

## Notices.

### OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page VIII.

## Comments and Replies.

*Certificated Nurse.*—Various missionary societies maintain hospitals and dispensaries on their different stations, therefore because you take up missionary work, you need not give up your nursing, which would be a mistake. We cannot gather from your letter what your religious bias would be, but the Church Missionary Society, the Universities Mission to Central Africa, and the London Missionary Society, afford you a variety of choice. If you offer to any of these you should offer definitely for work as a nurse.

*Theatre Sister.*—In our view the diphtheria ward should be supplied with the requisite instruments for its own use, and should not depend for them upon the operating theatre. Sterilization, if thoroughly performed, should, of course, render instruments quite safe, but we think that there are few surgeons, who, if the question were put to them, would care to use in performing an abdominal section, the same forceps, for instance, which had been employed in an operation for tracheotomy on a diphtheritic case, however carefully they might have been sterilized subsequently.

*Enthusiast.*—You would be well advised to go through a course of practical cookery lessons, and to begin at the very beginning, including the cleaning of the flues of kitchen

grates, the cleaning of stoves, etc. You will find this knowledge invaluable to you later.

*Mrs. Palmer, Bath.*—It is true that nurses have had to run the gauntlet of much criticism of late, but this is not surprising when scarcely a week passes without some woman "described as a nurse" appearing in the dock charged with some crime. Of course, these women are not what they describe themselves, but as there is at present no means of hall-marking a nurse so that the public may know who is, and who is not a trained nurse, our profession is saddled quite unjustly with the misdoings of all these persons. The public are beginning to realize that for their own protection they must secure some proof—and in our view State Registration is the only means of affording it—that women who assume the title of "trained nurse" are what they describe themselves.

*Anxious Mother.*—A young and healthy infant should sleep, with the necessary intervals for washing and feeding, the greater part of the twenty-four hours. Constant crying generally means discomfort, whether caused by unsuitable clothing, wrong dieting, abdominal pain, or other causes. You should consult a medical practitioner. A healthy infant may, with advantage, have a daily tub; temp. 90 degs. Fahr., tested with the thermometer, not by the nurse's hand. It is best to have regular hours for changing it every three or four hours, night and day. If the child is wet it should always be washed, dried on a soft towel, and carefully powdered before the dry warm napkins are put on. It is a point to be remembered that babies' napkins should always be washed with plain yellow soap, no soft soap or soda should be used, as these irritate the tender skin of the infant and may cause redness and excoriation.

*Certificated Nurse.*—We do not think that any well certificated nurse, who has satisfactory references, and is strong and healthy, need be out of work for long.

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