

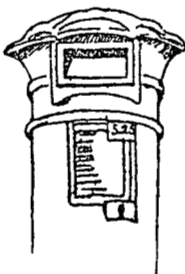
being cut upon the glass are placed upon a separate transparent scale which is inserted in the body of the thermometer. The readings, therefore, are perfectly clear and distinct, and remain so, however often the thermometer may be washed, whilst the surface of the glass being perfectly smooth is capable of perfect cleansing.

A PATENT EAR CAP.

A lady who noticed that many otherwise pretty children are permanently disfigured by their large and prominent ears, has suggested an important and simple method for the removal of this deformity in the shape of an elastic cap-like contrivance which, being worn during the night, keeps the ears close to the head during at least those hours. Full particulars can be obtained from Miss Claxton, 62 Strand, W.C.

SENALIA.

Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company have added to the many valuable anti-septic preparations which they have produced, a new soap to which they have given the name of Senalia. It is most pleasant to use and emits a delightful perfume, cleansing the hands completely from the most disagreeable odours. We commend its use, therefore, to surgeons and gynæcologists, and to Nurses who are engaged in the care of patients suffering from any kind of suppurating wounds.



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.

NURSES' UNIFORM.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—May I be allowed, through your columns, to thank those Nurses and Superintendents who have written to me in response to my letter in your issue of the 14th July. I hope to bring the matter before the authorities of the R.B.N.A. at an early date.—Faithfully yours,
E. J. R. LANDALE.

THE REGISTRATION OF MASSEUSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Referring to my previous letter on the necessity for an Association for Massage operators, permit me to enclose a copy of an article from the *British Medical Journal* which has appeared in a lay paper in this city. Undoubtedly this exposure will be beneficial in calling attention to the abuses cropping up in connection with this im-

portant branch of medical therapeutics, but, in the meantime, it is calculated to be very prejudicial to honest and well-qualified massage operators. The principle I proposed of instituting an Association, the candidates for whose membership must be certified by two medical men of repute, and the formulation of a strict rule that members should only operate on patients of their own sex. In this matter doctors are greatly to blame. In my own experience, as a lecturer, I have had male pupils who, after being thoroughly qualified for their work, have remained in the city for several months, but being unable to procure work, have gone away; while I know of numbers of instances where masseuses (also pupils of mine) have been engaged by doctors for work with male patients, in some cases even for general massage. I sincerely hope that some such scheme as I suggested may be carried out, and I would emphasize again the necessity of a full curriculum and examination by an independent examiner, for although I have, to the present, had to conduct my own examinations at the Midland School of Massage, I consider that such a dual position is not conducive to the best interests of massage as a profession.—I am, yours faithfully,

E. LUKE FREER,
Late Hon. Surgeon, Birmingham Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

SHOULD NURSES SMOKE CIGARETTES?

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—In reading your issue of last week, I observe that your correspondent "Cigarette," while condemning an alleged practice of Nurses smoking cigarettes for rest or for disinfection in private, ignores the real point that is being discussed—Whether Nurses should be seen smoking with noisy male companions in public. I have held a theory ever since my own days of training, which has been too painful for me to often speak of, lest I might distress the minds of modest young Nurses who wear their uniform with pride, and whose personal characters adorn the profession they represent. But now my theory is comforting rather than the reverse. I am not thinking of pseudo Nurses, who wish to appear to be Nurses in the eyes of those unfortunate enough to employ them as such (though of these many exist), but I am recalling to my mind a question I once put to a policeman—"Are there not very shady characters about who purposely adopt the dress of a Nurse?" His answer was "Yes." Another time in the "Lock Ward" of a leading London Hospital, I asked a young woman—"Do women sometimes adopt a Nurse's costume for evil purposes?" Again the answer was in the affirmative. Myself, I was neither young nor attractive-looking when I became a Probationer, and yet on three occasions in the City I was rudely treated in uniform, but never once when in my own dress, which, though it became me better, was also an index to my private position and character. Therefore, the theory I have held for several years is that there are "wolves in sheep's clothing"—not merely "sluts" who ought to be careful to dress neatly and cleanly for their work, but persons to whom the garb of a Nurse is merely a "make up" of a most misleading nature.—I am, Madam, yours faithfully,
A COUNTRY MATRON.

To the Editor of "the Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The fact that the habit of smoking is spreading amongst young Nurses cannot be denied, and one reason for the contagion is that, now Nurses live so much in community in Homes and Clubs, the example set by one Nurse is speedily followed by her companions. The present system of training in our Nursing Schools, what with cramming for examinations and the constant flow of new Nurses through the wards which disorganises and makes the work doubly arduous for Sisters and Staffs, is producing chronic nervous

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