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Editorial.

THE present popularity of the Nursing profession is undoubtedly producing certain serious drawbacks to its welfare and its progress. On the one hand, it is an admitted scandal that persons who are not, and never have been, Nurses, who probably have never been inside a Hospital in their lives, or have ever attended upon a sick person, can, and do, dress themselves in Nursing uniform and by their behaviour bring much discredit upon the whole calling. A week rarely passes now without some woman appearing in the police court, who, according to the reports, is dressed in Nurse's uniform. And there are other facts to which our attention has been recently drawn, and concerning which, for the good name of the profession, we must comment most seriously.

It is stated to be becoming a custom on the part of certain firms to employ women dressed in Nursing costume to act as their travellers, recommending various proprietary articles, such as electric belts and similar appliances, corsets, new patent medicines, and even books on medical treatment. It is also asserted that a further extension of the same principle has recently been attempted, and that more than one firm has issued a circular to trained Nurses, offering to give them a large commission on goods which they sell to their patients. This last is a system

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