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### Editorial.

#### MILITARY NURSING.

ON various occasions, we have called attention to the extreme necessity of improved methods being adopted in the Nursing Services of European armies, and have recently drawn a painful moral from the sufferings of the American soldiers in the recent Cuban campaign.

The *New York World* for Sunday, September 4th, contains a thrilling account of the condition of affairs in the American camps. It is headed, "A Nation's Shame—the Horror Camps." We, of course, assume that the statements in this article are thoroughly reliable. Briefly, it is asserted that "in the hundred and fourteen days of warfare the number of men wounded on the American side was 1,423, and 279 were killed. During the twenty-two days of peace, subsequently, it is estimated that more than 2,000 have died of disease, and more than 40,000 are now suffering from disease." In the face of such figures as these, our contemporary is fully justified in saying that "the horrors of peace have crowded out the horrors of war."

The records, it is said, show that "regiments were decimated" by yellow fever and typhoid; that the remnant of the invading

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