

AT THE LONDON SESSIONS.

At the London Sessions, on Friday, November 20th, "Sister Taylor," who is undergoing sentence on the above charge, was brought up under writ of Habeas Corpus, and charged with obtaining credit by false pretences from Mr. Robert Dudgeon, of the Washington Hotel, Paddington. As on the previous occasion she appeared in the dock in nursing uniform.

It was stated that she arrived at the above hotel on September 16th in uniform, her medals being prominently displayed. She described herself as a nurse retained for special duties by the War Office, and stayed there for 35 days, running up a bill for £23 15s., accounting for her non-payment by saying there was an extraordinary delay on the part of head-quarters in forwarding her monthly cheque.—Detective-Sergeant Parsons stated that many telephonic communications were received for the prisoner at the hotel purporting to come from the War Office, and requesting her attendance at Aldershot to examine sick soldiers. A bugler of the Yorkshire Light Infantry also called at the hotel, and was represented as her orderly sent from the War Office with a list of her duties. It was headed: "To Sister Taylor, M.D.," and gave in great detail the supposed complaints and injuries of the soldiers who were to come under her care. This man had, said the detective, walked out with her while she was at Aldershot, where she was cook-chamber-maid at the South-Western Hotel prior to coming to London. There was a quarrel, and the match was broken off. The prisoner wrote subsequently to him asking him to renew their friendship, saying that she had come in to money and offering to buy him out of the Army.

The detective added that the prisoner was really a monthly nurse, but when unable to secure engagements acted as cook-chambermaid. All her references spoke of her in the highest terms, and she appeared to have given great satisfaction wherever employed.

The prisoner sobbed incessantly in court.

She was sentenced by Mr. Wallace, K.C., to be detained for three months, the term to run concurrently with the other sentence.

This criminal has been widely described in headlines of daily papers, and on posters, as a nurse, and as there is no legal definition of the term this can be done with impunity, but if legislation is delayed, whereby members of an honourable and indispensable profession can, through a State Register, be dissociated from thieves, abortionists, murderers, and impudent frauds, the public will be the ultimate sufferers, from the general lowering of the standard of those entering the nursing profession. Indeed, the constant scandals in police courts in connection with criminals posing as nurses have already lowered the standard of the class of women entering hospitals for training.

A CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Mrs. Jessie Byers, of Wood Green, has been committed for trial by the Edmonton Coroner, charged with "gross and culpable negligence" in connection with the death of an infant. We shall refer further to this next week.

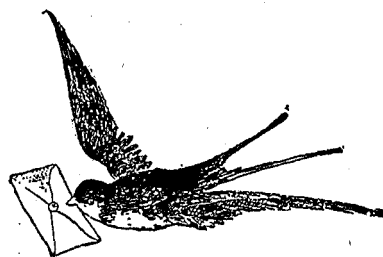
Chic and Comfortable Corsets.

Trained nurses, who are often consulted by patients as to where they can obtain corsets which are not only well cut and made, but which meet their individual requirements, when needing abdominal support, or other special features, will be glad to know that Mrs. Kate Cameron, of 59, South Molton Street, Mayfair, whose reputation as a corsetière stands high, is also a trained nurse, and therefore is able to sympathetically appreciate the needs of clients, who require not only a fashionable corset, but also one cut to suit some special condition.

A visit to Mrs. Cameron, who holds two gold medals and a diploma of honour, awarded in London and Paris, will demonstrate unmistakably the high class of the corsets she supplies; indeed, the only difficulty will be to make a selection amongst so many alluring models. But, here the skill of the expert comes in, and Mrs. Cameron is able to advise as to the style best suited to the individual. In addition to ordinary models, Mrs. Cameron supplies a special "Ideal" Maternity Corset, with regulating and supporting belt, from two guineas, and a Nursing Corset from 10s. 6d. We commend both these models to the attention of maternity nurses and midwives, as well as the abdominal belts. Mrs. Cameron also supplies dainty quilted and corded children's stays and fascinating lingerie, matinée and tea jackets, and tea gowns.

Our Foreign Letter.

NURSING PROGRESS IN ITALY.



I spent ten days in Rome on my return from England early in October, and found that the little Home for Nurses—

Senola-Convitto per Infermiere—was already roofed and its termination assured for the end of December. The actual date of opening the Training School is not yet decided, but I hope shortly to give more detailed information.

Meanwhile from Naples I have news of steady progress. Miss Baxter has accepted ten new pupils, so that with her six senior ones, the patients will be indeed well nursed. The Administration has—at last!—given rooms more worthy of the Blue Cross Association, where Miss Baxter gives her lessons and repetitions, and the mid-day meal is taken. Remembering the inconvenience of the tiny passage room, shared also with the Red Cross ladies during the earthquake period last winter, Principessa Strongoli's success in obtaining this tribute to her school is a matter of warm congratulation.

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