

him for his services, but it appears that he is to undertake something that may bring him into very bad odour with his new-found friends. The case is one after Allan's own heart—the redress of a wrong, and he undertakes it with a feeling of thankfulness that here at last is something solid with which to grapple. It is the culmination of his disgust when he discovers that even this is an empty fraud—he has been used as a tool—a cat's paw.

This, so far as Mr. Upton Sinclair allows us to know, is the end of Allan Montagne's brilliant career. It would have been interesting to learn whether he thought the man's integrity would find a reward when he goes "down town to find out if there isn't some way in New York for a man to earn an honest living." E. L. H.

REGENERATION.

The whole world is laughing for gladness,
And the shrinking wee buds peep out,
For the earth has forgotten her sadness,
And she 'tis who has put it to rout.

What is her name? you ask me.
Ah! that 'twere a crime not to say;
'Tis life, 'tis love, 'tis joy, 'tis glee;
'Tis Spring, Spring, Spring—'tis May!

—*The Grand Magazine of Fiction.*

COMING EVENTS.

May 7th.—Annual Conferences, Women's Total Abstinence Union, Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W. Subject: "Total Abstinence as a Factor in Social Reform, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Amongst the afternoon speakers is Miss Donaldson, Matron, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood.

May 11th to 30th.—"What To Do With Our Girls" Exhibition, Prince's Skating Rink, 243, Knightsbridge, S.W. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

May 11th.—Opening of the Annexe to the Royal Hospital Sheffield.

May 14th.—Opening by the Prince and Princess of Wales of the Franco-British Exhibition, Shepherd's Bush, London, W.

May 20th.—Annual Meeting, East End Mothers' Home, 394, Commercial Road, E. The new and improved premises will be open for inspection.

May 21st.—Meeting of Central Midwives' Board, Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W., 2.45 p.m.

May 26th.—First of a Course of Lectures on Babies at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W. "How to Advise Mothers of the Poorer Classes in the Management of their Babies," by Dr. Ralph Vincent. June 2nd.—"Disorders incident to Birth," by Dr. T. N. Kelynack. Two further lectures will follow. 5 p.m.

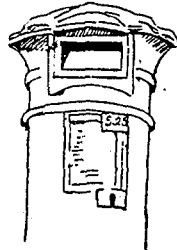
May 27th.—Fifth annual meeting of the Rural Midwives' Association, by kind permission of Lady Esther Smith, at 3, Grosvenor Place, London, S.W. F. Newman Rogers, Esq., M.P., in the chair. Certificates to be presented by the Countess of Radnor, 3 p.m.

May 29th.—Annual General Meeting, Asylum Workers' Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., 3.30 p.m.

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.



TRAINED NURSES IN PRISONS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I agree with you that it is a sinful waste of energy that a society like the Matrons' Council should have to spend so much time and money preventing the nursing profession being "nobbled," whilst its members are quite capable of giving immensely useful work for the community at large. If only it was free from these harassing attacks from unscrupulous persons and had leisure to prosecute a constructive policy! Take the matter of trained nursing in prisons; only those who have suffered from the insanitary routine, resulting often in intense physical deterioration and the shattering of the nervous system, can estimate the cruelty of placing female prisoners in charge of a male governor and untrained matrons and wardresses. A medical woman governor—one with moral courage, of whom, apparently, there are but few—and a trained nurse matron, and Holloway might be utilised with success as the greatest moral reformatory for women in the kingdom. At present it only makes bad worse.

Yours very truly,

PRISON REFORMER.

STRAW HATS FOR BABES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—It does not commend itself to me that babes of five months of age should have their tender, wobbly, little heads covered with hard Dunstable straw hats, as recommended by Lady Frances Gresley. It would be far better if heads were left uncovered altogether. This can be done by the well-to-do, as they have nurses to keep a light shawl cosily round the baby in winter, and to hold a parasol, or keep a pram shade over them in summer. We get so little sun in this country that the best head covering for babies is undoubtedly a very light porous woollen hood in winter, and a light little poke bonnet in summer. Straw hats are an abomination at any time, unless made of the finest material, and to advise that babies of five months should be made to suffer them cannot be counted as "common sense."

Yours truly,

A MATERNITY NURSE.

WOMEN PHARMACISTS

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

DEAR MADAM,—I have noticed with much interest a correspondence in your journal concerning women pharmacists, and particularly a letter

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