

surgery than a new miracle is performed: the grafting of a live nerve into its fellow, and thus healing a breach which had caused paralysis. This has been successfully done in Philadelphia by Dr. James K. Young, who has spliced, or grafted, the nerve in the leg of a four-year-old girl, so as to save it from the effects of infantile paralysis, and restore the power of sensation and motion to the helpless limb. Muscular transfers are sometimes made in order to relieve palsy, but never before has an attempt been made to extirpate a dead section of nerve and connect its live ends by switching them on to another line—to borrow a simile from telegraphy and telephony.

BENEFITS OF NOSE-PULLING.

Nose-pulling is not necessarily an objectionable and hostile proceeding.

It has recently been shown by Dr. Panyrek, of Prague, says the *Lancet*, to be an effective method of treating loss of consciousness. "Rhythmical and very energetic" movements of the nose upwards and downwards repeated several times will, says the Bohemian physician, revive asphyxiated persons in one or two minutes.

Dr. Panyrek suggests that nose-pulling would prove useful as a means of first aid in fainting and similar conditions.

FROZEN MEAT AND CANCER.

In view of the large consumption of frozen meat in this country, it is satisfactory that Mr. Long, in the House of Commons, was able to answer a question as to whether it has any injurious effect on the consumer in the negative. He announced:—"I have received a communication from the Executive Committee of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and I find they believe the stoppage of decomposition in frozen and chilled meat during transit from abroad to the United Kingdom has no injurious effect whatever upon those eating such food. The Executive Committee further believe that the consumption of such food cannot be held in any degree accountable for the increase in the recorded number of cases of cancer in this country."

The Royal Red Cross.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Miss J. Bradbury, Miss C. Addison, Miss S. Ruiter, Miss E. M. Early, in recognition of the services rendered by them in tending the sick and wounded at the Volunteer Hospital, at Intombi, during the late war in South Africa.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Sarah Parker has been appointed Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Penarth. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle, and the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and of Deputy Matron at Croydon Borough Hospital.

SISTERS.

The following promotions to the position of Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital have recently been made:—

Miss Mabel Pearse to Elizabeth Ward.

Miss Hoare Smith to Charity Ward.

Miss Styles to Rahere Ward.

Miss Amelia Evans has been appointed Sister at the General Hospital, Northampton. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

Miss Edith Grocott has been appointed Sister at the General Hospital, Northampton. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

Miss Annie Little has been appointed Sister at the Fulham Infirmary. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the City of London Infirmary, Bow, the Bethnal Green Infirmary, the Islington Infirmary, and of Maternity Nurse at Westminster Union.

NIGHT SISTERS.

Miss Barling, Miss Hughes and Miss Clarke have been appointed Night Sisters at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Miss McClasky, who at present holds the position of Sister at the General Infirmary, Macclesfield, has been appointed Night Superintendent in the same institution.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss A. E. Storey has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Bury Union Hospital, Lancaster. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Irene C. Lowndes has been appointed Charge Nurse of the West Derby Union Infirmary, Liverpool. She was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and has worked on the private staff of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Miss B. Rennie and Miss L. M. Toller have been provisionally appointed Staff Nurses in the above Service.

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