

A "TRAINED NURSE" sends us the following cutting with the information that the clinic on the subject was given by Mr. E. Stanmore Bishop, and with the query "Where could the Nurse have come from?" We can only reply that it once more shows how necessary it is that women, who often have in their hands the responsibility of life and death, should be most efficiently trained:—

"In the *Clinical Journal* of November 4th, 1896, this is published. The operation. A district Nurse was obtained, who undertook to prepare hot water, &c. The patient was placed on a kitchen table, with hot water bottles to chest, thighs, and feet. The fire in the room was built up, a large saucepan of water was placed upon it. Now an incident occurred which shows how necessary it is for the surgeon to watch everything that goes on in connection with such a case. In the first place the boiled water supplied deposited dirt in the bottom of the vessel into which it was poured. You can easily imagine how harmful such water would have been if it had been allowed to deposit this sediment at the bottom of Douglas's pouch, when we were washing out. This is easily remedied by straining through some sterilised gauze; which all surgeons carry when summoned to such a case; but unless you see to it yourself, this will not be done in six cases out of ten. But the incident I wish to emphasise was this—The saucepan was full, it was heavy, clearly it was easier to empty its contents into the ewer we were going to use, by a dipper of some kind, which had also been boiled. Remember, sir, we were in the country, where you must not expect to find everything ready to hand. The Nurse had just passed the catheter, and drawn off some $\frac{3}{4}$ of urine into a small basin. She hastily threw the contents of the basin under the fire, and was on the point of using it, without any boiling or cleansing of any kind, for ladling the water with which we were going to irrigate the interior of the abdomen, when I caught sight of, and stopped her. Suppose I had not seen this. You may be sure the Nurse would never have mentioned it. We should have bathed the patient's intestines in her own diluted urine, and in the event, there would have always been the chance that such a thing had decided the fatal result. A stupid or self-opinionated and ignorant Nurse—the two qualifications usually go together—may ruin in a moment all a patient's chances, and frustrate the best attempt to save life."

BOARDS of Guardians are often most unconsciously humorous, not only on Nursing, but on other questions. The childish manner in which they while away their time is admirably illustrated by the following scene enacted before the South Dublin Board:—

WHO TOOK THE UMBRELLA?

Mr. Lenihan said he rose to order. He protested against what he considered most insulting conduct on the part of Captain Boyd.

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The Chairman: Order, order, Mr. Lenihan.
 Mr. Lenihan: It is all very well to say "Order, order," but Captain Boyd has just come over to me, and, in fact, charged me with stealing his umbrella. (Laughter, and cries of "Oh" and "Order.")

Captain Boyd: I did nothing of the kind.
 Mr. Lenihan: Captain Boyd came over, touched me on the shoulder and said, "Where's your umbrella?" (Laughter, and cries of "Sit down.") I will not sit down. What did he mean if he didn't mean to suggest that I stole it? (Laughter).

Captain Boyd: I never thought of such a thing.
 Mr. Lenihan: You did; you wanted to see my umbrella to see if it was yours. (Laughter).

Captain Boyd: Nonsense.
 Mr. Lenihan: It is not nonsense. It is an insult to me, and I should be protected, and he should withdraw his insinuation.

The Chairman: You should not be so thin-skinned, Mr. Lenihan.

Mr. Mooney: He is doing this just for fun. He has been laughing and wants just to create a scene.

Mr. Lenihan: Have you eyes in the back of your head. (Laughter).

Mr. Mooney: Captain Boyd's umbrella was taken away by somebody, and has not been brought back.

Captain Boyd: Yes. I have nothing but a gingham instead of a silk umbrella, and I was simply inspecting all the umbrellas in the room.

Mr. Lenihan ultimately sat down protesting loudly against the insinuation made.

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 AN enterprising Dublin newspaper, noting the growing love of the wheel which Nurses are displaying, says: "As a counter effect to the long hours and strain of Hospital work, nothing better can be imagined than a good spin on the wheel, and we hope very soon to hear of a London Nurses' Cycling Association, backed up and encouraged by Matrons and physicians."

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 THE Editor of an American Medical paper, who has been "on this side" and has visited seventy of the leading European Hospitals, says: "We found the most highly-educated Nurses in the Royal Infirmary at Glasgow, Scotland."

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 DR. M. B. HUTCHINS, of Atlanta, U.S.A., writes in the *Charlotte Medical Journal* concerning an interesting case of ringworm contracted from a cat, he says:—"It is well known to dermatologists that ringworm is frequently contracted from the domestic animals, but this fact is either not known or not appreciated by the general practitioner. Many animals which are supposed to have the "mange" are really afflicted with ringworm. If the animal is of sufficient value to be kept, or if it is the pet of the family, it should be isolated and properly treated, or the children may become infected. This brief paper is written as a warning against the dangers of skin infection in this manner, and with the hope of protecting children from a disagree-

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