

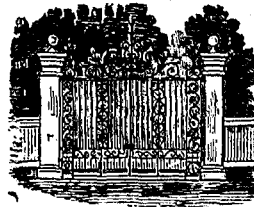
bring it herself? It's sure to be good, for she cooks so well." "But look well at it, lady," said Habeeb. And I looked well and saw something that appeared like a piece of paper sticking out at one side of the piled up steaming food. I drew it out and examined it, and what do you think I found? Wrapped up in this paper was a hypodermic syringe charged and ready for use! And this had been a daily occurrence for some time. No wonder Rasheed made but little progress! The mother was called and soundly rated by one of the doctors, which she richly deserved, and was not allowed to visit her son for a fortnight. She vowed she would not bring the syringe again if only permission were granted to see her dear Rasheed, but the doctors remained obdurate, and threatened to send the lad home without further treatment if his mother made any attempt to see him without permission from them. And now we felt how we had been duped, not knowing what quantity of morphine had been conveyed to Rasheed with his dinner every day, the task of reducing the supposed quantity was indeed a difficult one. The following Sunday, three days after this discovery, Rasheed sprang from his bed, and paced up and down the wards like a raving maniac, vowing he would break open the door of the dispensary to get his favourite dowa (medicine). He was in a state of tremulous excitement, shaking from head to foot, deathly pale and perspiring profusely. Habeeb coaxed him back to bed, covered him with warm blankets, and an injection of black coffee was given per rectum, and 30 grs. of bromide, which calmed his nerves. Presently he fell asleep, for which we were thankful. Oh, the weeks of anxiety that followed! I do not remember any previous case requiring such continual vigilance, care, and tact. Other drugs, besides bromide, were tried, but, as is well known in all these cases, whatever their value, the importance of food and massage is far greater. Once again the morphia injection was reduced to 3 grs. daily, and there was no doubt now that Rasheed was really doing well; his appetite was getting towards the normal, massage was given twice every day, which did wonders for him, and to-day, after 5 months in hospital, he is having ordinary diet, no hypo. injections (the last hypo. inject. of water only was given a fortnight ago), and goes about the wards and in the gardens "clothed and in his right mind." Everyone is getting very fond of him, he has such pleasant manners, and is so helpful with the other patients. He has just finished his share of a beautiful big screen which has been re-covered with pictures, leather fittings, and little brass nails; he has clever fingers, and is most useful. His dear old mother came to see him to-day, and to ask forgiveness for having retarded her son's progress, also to ask us to burn the syringe she brought with his tabiech. We assured her that was done long ago!

Dear Nurses, any of you who may read this little story, do pray God fervently with me, "To comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to strengthen such as do stand," and in your prayers please include Rasheed.

SISTER MARIE.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN'S WORK AT THE JAPAN-BRITISH EXHIBITION.



In a few days another splendid exhibition will open its gates at Shepherd's Bush, and all the lovely wonders of Japan will be on view. In connection with it an interesting Women's Congress on "Aspects of their Work" is being organised. Under the chairmanship of Lady Strachey, "Women in Local Government" will be discussed on June 6th, and on the 8th, experts will consider "University Standards in Home Science." On June 9th the session will be given over to "Women's Suffrage," with Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Frances Balfour, and Lady Maclaren to the fore. "National Health" will come in for consideration on June 10th, and the following interesting speakers will take part: "Industrial Treatment and Tuberculosis," Dr. Jane Walker; "Inspection of Children in Secondary Schools," Dr. Tchaykovsky; "Inspection of Children in Elementary Schools," Dr. Corthorne; "Infant Mortality," Mrs. Scharlieb; "Examination of Defective Children," Mrs. Dickinson Berry. June 11th will be a specially interesting conference to nurses, under the chairmanship of the Duchess of Montrose. It will open with addresses on "Red Cross Organisation" and "Territorial Nursing," by Sir Frederick Treves and Miss Haldane, after which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on "Nursing as a Profession for Women," Lady Hermione Blackwood on "District Nursing," and Miss E. L. Pearse on "The Social Service Nurse."

Lady Henry Bentinck will preside on July 4th, when a long list of experts will speak on "Technical Training of Women and Girls." At this session Miss Adler, L.C.C., brings forward "Evening Classes for Women," Mrs. Creighton "Domestic Economy," and Mrs. Despard "Consultations for Mothers."

"Women in Horticulture," on July 5th, promises to be immensely interesting. The Viscountess Falmouth will be in the chair, and the subjects are legion. "Lady Gardeners," "Lady Gardeners for the Colonies," "Landscape Gardening," "Jobbing Gardening," "American Landscape Gardening," "French Gardening," "Market Gardening," and "Lady Florists."

"Women in Agriculture," July 6th, will bring forth papers on "Lady Farmers," "Bee Keeping," "Poultry Keeping," and "Dairying." Mrs. Sidney Webb will attract a large audience to consider "Women and the Fight Against Destitution" on July 7th. No doubt there will be some fine speaking on "Women in Philanthropy." Lady Henry Somerset on "Temperance" can fill any hall; then "Children's Play Centres," and Work amongst Soldiers, Sailors, and in Prisons and Factories will be sure to attract. On July 9th, the closing day of the Women's Congress, "Physical Training for Teachers" comes under consideration.

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