

nursing) embraces her daughter affectionately, with : "Well, you *do* look pale. Thank God, you're left to us at all."

The small brothers shout and cling to her with the vehemence of the young male animal in a healthy state ; the little sisters, less boisterously, but quite as effusively, express satisfaction at the fact that someone is back "to tell us a story." By the time she sits down she is rather giddy. And then a shadow falls on their meeting.

"Where's father?"

"Out—tramping round for work," the mother says, stifling a sigh. "You know, he's been out of work for a month, and whatever we shall do—now you're fit for nothing either—I don't know, I'm sure."

And the answer is the answer natural to a brave girl. And so, instead of resting and gathering the strength she needs so much, this "case dismissed as cured" immediately sets to, and surrounds herself straight off with the very influences that brought her to the Hospital. Her breath fails, her mind reels, but she works on, until one day Heaven stays her hand for ever, and earth has one martyr the less. And earth has *many* such, whatever pessimists may say ; and it is for workers of the type quoted above that the Edelweiss Verein in Germany has organised a system of *home-rest*, in which, on leaving Hospital, or before breaking down sufficiently to need the scientific treatment of the wards, they can find the leisure and care they deserve. This rest system is based on the plan of ladies taking up the work of caring for the girls who need rest by inviting them as "guests" to their own homes, according to status and convenience and inclination of the hostess. They are received as "guests" of the maids employed in the household, or as actual personal friends. They receive the benefit of good food, perfect rest, and the regular life of an ordered and comfortable household, besides the Christian kindness that people who practically carry out such theories are sure to offer.

The plan has been generally successful, "and," writes a chronicler of the Edelweiss, "the occurrence of an abuse of such hospitality is extremely rare. On the contrary, many girls are the cause of real pleasure to their hostess, and lasting friendships have sprung from this casual connection."

There are many women clamouring for philanthropic vocation. Here is one that can be recommended as having *proved its vitality*. Instead of trying to dabble in amateur nursing, let them take cases the professional Nurse has helped to cure, and give them a short span of real rest and happiness before they have to fight their way again.

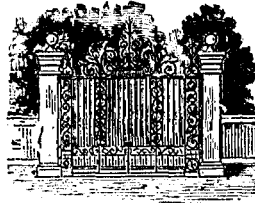
The *home hospitality* of private individuals extends to numerous classes of workers, convalescents, and others wanting rest, as well as delicate children. In all cases *tact* and unselfish goodwill must be at the foundation of such connections. Where they are found the system has truer and far more lasting advantages than any form of institution organised for a similar purpose.

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EARL GREY, who has been appointed, with the sanction of the Imperial Government, to act with Mr. Rhodes as joint administrator of the British South Africa Company's territory, left on Saturday afternoon for Buluwayo to take up his new duties.

A recent telegram from Cape Town states that President Kruger is not coming to England. The decision was left to the Volksraad, which has refused permission. It is stated that Kruger—who is very desirous of coming—has expressed a confident hope that the decision of the Volksraad will be reversed.

The results of the voting at the conventions held in the various States of America appear to foreshadow the eventual choice of Mr. McKinley as first Republican nominee for the Presidency. Mr. McKinley's election as President would have an unfavourable effect on our commerce, as he is a strong advocate of a high tariff on goods imported to the States.

In answer to a memorial in favour of Anglo-American arbitration which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury, he has replied that "The question is receiving the consideration of the Government, and that proposals in this direction are now before the United States Government."

The Marash Relief Committee in Armenia find it most difficult to deal with the suffering and misery of the people. The funds are not enough for the townspeople. The committee report that the three buildings where shelter is given, present an indescribable picture of rags, dirt, and sickness, men, women, and children huddled together on stone pavements, with not even mats to sleep on. There are only a few women and children, disease having carried off the weakest. Many cases of dysentery and pneumonia exist.

Tales of female heroism come from the *Daily News* correspondent at Zeitun. "It seems that the Zeitunlis first took up arms to save themselves from the soldiers. . . . There is a cliff 2,500 feet above and 250 feet below the town. Then there is a fort on a hill opposite, that commands the town. . . . The inhabitants could not storm the fort with flintlocks exactly, so they merely cut off the water supply by pouring in sand and kerosene oil. The Turks had flour, but they could not make their bread with the spoiled water, nor use it for drinking. They were kept in this condition for three days, and then after continuous fighting for fifty-six hours surrendered. Two hundred and fifty-six men were made prisoners and quartered on the citizens.

While the men were fighting for the fort, there still remained the Governor and sixty-five armed guards in the town. These men were preparing to do some mischief when the women armed themselves with

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