

Whitmore Jones, of Chastleton, &c., but we fear, not being constituted *à la* Snipe, that we must decline with thanks." I own I do not understand any one acquainted with the management of Institutions making such a mistake as this; the twopenny visits would certainly provide but Snipish fare; a roll and a bottle of lemonade would be quite a feast; but if your contributor had studied the leaflet a little more carefully, she would have perceived that it only gives the scale of the people's payments to the Association; and that the Nurses receive a fixed salary whether they are employed or not. The Holt-Ockley scheme is a benefit club, and not a charity, and as it is intended for the rural poor, whose wages are not high, the charges to them are reduced to a minimum. In answer to the concluding sentence, in which the writer declines to be one of our Nurses, I can only parody the words of the old song—

"'Nobody asked you, ma'am,' she said."

We do not take ladies; they would be entirely out of place living in labourer's cottages, and an immense embarrassment to the labourers.—I am, yours obediently,

MARY WHITMORE JONES, Chastleton.

[Miss Whitmore Jones asserts that the Holt-Ockley scheme is a benefit club, and not a charity. This may be so, in relation to the poor, but the mere fact that "class four," viz., gentry, can be supplied with a so-called Nurse at 10s. a week, makes such Nursing a charity to the employer, for the Nurse surely costs her Association more than that, although, as we remarked last week, rural Nurses are constantly advertised for in the public papers at a salary of 10s. per week, out of which they have to provide board, lodging, food, clothing, washing, &c., a miserable pittance which the "scrub-lady" wisely repudiates. Numbers of rural district Nurses receive a salary of £30 (nothing found). We hope shortly to publish some statistics concerning this gross system of sweating.—ED.]

DO NURSES SMOKE CIGARETTES?

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—I fear there is little doubt, from the letters printed on this subject, that some Nurses *do* smoke cigarettes, and I must own it appears to me a very reprehensible habit. Many persons, especially when ill, strongly object to the smell of tobacco, and it is a well-known fact that many medical men abstain altogether from smoking because of this objection on the part of their patients. How horrible to be attended to by a woman reeking of tobacco—the custom appears in my judgment altogether unwomanly and depraved. Because men are slaves to habits, that is no reason why women should follow their example. I do hope that the heads of our training schools will do all in their power to discourage such a custom amongst their pupils.—I am,

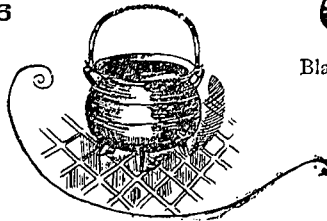
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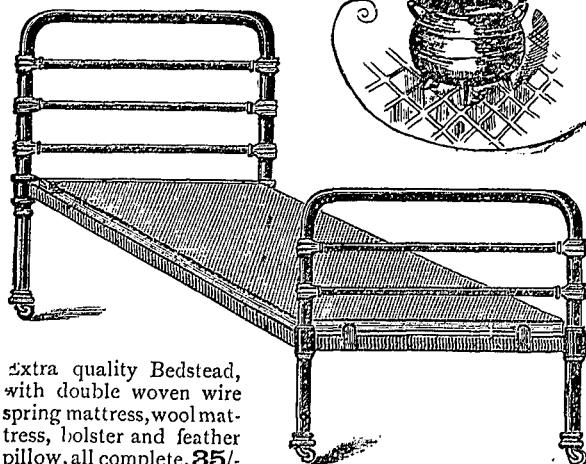
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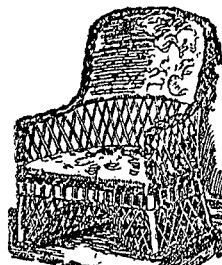
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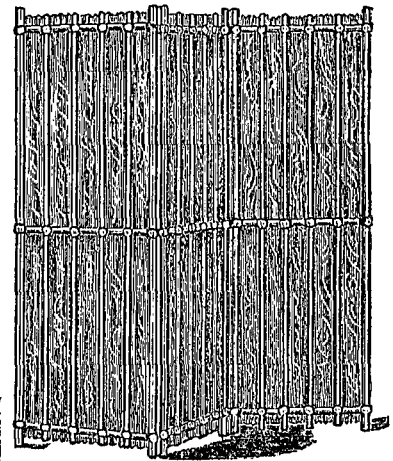
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