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Comments and Replies.

An ignorant Pro.—The cause of hæmophilia, or the hæmorrhagic diathesis, namely a condition in which bleeding is prone to occur on the slightest provocation, is unknown. Such persons are known as bleeders. The disease is hereditary. It is most common in males, but is usually transmitted through the female line. In persons having this tendency, a very slight cause, such as an ordinary cut finger, or the extraction of a tooth, will bring on alarming hæmorrhage which it is very difficult to control. We have seen a hypodermic injection, given to a "bleeder," cause hæmorrhage which was only stopped by the application of a graduated pad.

Nurse B., Leicester.—Diseases of the respiratory tract may be either simple or specific. Simple inflammation (a) in the nose is called catarrh; (b) in the larynx, laryngitis; (c) in the trachea, tracheitis; (d) in the bronchi, bronchitis. In all these situations there are common characters, as stuffiness in the nose and hoarseness, due to swelling of the inflamed mucous membrane, or exudation from the inflamed surface, causing running from the nose and the coughing up of sputa. In laryngitis

sometimes the exudation form a membrane over the surface of the larynx; the disease is then called membranous laryngitis or croup. Specific inflammation is diphtheria, due to a definite germ. Membrane forms on the pharynx or fauces, and spreads down the larynx or trachea. The dangers of these diseases are two. (1) Such excessive swelling of the mucous membrane that the passage is blocked. (This practically holds good only of the larynx.) (2.)—Such excessive secretion that the already weak expiratory actions are unable to empty the tubes, and so the patient dies. This is most often seen in capillary bronchitis in young children and old people.

Nurse Agnes.—No, not for private nursing. The infirmaries afford good experience in medical nursing, but we find that as a rule nurses require additional experience in surgery before undertaking private nursing. Experience in obstetric, gynæcological, and fever work is also essential for private nurses in London.

Maternity Nurse.—Humanized milk very often agrees with babies who find it difficult to retain any other. It is possible to make it, but it can be obtained ready made from the Aylesbury Dairy Co., or from Welford and Sons, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W.

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