

common with the wren. Though a much larger bird, the shape is very similar, particularly in regard to the pert, up-turned tail. The nests, too, bear some similarity, both being domed structures of moss, and there is a distinct likeness between the two songs, both being merry trills with a little upward turn at the end.

The dipper is sometimes accused of doing harm to fisheries by feeding on trout spawn, but there is little doubt that it is guiltless in this respect, and, in fact, it is beneficial, for it feeds on dragonfly larvae and other similar creatures, which are distinctly harmful to the ova of fish.

It is a most shortsighted policy for fish preservers to persecute the bird for fancied misdeeds.

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Final State Examination for the Part of the Register for Mental Nurses.

Wednesday, October 5th, 1955.
Morning Paper.

Note—Candidates must attempt five questions and not more than five.

- Describe in detail the symptoms and signs of a case of acute tonsillitis. What are the possible complications? Give fully the treatment of this condition.
- A patient is admitted to a mental hospital having made a homicidal attack on a neighbour. From what disorder may he or she be suffering? What observations would you make in order to help you to come to a conclusion?
- State the signs and symptoms that may be found after a severe head injury. Describe fully how the personality may be altered following this type of injury.
- Give in full the possible complications of continuous narcosis when carried out as a form of treatment. How would you deal with these?
- Enumerate as far as possible the causes of vomiting. Discuss the treatment of any one condition you mention.
- What mental symptoms and signs are associated with vascular disease? Describe fully a case with which you have been acquainted.
- Write short notes on the following:—
 - paralysis agitans;
 - varicose veins;
 - euphoria;
 - scabies;
 - vitamin A.

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Afternoon Paper.

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- What details must be observed and reported if a patient complains of pain, and what might lead the nurse to suspect that a patient was in pain if no complaint was made?
- Give the nursing care of a patient suffering from congestive heart failure. What mental disturbances may be observed?
- What are the nurse's duties in preparing a patient for electrical convulsive therapy? What observations should be made afterwards?
- Write short notes on the nursing care indicated by the following:—
 - hysterical fit;
 - outburst of violence;
 - migraine.

- Give the nursing care of a patient suffering from agitated melancholia.
- Give the immediate and subsequent nursing care indicated in the case of a patient who had sustained severe burns due to setting his clothing alight.
- How may saline be administered? Describe any one method.

Final State Examination for the Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Defectives.

Wednesday, October 5th, 1955.
Morning Paper.

Note—Candidates must attempt five questions and not more than five.

- What manifestations of tuberculosis may be met with in a mental deficiency hospital? Describe the symptoms and the main methods employed in diagnosis, treatment and control of this condition.
- A mentally defective patient is reported to be lacking in concentration and persistence. What are the possible reasons for this?
- From what physical complaints is a mongol prone to suffer during the winter? Describe one of these in detail.
- Name the drugs which may be used in the treatment of epilepsy. Give details of the treatment with each of the drugs mentioned.
- What steps can a nurse take to encourage in a patient a feeling of self-respect?
- Where are:—
 - the internal capsule;
 - the thalamus;
 - the pons;
 - the optic-chiasma;
 - the pituitary gland?
- A patient has not changed his position for a few minutes. What could be the causes?

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- What is anaemia? How is it treated and what complications may occur if this condition is neglected?
- For what reasons would catheterisation be performed? Describe fully how you would prepare for and carry out catheterisation of *either* a male *or* a female patient.
- A child complains of earache and is found to have a discharge. How would you deal with this and what complications may occur?
- Describe in detail how you would nurse an imbecile patient suffering from pleurisy.
- State what you know of the following:—
 - dehydration;
 - intermittent pyrexia;
 - administration of oxygen;
 - ascites.
- What complications may occur as a result of prolonged stay in bed, and how may a nurse assist in their prevention?
- What type of employment do you consider suitable for male or female mentally defective patients sent out to work daily? What factors are important if there is a possibility of discharge?

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