

Further, where every subscriber of two shillings a year may demand a nurse, she may even find herself in a bad house, and may easily be ruined irrevocably. In solitary cottages, miles away from the central home, anything may happen, and it appears to me that the ladies of the committees of these rural nursing associations should cease from philanthropic dreams, and wake up to facts, lest they incur the guilt of the murder of human souls.

I am, dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
ONE WHO KNOWS.

Notices.

OUR PRIZE PUZZLE.

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In consequence of innumerable complaints, we would advise our readers in provincial towns to order their NURSING RECORD through Messrs. Smith & Son's Bookstall at the Railway Station. In case they have any difficulty in obtaining it in this manner each week, we shall be glad if they will write a post card to the Manager, at the NURSING RECORD Office 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.

Comments and Replies.

Miss Turton, Italy.—Thank you for your letter. We received the manuscript quite safely. The great pressure on our space has prevented our publishing it so far.

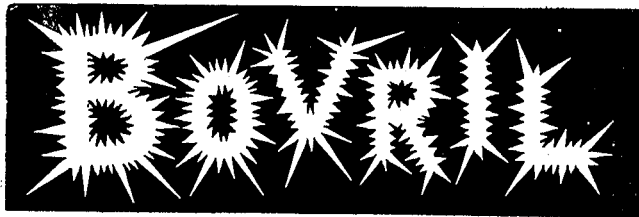
Maternity Nurse.—In straightforward cases it is often a great relief to the patient to be allowed a pulley. The most comfortable pulley to use is one knitted of soft thick cotton, about two yards long and six inches wide. Half the stitches are then taken off, a strip is knitted on to the remainder to form a loop, and this, when finished off, is stitched on to the shorter side, when the pulley is then complete. A cheaper and very satisfactory pulley can also be made out of unbleached calico.

Probationer, Birmingham.—It is quite worth while to form a small nursing library of your own even if you have the use of your hospital one. It is a good plan to buy one book each quarter when you receive your salary. You can soon accumulate quite a useful collection in this way.

M. A. B. Nurse.—Lemon juice and water is a useful wash for the mouths of patients who suffer from dry mouths, or who are not able to attend to this part of the toilet for themselves. In private work the mouth usually receives its meed of attention, but in hospital it is often overlooked when the rest of the patient's toilet is performed. How many hospital patients for instance use a tooth brush from the time they enter to the time they leave? Would not many nurses consider a patient somewhat exacting if he asked for the wherewithal to perform this necessary duty? Yet we know that the mouth forms a most congenial nidus for microbes if it is not kept scrupulously clean.

Mrs. Chambers.—A nurse who only considers her relations to her patients has not grasped her whole duty she has also duties to the profession she has chosen, and to the public. The claims of daily work are arduous and exacting, but there are few nurses who could not spare half an hour a day to study the organization of their profession, and the public duties which devolve upon them as members of an honourable calling, many more could spare some time to help forward the work which is waiting on all hands to be taken up by women with a knowledge of the special needs of their profession.

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