

18. Iced applications.
19. Cold face plunge treatment for children.
20. How to make and apply hot fomentations.
21. Hot air or radiant heat baths.
22. A brief reference to some ophthalmic instruments, testing the points and edges of knives and needles.
23. Preparation for operations:—(a) Under local anæsthesia—cocaine; (b) under general anæsthesia—chloroform.
24. Preliminary cleansing.
25. Transportation after operation. Avoid hard and fast rules as to confinement to bed or prolonged bandaging.
26. The illumination of an ophthalmic sick-room.
27. The selection, fitting, and use of dark glasses, preferably goggles.
28. Diet.
29. Avoidance of draughts, stooping, coughing, sneezing, straining, surprise visits or handling, startling noises, cold feet.
30. Early control of pain.
31. Let me conclude with some general observations on the special care of ophthalmic patients:—

Watching for symptoms of poisoning—*e.g.*, by cocaine, atropin, atropin eczema, pain or vomiting as symptoms of increased tension, atropin dementia.

The occurrence of complications, such as digestive disturbance, or acute infectious fevers, bronchitis, pneumonia, etc.

Necessity of keeping eye patients cheerful, especially old people, and letting them lead as much as possible the life they would have led at home as to diet, choice of aperients, etc. Mental disturbance.

On the care of the blind I have no time to speak, but I commend to your notice a little book entitled "The Blind Man's World," written by the late Dr. Javal, of Paris, and translated by Dr. Ernest Thomson, of Glasgow. Some of you may be glad to know also that there is a handbook of Ophthalmic Nursing, by Dr. Sydney Stephenson, of London.

We regret that by a printer's error in the first part of the above article published last week a line was faultily introduced on page 184. In the third paragraph in the second column the second line should be deleted, and the paragraph should read: "Without going too much into detail, suffice it to say that a soft elastic cushion, chiefly composed of fat, fills up the remaining space between the eyeball and the bony walls of the orbit," etc. On page 183, the opening words of the last paragraph should be: "The coloured iris is the visible part of the middle coat." The word emmetropia denotes normal vision.

## The Factory Nurse.

(Concluded from page 127.)

[The first part of the paper on "The Factory Nurse," which was published in our issue of February 12th, described the method of work of the nurse employed by the Cleveland Hardware Company, U.S.A. The nurse attends the factory dispensary every morning, when she is open to consultation for any employee. Her services are also given to any member of the employee's family. Her work further includes a systematic investigation of the home of each employee. As will be gathered from the second part of the paper, published below, it is in her power to create a general feeling of co-operation between workman and foreman.]

The superintendent of one department has reported to the nurse that one of his valuable employees has not reported for work in the morning. He lives in one of the small suburbs of the city, and the nurse reports the following morning that he is subject to occasional stomach trouble, and it was an attack of this kind which kept him away from work. A subsequent report, however, reads in this way:—

"One lung is badly affected; he will have to go to the country, at least, for the summer. He has had to work since early boyhood, and now has a home almost paid for. The mortgage amounts to about 700 dollars, and it will require about 300 dollars to move to the country."

Inquiry at the bank which held the mortgage on this man's house resulted in the information that, while the man considered his house worth 2,500 dollars, the bank would not appraise it as worth any more than 1,500 dollars, and under these circumstances had loaned as much money as they cared to on it. There was no other way for the man to get 300 dollars, and it looked as if it was either a case of sacrificing his home or staying in the city, which the doctor claimed would be fatal. The result of all this investigation was, the Executive Committee of this Corporation was called together for a special meeting, and on the book of minutes, sandwiched in between resolutions that carried the expending of thousands of dollars, is one that shows the Executive Committee, one member of whom is a director in the bank spoken of, had decided to guarantee the bank against any loss by the additional loan of 300 dollars to this workman; and this winter the man has been reinstated in his position, seemingly very much improved in health.

"This man works in the mill, but has been

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