

here; sat in a chair reading a book with her cap and cuffs on. I told her to make herself comfortable, and offered to lend her my Paisley shawl dressing gown, but she only smiled and said:—

"Don't worry about me, I'm all right, thank you."

Well, after that I did not worry, but I know Mrs. Blissit looked much more solemn like when she sat up at night, and she had a little brandy to keep herself going; but when I offered Nurse brandy she said:—

"Thank you, I am a total abstainer."

Of course, you know I don't hold with women drinking, but in times of illness and in the hour of death it is a different matter.

Well, that night came to an end, and she got hot water and towels enough to wash half-a-dozen people, and, would you believe it, she actually washed me all over in little bits, just as though I were a corpse! How I lived through it I cannot tell, and she took no more notice than if she were washing a kitchen table. I made up my mind then and there that she should go as soon as Dr. Brown came; but he never came again. He had taken a chill, and so the new doctor, his nephew, came instead. Of course, I could not say anything to him; he is so business-like and unsympathetic. It would have been no good to ask him to find another Mrs. Blissit for me, for he would not know what I meant. He never knew her; she died twenty years ago.

When he came he looked at Nurse's note-book, and said in the most cheerful way imaginable:—

"You are much better, Miss Judith, Nurse need not sit up to-night; you can easily call her when you wake if she sleeps in the room opening out of this. Good morning." And he went out and never came again till next day. And so things went on for three weeks; they were both as cheerful and merry as crickets the whole time, and when Nurse went away she said:—

"I knew you would get well, because there was no one else to take your place in the parish. How would the mother's meetings and the clothing clubs get on without you? I am sure it was your strong wish to go on doing good to your neighbours that helped towards your recovery."

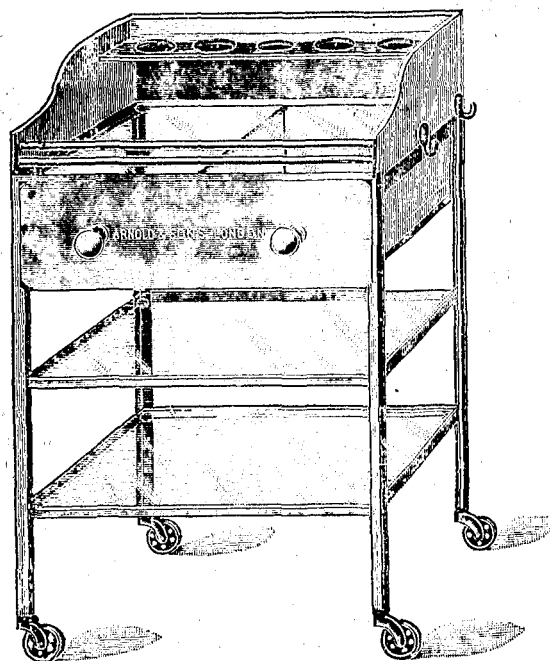
Stuff and nonsense! it was nothing of the kind. You could not do anything else but get well with a pair like that about. I've always thought, and I think still, that times of sickness should be very solemn; they are no times for smiling and for cheerful talk. I should have thought it positively indecent to die with such a frivolous person in the room as Nurse Molyneux. M. H.

Among the missionaries who made, on foot, the journey of 100 miles to the coast in three days, owing to the rising in German East Africa, was Miss Ada Sharpe, a trained nurse.

## Practical Points.

### AN ANÆSTHETIST'S TABLE.

This table, the design of which has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Arnold and Sons, London, is a copy in metal and glass, with some improvements by myself, of a table in wood, designed by our assistant ophthalmic surgeon, Mr. F. P. S. Cresswell, when house surgeon. The frame is of enamelled iron, the top and shelves below of plate glass. There is above the top a small metal shelf with holes for 1 lb. bottles of ether, chloroform, C.E. mixture, a junker bottle, and a drop bottle. On the top are placed masks, face-pieces, &c. A rim three-parts round and a double rail in front prevent small bottles, syringes, &c., being knocked or shaken off. The hooks at the side are for bags. The drawer is partitioned for gags, tongue



forceps, strychnine, syringe and ethyl chloride tubes. The upper glass shelf is for kidney dish and towels, the lower for cylinders of gas and oxygen. The table is mounted on smoothly-running casters.

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We feel sure that the above description of an anaesthetist's table, kindly written for this Journal by Mr. Davies, will be read with much interest, more especially by those who are concerned in the equipment of Nursing Homes. Frequently, while everything that forethought can devise is provided for the surgeon, the requirements of the anaesthetist do not receive a very large amount of consideration. With a table such as that shown in our illustration, the operating-room of a private Nursing Home would be well equipped as far as the anaesthetist is concerned.

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