

It needs a good share of common sense to remain the richest woman in the United States—a distinction which belongs to the famous woman financier, Mrs. Hetty Green, and her views on the subject of the buying of titles by American heiresses is sound:—

"I am glad Miss Gladys Vanderbilt (who is engaged to the Hungarian Count Szechenyi) is not my daughter," says Mrs. Hetty. "Girls who go to Europe to get their husbands deserve what they get and more.

"If my son married a foreign woman because the union would bring him a title I would disown him. The mother who will pay £1,000,000 for a title for her daughter should not expect to get a son-in-law of any account. Further, the woman who pays £1,000,000 for a son-in-law should have a guardian appointed to care for her."

Turn Around.

Don't hunt after trouble, but look for success;
You'll find what you look for; don't look for distress.

If you see but your shadow, remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining, but you're in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk;

Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.

The worries will vanish, the work will be done;
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

Coming Events.

October 29, 30, and 31.—Bazaar at the Public Baths, Camberwell, in aid of King's College Hospital Removal Fund.

October 31.—Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, S.W.

November 4.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll opens an Exhibition of Works of Art at the Doré Gallery, in aid of the funds of the Special Appeal Committee of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Women and Children.

November 4.—Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland. Examination for Certificate in Nursing and Attending on the Insane.

November 4.—The Society of Women Journalists' annual meeting at 1, Clifford's Inn, E.C., to be followed by a reception at Essex Hall, 4—6.30.

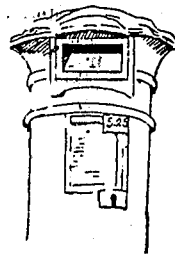
November 22.—Conference convened by Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., Miss Isla Stewart, President, in the chair. Morning and afternoon.

A Word for the Week.

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute,
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it,
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

Letters to the Editor

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the cheque for one guinea. I have tried for the Puzzle Prize several times and was very pleased to find that I was the fortunate winner last month.

—Yours faithfully, G. E. LARNER,
Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Military Hospital York.

A FATAL STEP.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I am very much in sympathy with your proposal to ask the Local Government Board to refuse its sanction to the new bye-law with reference to the Matrons under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. I wish I could do something to help as I am sure that lowering the position of the Matron will in time have the effect of lowering the type of the Matrons and nurses in point of character and education. Hospitals all over the country are bound to suffer if the tone in these large and important Metropolitan Hospitals is allowed to deteriorate.—Yours sincerely,

ANNIE BOND,

Matron.

Croydon Borough Hospital.

[Many letters to this effect are crowded out this week.—Ed.]

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

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

MADAM,—Will you allow us, through the medium of your valuable paper, to call the attention of doctors, nurses, or any who are interested in the missionary cause at home or abroad, to the Nurses' Missionary League. The League was formed in 1903, and its special object is to bring before all members of the nursing profession, the importance of the missionary enterprise, and the great opportunity which the medical work affords, for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. It is interdenominational; it aims to enlist the interest and co-operation of all nurses, and provides workers for all denominations, which is "the only possible way in dealing with the great hospitals" (to quote from a letter recently received from the Bishop of London). The Committee of the League comprises several leading members of the medical profession, and also representatives of some of the chief foreign Missionary Societies. The Bishop of St. Albans is the President, and Dr. H. Lankester Chairman of the General Committee.

*Until last year, the League was working chiefly

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