

the beck and call of her more substantial married sisters, somewhat after this style:—

"Your naughty little God-child has again developed febrile symptoms, and is worritting for the care of her Aunt Matilda. Do please come at once. I am sending the spring cart—(a springless vehicle in which, covered by a net, the pigs went to market)—as it is either scarlet fever or measles. Bring all you require, as things may have to be burnt. The doctor suggests a nurse, but why employ a hireling when we have a devoted nurse in the family."

"When we can get a nurse for nothing" is what a truthful pen would have inscribed.

Aunt Matilda invariably arrived and waited on me hand and foot, and if "it" was infectious her poor clothes were sacrificed, and indeed all her devotion was claimed as a right. When she was no longer useful she just jogged home again, with or without the live stock on their way to market, and although she never complained, now I am older I wonder if she really enjoyed being a thing of no more account than our future bacon, and if such treatment accounts for the fact that there are no more "maiden aunts." In these days even "hirelings"—unreasonable beings—want their pound of flesh; or, more appropriately, a bag of ducats.

THE MOTHER OF NURSES.

#### OUR HISTORY OF NURSING PRIZE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Very many thanks for the two volumes, "*A History of Nursing*," received today, April 6th. Some of my fellow nurses and I have enjoyed looking at them this morning.

Yours sincerely, N. BRADLEY.

New City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

#### WOMEN PHARMACISTS.

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

MADAM,—My attention has been drawn to the letter with the above heading in your issue of the 21st inst., from the Secretary of the Association of Women Pharmacists. The statements made therein with regard to the Dispenser's Certificate granted by this Society are entirely untrue, and grossly misleading. The same position is open to holders of this Society's Certificate as to persons passing the "minor" examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, and I cannot conceive any young woman of sense preferring the latter.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A. MOWBRAY UPTON,  
Clerk to the Society.

Society of Apothecaries of London,  
Blackfriars, London, E.C.

### Comments and Replies.

*Midwife, Broadstairs*.—As you are not already enrolled as a certified midwife you will be obliged to comply with the requirements of the Central Midwives' Board, and to pass its examination. It is much to be regretted that you did not apply for enrollment before April 1st, 1905, as up to that

date you would have been entitled to admission to the Roll on your L.O.S. certificate. Write to the Secretary, Central Midwives' Board, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., for information as to the present requirements of the Board.

A. W. N., *Salé*.—If a nurse breaks her contract with her patient she can only claim fees for the time she remains on duty. If the patient breaks the agreement the nurse can probably claim for the time of the engagement. Nurses are, however, almost invariably engaged by the week except for maternity cases. We advise you to consult a solicitor on the second point.

### Notices.

#### OUR PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page xvi. All competitions must be addressed to the Editor, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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