

## Comments and Replies.

*England.*—The word orthopaedic is a term applied to the treatment and cure of bodily deformities. It is applied, says Hoblyn's Dictionary, to the rearing of the human body with reference to the prevention or cure of physical deformity. Hence, an orthopaedic hospital is one which treats cases of deformity; principally those of the spine and of the feet.

*Private Nurse, London.*—We think that the reason why so many private nurses require such large boxes is because—contrary to their rules which require them always to appear in uniform when in attendance upon a case, unless a special arrangement otherwise is made—so many of them take two sets of clothes—private clothes, as well as uniform, that is to say. The need of large boxes is then at once obvious, as is also the fact that the nurse who takes them breaks her regulations, as presumably she does not carry these clothes about with her for the pleasure of looking at them. We have heard of a nurse who dressed every evening for dinner. If only uniform dresses are taken, it is wonderful what a small space they require. If nurses kept to this we do not think there would be any complaint about the excessive size of their boxes.

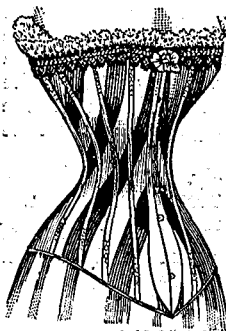
*Hospital Nurse.*—We should think that many people would be willing to send up flowers from the country to you occasionally if you make your wants known. Have you no friends in the country to whom you can write? Flowers; certainly make all the difference in the brightness of the wards, but they need to be fresh, and constantly renewed, otherwise they become injurious. Flowers which are sent up from the country in considerable quantities need to be packed either in shallow baskets or in trays in a larger box, otherwise they arrive crushed and useless. A little care in packing makes all the difference.

*Probationer, Liverpool.*—The best plan is to have on hand always some good text-book, and to master its contents before going on to another. It is far better to know a little thoroughly than to have a smattering of many things.

*Nurse P., Bournemouth.*—The best way to arrange a bed for an amputation case is to make it with a long mackintosh under the bottom sheet and a draw sheet. One pillow is all that is usually allowed at first for the head. Two firm pillows, at least, one of chaff, covered with mackintosh pillow cases underneath the ordinary ones, are required for the stump. Some sisters use a bed cradle, and arrange the bed clothes over the patient in the ordinary way. Others, in two halves—one half across the bed transversely, the other longitudinally. The stump is thus left exposed to view while the patient is warmly covered up. It is held by those who advocate this method that the nurse can observe the condition of the stump without frightening the patient, by periodically turning back the bed clothes to see if there is any hemorrhage. A broad domette bandage should be passed round the stump and crossed underneath it, and then passed under the bed and tied at the other side, to prevent jerking. A sand bag is also usually placed over the limb with the same object.

*Nurse G., London.*—If you do not possess any nursing text-books we should advise you to begin a library of your own without delay. Books of this sort are expensive, but till if you spend, say, five shillings every time you receive your quarter's salary, it is wonderful how soon you can accumulate quite a number of really useful books. You can increase their number still more quickly by asking your friends to remember your wants in this way at Christmas, and on your birthday—that is to say if you have a birthday. Some women we know have none after they attain their majority, but they are useful sometimes.

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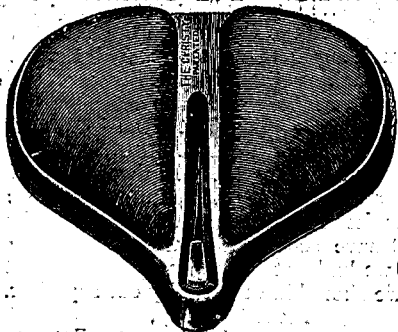
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