

operatives, employes, clerks, or other persons therein employed, and the purity and wholesomeness of the food therein produced; and for the purpose of this Act the term 'food,' as used herein, shall include all articles used for food, drink, confectionery, or condiment, whether simple, mixed, or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation thereof.

"The floors, side walls, ceilings, furniture, receptacles, implements, and machinery of every establishment or place where food is manufactured, packed, stored, sold, or distributed, and all cars, trucks, and vehicles used in the transportation of food products, shall at no time be kept in an unclean, unhealthy, and unsanitary condition, and for the purpose of this Act, unclean, unhealthful, and unsanitary conditions shall be deemed to exist if food in the process of manufacture, preparation, packing, storing, sale, distribution, or transportation is not securely protected from flies, dust, dirt, and, as far as may be necessary by all reasonable means, from all other foreign or injurious contamination; and if the refuse, dirt, and the waste products subject to decomposition and fermentation incident to the manufacture, preparation, packing, storing, selling, distributing, and transporting of food, are not removed daily; and if all trucks, trays, boxes, baskets, buckets, and other receptacles, chutes, platforms, racks, tables, shelves, and all knives, saws, cleavers, and other utensils and machinery used in moving, handling, cutting, chopping, mixing, canning, and all other processes are not thoroughly cleaned daily, and if the clothing of operatives, employes, clerks, or other persons therein employed is unclean."

The importance of clean food is becoming increasingly appreciated. Dirty milk is largely responsible, more especially in the hot season, for a high infant mortality rate. Blackbeetles, cockroaches, and mice also render food unclean.

Legal Matters.

Mrs. M'Lachlan, Carron Road, Falkirk, has just been awarded £10 damages in an action which she brought against Dr. Gardner, of George Street, Falkirk, in which she claimed £250 damages for alleged slander. The slander complained of was that the defender had said she was no nurse at all, and that no respectable person would let her into their house, that she was a dangerous woman, and if the worst came to the worst, that he could prove she was a dirty woman. Dr. Gardner denied having used the words, and pleaded that in any case they were privileged as he was the medical attendant of the person to whom the statements were alleged to have been made.

Sheriff Moffatt, who heard the case, found some of the alleged slanders not proved, but that the defender slandered Mrs. M'Lachlan in saying that she drank, that the condition of her children was due to this cause, and that she was a dirty woman.

As there is no definition of the term "nurse" we are not surprised that the judge did not comment on the slander alleged in this respect.

Nursing at the Johannesburg Hospital.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. Magill, the Lady Superintendent of the Johannesburg Hospital, together with the Nursing Staff, were "At Home" recently upon the interesting occasion when the medals and certificates were presented to the nurses who had successfully passed their examinations.

Mrs. Magill presented a most able report of the work achieved by the Staff during the past twelve months, recording the changes in the personnel, from which we gather that the hospital is highly estimated as a training school for nurses throughout South Africa.

Of the 304 applications received, 165 were from the Transvaal, 98 from Cape Colony, 29 from Natal, 9 from Orange River Colony, 5 from England, 2 from Rhodesia, 1 from East Africa, 1 from Basutoland, and 1 from Bechuanaland.

The lecturers have given a comprehensive course of lectures on the usual subjects, and these have been followed up by systematic revision classes, practical demonstration, and cookery classes given by the Assistant Nursing Superintendent.

Mrs. Magill considers that a post-graduate course of lectures would be a valuable addition to the curriculum.

Several members of the medical staff spoke in glowing terms of the results of both the Hospital and Transvaal Medical Council's examinations, and maintained that the high standard attained by the nurses compared favourably with English hospitals. Admiration for the work accomplished by Mrs. Magill, the head of the training school, was generously expressed.

Mrs. N. van den Berg presented the following nurses with their medals and certificates:—

Gold Medal: Nurse B. Cinamon.

Silver Medals (for preliminary examinations): Nurses Hamilton and Ebden.

Transvaal Medical Council's Certificate: Nurses A. J. Beor, M. K. Daly, E. Graham, J. du Plessis, V. Sargent, and B. Wild.

Hospital Certificate: Nurses E. W. Long and D. C. Parker.

After tea had been served a delightful programme of music was performed, and the home inspected by the numerous appreciative friends of the Hospital.

PRESENTATION.

On Friday, the 4th June, Miss Banks, Matron of the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, was presented by the Secretary, on behalf of the nursing staff, Resident Medical Officer, and servants, with a plain silver hand-mirror and an "Onoto" fountain pen.

Miss Banks was unfortunate enough to lose, by theft from the Hospital basement, some few weeks ago, a silver mirror which she prized very much, and in his remarks the Secretary pointed out how her misfortune had been eagerly taken as the opportunity of her fellow workers to show to some

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