

come to "curse" the trained nurse, surely a system which lets loose these "terrible persons" on the public is a wrong one, and reform is urgently required to improve them. One feels doubly hurt at the remarks made to a meeting of the [general public by a woman, herself a pioneer in the fight to obtain professional status for medical women, as we women workers might surely hope for sympathy from such a source. One turns to the *American Journal of Nursing* with relief and gratitude; in it one is sure to find kind and generous words of encouragement from medical men and women, to those who work so hard for them, the trained nurses associated with them in their care of the sick.

The intolerance, jealousy, and I think I may add cruelty of the attitude of many in this country who employ poor women workers is surely a terrible reflection upon the national character.

I am, yours,
A VERY INDIGNANT WOMAN.

CARRON OIL AS A DRESSING FOR BURNS.

To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*."

DEAR MADAM,—I do not think Miss Helen Todd can have ever given carron oil a trial as a dressing for burns, because she is quite wrong in saying it is impossible to prevent sepsis when using it. We have in our infirmary now three children who have been badly burned, and they are all doing very well with carron oil dressings. One of them, burned on both legs, had bicarbonate of soda applied directly after the injury, before carron oil was used, but, with that exception, they have only been treated with the oil, and are all nearly well. We have used it for some time, and have never had a burn become septic. It is only fair this should be known, as it is a much more convenient dressing than picric acid, &c.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
AN INFIRMARY NURSE.

BROILED LIVE LOBSTER.

To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*."

DEAR MADAM,—At a restaurant in the Strand there is a bill in the window announcing that "Broiled live lobster" will be supplied within. Not having heard of this barbarity before, and thinking the words might be merely a fancy title for some innocent compound, I entered and asked the manager what exactly they meant. He explained to me that the lobster, having its claws properly secured, was actually put over the fire alive. He did not seem to think that the practice needed any apology or excuse, and when I suggested to him that it seemed very cruel, he replied that he did not think it was worse than putting the lobsters into boiling water, which was constantly done, and that it was soon over. He also told me that several large restaurants, the names of which he mentioned, are in the habit of supplying this dish.

Under the Wild Animals in Captivity Act, which it has been shown can protect frogs and fish from overcrowding in tanks, this wanton barbarity is apparently illegal, and should be stopped at once.

I am, Madam, yours obediently,
THE EDITOR "ANIMALS' FRIEND."
York House, Portugal Street, W.C.

Comments and Replies.

A. H., London.—We will deal with Registration bogies next week. Many thanks for suggestion.

Miss Fenton.—Write to Messrs. Garrould, 150, Edgware Road, W., for their Red Cross Catalogue. You will probably be able to select what you need through its means.

Maternity Nurse.—The particular agent used in the dressing of a cord is of secondary importance. The main point to keep in view is to keep it dry and in an aseptic condition. A dusting powder containing iodoform, and iodoform gauze and wool, is good.

Miss Evans.—It is not every nurse who is suitable for the position of Ward Sister when certificated. Distinct gifts are required to fill the position satisfactorily. Power of organisation, of managing people of various temperaments, of efficiently supervising the work of others, of imparting knowledge to a constant succession of pupils—therefore, a gift for teaching—all these are necessary to the equipment of a successful Ward Sister. The work, if strenuous, is interesting and satisfying, and the position honourable, which no doubt accounts for the fact that women are to be found ready and eager to accept such positions at salaries which are miserably inadequate when the responsibility of the work is considered.

Staff Nurse.—In the old days probationers in training endured considerable discomfort, their accommodation was of the poorest, and very little attendance was provided for them. Now it is rightly realised that those who work hard in the wards all day should have comfortable surroundings when off duty in the Nurses' Home. At the same time, there is a danger lest too much cossetting should produce a type of nurse who is unable to cope with the exigencies of life in private nursing. Twenty years ago it was only the fittest who survived.

Young Mother.—An infant's mouth should be washed out every four hours during the day-time, and once or twice at night, with a piece of soft rag dipped in warm water, and applied by the finger of the nurse. A solution of glycerine and borax is afterwards applied in the same way. The presence of thrush indicates that attention to this detail, which should always be a routine practice, must not be neglected.

Notices.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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