

It should also be a strict rule that the Nurses avoid all discussions with their patients concerning other inmates of the Home. This rule is necessary, as sick people—and especially convalescent patients—are peculiarly inquisitive concerning their fellow-patients, and although this interest often arises from the most kindly motive, if encouraged, it inevitably leads to unnecessary gossip and mischief. Medical men justly object to this form of unprofessionalism on the part of the Nursing staff, and the Nurse has an easy answer in the phrase, "We are not permitted to speak of one patient to another."

Hours off and on duty should be adhered to, if possible; but if a Nurse misses her outing one day, it should be made up to her by extra leave on another. It may not always be right to grant the weekly half-holiday, in which case a whole day off duty between the coming and going of cases should be arranged. A full month's holiday should be given between May and October, and, if possible, a rest in mid-winter. It is a wise plan to grant extra leave (supplying another Nurse to perform the duties) to those Nurses who remain for any length of time on the staff, if they prefer it (as many do) to a rise of salary.

With fair, not irksome, rules, punctuality and discipline, Nurses will work well and happily in a Home Hospital, and the patients will remain self-respecting, patient, though suffering human beings, who will usually make a rapid and excellent recovery, under gentle, yet firm attention, never being permitted to develop the disposition of the vampire, and they will recognise that after all Nurses have but a limited amount of health and strength with which to perform their arduous duties, and that the commands of wise old Mother Nature with regard to rest, fresh air and sleep, must be obeyed.

A Bogus Massage Company.

FOR some time past massage establishments have been viewed with much suspicion by people behind the scenes, and many revelations have been made of immoralities and mal-practices in connection with them. The practice of massage lends itself peculiarly to abuses, for it is only necessary to set up a Massage House and no credentials or other guarantees seem to be necessary. In America, where modern massage may be said to have originated, the same condition—or rather a worse one—obtains. In Chicago, to confess to a knowledge of massage is almost sure to lay one open to the most grave suspicion. The hardships entailed on *bona fide* masseuses by the unsavoury reputation acquired, and deserved, by a portion of their number is very great, and it is only by determined organisation and a high professional standard that the onus can be removed.

There is a case at present before the Courts in which it is alleged that "massage" was used as a pretext to obtain money from two women—presumably masseuses—and other instances of similar and even worse transactions, which have come under our own knowledge, point to the necessity of a thorough and exhaustive enquiry into Massage Houses.

BOW STREET.—CHARGE OF FRAUD.—Henry R. Elton, solicitor, of 55 and 56, Chancery Lane, and Forrester Kennedy, of 31, Crowndale Road, Hampstead Road, appeared to a summons charging them with obtaining £100 by false pre-

tences. Mr. Hawtin appeared in support of the summons; Mr. Travers Humphreys and Mr. Reginald Turner for Elton, and Mr. Lickfold for Kennedy. Mr. Hawtin explained that on April 8th, an advertisement appeared in a daily paper for a lady manageress for a company at a salary of £3 a week, who would be required to invest a certain sum in the business. The complainant, Miss M. H. McLean, answered this advertisement and received a letter asking her to call at Elton's office. Mr. Elton introduced himself to her as the solicitor to the company, and Mr. Kennedy, who was also present, was introduced as a medical student. She was told that the American Massage Company had been formed, and that a manageress was required for their establishment in Jermyn Street. Some particulars were then given about the company. The directors, she was assured, were men of first-rate character, there were ample funds, and if she wished to take the situation it would be necessary to invest £200 in the business. Saying that she had not the money to invest she thanked them and went away. That very evening Kennedy called on her to see if some arrangement could not be arrived at. The next day she saw Elton, who again tried to induce her to take the situation. Having ascertained that she had money invested in a Scottish bank, they introduced her to a friend of theirs, a Mr. McKenzie, who, they said, could withdraw this money for her more easily than she could herself. At last she accepted the situation and handed over to Mr. McKenzie letters of authority to receive the £120 she had invested in the Scottish bank. The £120 was obtained by McKenzie, and £100 was handed to Elton to be paid into the coffers of the company. The complainant signed an agreement by which she was to have the position of manageress of the Jermyn Street branch of the company at a salary of £3 per week, and to receive a certain number of shares in the company in consideration of her deposit. Subsequently she could obtain no information as to when business would commence, and could not get any salary. At length she came across one of the directors of the company, who knew nothing at all about the matter. The unfortunate woman then discovered that neither of the defendants had any authority to appoint her, and that she had been duped. The case was adjourned, the defendants being released on bail in one surety of £50 each.

We have received an interesting and instructive letter from a Nurse which well illustrates the possible dangers to which young women may subject themselves by incautiously entering into negotiations with unknown and unprofessional people. Nurse — writes:—

"A few months ago I answered an advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph*. I have not the exact wording, but it ran somewhat like this: 'Masseuse wanted at once, by medical man. Highest credentials. Address Doctor, *Daily Telegraph* office.' As I was in want of more patients just then, and imagining this advertisement emanated from a physician who wished for a masseuse for his private patients, I answered it.

A few days later I received a letter from a solicitor, asking me to call at his office at an appointed time. I was kept waiting in his clerk's office, and when I was finally ushered into his room, I was introduced to two men, who commenced by telling me they were starting a Massage Establishment in Jermyn Street, and wished for a manageress. They stated that a large sum of money was to be spent on the most improved electric baths, and that all the appliances were to be of the best quality. No patients were to be treated for less than a guinea for the hour. They told me, if I were appointed, I was to have a large salary—I forget the exact figures, but they amounted to something like three guineas a week and a percentage on all cases. Preference would be given to a lady who would invest money in the business. I at once told them I had no money to invest; therefore it was out of the question for me to be a candidate for the post. The solicitor then said it

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