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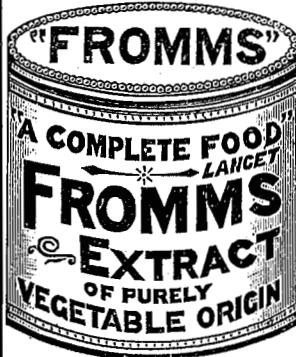
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IT has been well said by an influential Matron that the present state of the Royal British Nurses' Association is one of simple "topsy turvydom." Indeed, since the days of "Alice in the Looking Glass," it would be difficult to discover anything more anomalous than the present position of the Association, and of those who are entrusted with its management.

According to the new Bye Law, No. 24, "The General Council shall keep and annually revise a list of the hospitals and infirmaries, and other institutions, which, in the opinion of the General Council, are for the time being of sufficient importance to entitle the Matron or the Superintendent of the Nurses thereof, for the time being, to be an *ex-officio* member of the Council." The officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association have not ventured to publish the list of the *ex-officio* members of the Council—a very noticeable fact, because, according to the same Bye Law, that list is supposed to "include those hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland to which recognised medical schools are attached, and which maintain the three years' system of training, and such other

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