5.

May 6th.—The Duchess of Albany presides at the Annual Meeting of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, 3.30.

May 7th.—The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, opens the new wards and theatre of the Tottenham Hospital. They will be received by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, president of the hospital.

May 24th.—Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4 p.m.

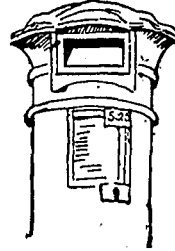
May 29th.—Annual General Meeting, Asylum Workers' Association, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, 4 p.m.

A Word for the Week.

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining;
And so, I turn my clouds about,
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining."

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.

PARCHMENT LAURELS FOR FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Whether or no it will gratify Royal Princesses to possess Dr. Bezly Thorne's Hon. Diploma of Nursing I know not, but I was shocked to read that he had had the audacity to propose, without her consent, to crown Miss Florence Nightingale with parchment laurels. The suggestion is not only impertinent, but borders on the impious.

Yours faithfully,

A NIGHTINGALE NURSE.

[We do not think our correspondent need have any fears on this score. To offer an *Honorary Diploma of Nursing* to Miss Florence Nightingale, the creator of the modern nursing system, could only suggest itself as possible to the medical officials of the R.B.N.A. The General Practitioners' Association might with equal right bestow an Hon. Diploma of Surgery on Lord Lister. It would not be an atom more absurd.—Ed.]

TO MARK OINTMENT POTS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to the notes of "Taurus" in your issue of April 13th, I think she would find the "Castle Brand" Hat Polish, which is made in all colours, at threepence a bottle, most satisfactory. It dries in a few minutes, and can easily be washed off, if necessary, with methylated spirit. Probably any of the many similar preparations, such as "Varnish Stains" for wood, etc., would do just as well.

Yours faithfully,

PROCES.

Comments and Replies.

Assistant Nurse.—(1) In order to standardise the preparation of drugs, each country has its own authorised Pharmacopœia. The letters B.P. seen in connection with a formula thus signify British Pharmacopœia. (2) A decoction is made by boiling a drug in water; an infusion by treating a vegetable drug with hot or cold water without boiling.

District Nurse.—The ambulances of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are used for infectious cases only. Telegraphic address: Asylums' Board, London. The Invalid Transport Corps of the St. John Ambulance Association is for non-infectious cases.

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