

were written before she went to Constantinople, the others since she has been there. No doubt it is that fact which suggested the title the book is to have, "Under Cross and Crescent." The edition will be a very limited one.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson and her son and daughter, who have been travelling in California, are shortly returning to Samoa, which, in the future, will be their home.

Rudyard Kipling has decided to publish his second book of Jungle Stories before Christmas.

Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein will shortly publish a work by Mrs. Mary Ann Scharlieb, M.D., entitled "A Woman's Words to Women."

WHAT TO READ.

"Perfect Womanhood," by Frederick J. Gant, F.R.C.S. 3s. 6d. Dedicated by permission to H.R.H. Princess Christian. (Messrs. Digby Long & Co.)

"Down the Village Street," Scenes in a West Country Hamlet, by Christopher Hare. (William Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London. 6s.)

"Adventures of a Ship's Doctor," by Morley Roberts. (Downey & Co. 6s.)

"A Book for every Woman." Part I., The Management of Children in Health and Out of Health, by Jane H. Walker, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S., M.D. Brux., Physician to the New Hospital for Women. (Messrs. Longmans & Co.)

"Days of Auld Lang Syne," by Ian Maclaren. (Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton.)

"The Amazing Marriage," by Meredith. (Archibald Constable.)

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

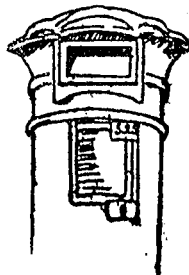
INVALID DELICACIES.

Of the makers of jellies, powered, bottled and otherwise, there is no end, but Messrs. Batger & Co., of Ratcliff, exhibited at the Bakers' Exhibition several improved forms of this sweet, suitable for invalids, and all specially prepared. The bright table jellies put up in glass jars, beautifully clean and hermetically sealed, can be obtained in all flavours; the firm also have what they term Nectar Table Jellies in small glass moulds ($\frac{1}{2}$ pints), which only require to be placed in hot water for one minute, when the jelly will turn out in perfect form, and prove most tempting diet for the invalid. Nonpareil Compôte Fruit Jellies, Nonpareil Lemon Syrup, and a novel confection in the shape of Lime Fruit Marmalade, are all specialties carefully made by this firm, and suitable to invalids, and we can commend all these preparations to Nurses, who are often utterly at a loss how to vary the diet of their patients, or how to tempt convalescents to take sufficient nourishment.

Coming Events.

October 25th.—Meeting of Registration Board of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 5 p.m.

October 26th.—Earl Compton, M.P., will preside at an Afternoon Assembly in aid of the Homes for Little Boys at Farningham and Swanley, at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place.



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.

PROFESSIONAL SECRECY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—In an article on the above subject I notice that the *British Medical Journal*, in commenting on the way in which the nature of illnesses and the professional aspect of "cases" so often leaks out in towns and villages, attributes the cause to the fact that the matter often begins by the doctor telling his wife. The writer of the article quotes an old saying that "a secret can be kept by three men, if two of them are dead, but a woman conceals—what she does not know." It is the old story of blaming the woman for everything. My own experience among Nurses has been that they guard professional secrets quite as jealously as do men, and I know of one instance of a medical woman who does everything in her power to prevent her family from knowing even the names of the people among whom she practises in her town. So that very often the friends of her family have been her patients for years, without her family being aware of the fact that she had ever treated them. "Professional secrecy"—even in a man!—could go no further.

FAIR PLAY.

DOCTORS' FEES TO NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—In answer to a letter in last week's RECORD relative to doctors' fees to Nurses, I should imagine the majority of medical men charge no fees, and constantly show their kindly interest in Nurses by attending them gratuitously. Once only have I been charged a fee (and indeed I much preferred to pay it), and that was by a well known London throat specialist, who charged me 10s. 6d. a visit instead of a guinea.

Yours truly,
G. S. T.

LECTURERS ON NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—In the course of an interesting Review in your issue of the 12th inst., I notice some remarks upon "the manufacture of Lecturers upon Nursing" for various County Councils. That there exists any special system of training for those Nursing teachers should be, I imagine, a matter of congratulation for those who have profited by their painstaking and useful works.

There are, I presume, different kinds of these "manufactories"; I am only acquainted with one of them, and I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly allow me space in your columns to point out that if the writer of the article in question desired to hold any of them up to scorn, she has been singularly unfortunate in her choice of an example.

It would be extremely interesting to me, as one who is well acquainted with most of the ladies trained in this particular "manufactory," and having an intimate knowledge of the useful and successful work accomplished by them, to receive some proof of the "infinite amount of discredit which has been brought upon" any "profession," "by these sham teachers." I should also be glad to make

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