

Sketches.

A REMINISCENCE.

(BY A LATE WARD SISTER).

"But the tender grace of a day that is gone will never return to me."

TEA TIME.

What, Nurse? No; certainly. No. 4 must *not* have jam, and just look at the bread and butter you have given poor 11. If you were ill, how would you _____

Look, No. 2 is getting out of bed! What shall you do? Put him back, of course.

Elizabeth, what *do* you mean by using the poultice board as a tray?

Yes, Nurse? Oh, you have forgotten G's medicine. I wish I could do everything myself.

Good evening, Mr. H. Am I busy? Oh, not at all. You want to put that femur in plaster? Rather late for that, isn't it? Nurse, get the plaster ready. No, *not* the Leslie's strapping. (Aside) Elizabeth, *will* you clear away the tea things.

I beg your pardon, Mr. H.? Will I have the new patient got ready for immediate amputation, while you are doing this? Oh, certainly. No, there are *not* any more nurses, if you *will* come at tea time. What Nurse, No. 4 sick? Well (sharply), take him a bowl.

Excuse me, Mr. H.; the porters are here with the stretcher. Do be careful with the poles, Jones; you will ruin the floor.

My tea ready. What *is* the use of getting my tea now, Elizabeth? Are those socks on, Nurse? Be very careful how you lift him. No, not like that? Let me do it. (To patient)—Yes, I am coming with you, don't be afraid; you will go to sleep, and it won't hurt you. No, you can't possibly have your pass this evening, Nurse. Give me the towels; and go to poor 4, he is sick again. Now don't forget that medicine at six, and tell Nurse C. I have gone to the theatre, she is just coming, and have *all* the feet washed, when I was a Pro. _____

Elizabeth, your tables are disgraceful. I really do wish _____

Exit Sister to the Theatre, with what she really wishes left to the imagination.

A FRACTURED SKULL.

How it happened—The patient's version.

EMINENT SURGEON: "How did the accident occur?"

PATIENT: "Well, sir, it wor like this; me and my ole dutch and the little nipper wor a coming along with the moke and cart pretty sharp, when over goes the show, and down I went, wallop."

EMINENT SURGEON turns bewildered to Sister; Sister in the course of years has become intimately acquainted with the vernacular of the East End. She translates,

Nursing Echoes.

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DR. R. HARCOURT ANDERSON, in some notes on nursing in the *Trained Nurse*, said that if nurses were paid according to the worth of their services, the earnings of the best of them would rank with those of prima donnas, and not, as they often do now, with those as second rate cooks.

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THE next examination of the Medico-Psychological Association will be held on Monday, November 7th. Intending candidates should write as soon as possible to the Registrar, Dr. Spence, Burntwood Asylum, near Lichfield, for the schedule, which it is necessary should be filled up and returned to him. Monday, October 10th, is the last day upon which candidates can enter their names for the November examination.

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THE Local Government Board have informed the Belfast Guardians that before a probationer can become a charge nurse and earn a salary of more than £14 a year she must produce a certificate of proficiency in nursing from some recognised examining body or clinical hospital. Until this provision is complied with the Board are not prepared to regard a nurse as being trained. They also remarked that in the scheme laid before them by the Guardians, no provision was made for the systematic instruction of probationer nurses, and that the only qualification at present required by the Guardians, before increasing the remuneration of the nurses, appeared to be the completion of a fixed term of service. The Local Government Board commended these facts to the Guardians as worthy of further consideration, and expressed the hope that satisfactory arrangements might soon be made with some recognised examining body or clinical hospital so as to complete the scheme of the Guardians for providing trained nurses."

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In the discussion which followed, Mr. Agnew (Local Government Board Inspector) asked whether some arrangements could not be come to with the Queen's College authorities to examine the nurses. It was also suggested that the medical staff of the institution, together with some outsiders if necessary, should constitute the examining body, and in reply to the last suggestion it was pointed out that this scheme had already been decided

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