

which Frank and his displeasing companions passed through, he still clung to his ideals, though we cannot understand a man of his high aspirations voluntarily courting such uncleanly and vicious associates. It is, however, to the reclamation of Gertie that he sets his determined will, and for this reason that he obstinately refuses to return to a more normal existence, and for which in the end he pays with his life.

In his own words:

"I've got the girl away, and now I am going to tell the man, and tell him a few other things at the same time."

The Major pays him for his interference after the manner of his kind.

"Frank lay perfectly still on his back, his hands clasped before him (and even these were bandaged). His head lay high on three or four pillows . . . The world seemed silent, because this room was so. It was here that the centre lay, where a battered man was dying, and from this centre radiated out the Great Peace."

It will be necessary, as the dedication suggests, for each reader to decide for him or herself whether Frank was a fool or not.

H. H.

VERSE.

Excellent herbs had our fathers of old.
Excellent herbs to ease their pain—
Alexanders and Marigold,
Eyebright, Orris, and Elecampane,
Basil, Rocket, Valerian, Rue
(Almost singing themselves they run),
Vervain, Dittany, Call-me-to-you,
Cowslip, Melilot, Rose of the Sun.

From "*Rewards and Fairies*,"

RUDYARD KIPLING.

COMING EVENTS.

November 26th.—Mr. John Burns, M.P., President Local Government Board, opens the Wandsworth New Infirmary.

November 29th.—Prison Reform League Meeting, Caxton Hall, 8 p.m.

November 29th.—Missionary Nurses' League. Lecture: "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions: its Appeal to the Nursing Profession." By Dr. G. Basil Price. 7.15 p.m.

November 29th.—Irish Nurses' Association. Lecture: "Some Points of Interest in Throat, Nose, and Ear." By Dr. T. O. Graham. 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

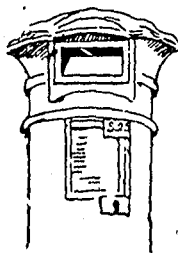
December 2nd.—Meeting of Nursing Masque Committee. 431, Oxford Street, W. 4.30 p.m.

December 3rd.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League General Meeting. Clinical Lecture Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 3 p.m. Social Gathering, 4 p.m.

December 3rd.—Executive Committee of the League of St. John's House Nurses. 3 p.m.

December 7th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture on "The Nursing of Neurasthenic and Hysterical Patients," by Dr. Edwin Bramwell. All trained nurses cordially invited. Extra-Mural Medical Theatre. 4.30 p.m.

Letters to the Editor.



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.

ORGANISED GAMES FOR NURSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was sorry to see so narrow-minded a letter as that on the above subject from a Matron. Outdoor games are the most wholesome form of exercise possible for nurses, and I read your account of the hockey match at Finsbury Park between two teams of fever nurses with sincere approval, and only hope the nursing staffs of other hospitals will follow suit. Living in community often cramps the mind terribly, and it is specially necessary for nurses in infectious diseases hospitals to live as much outside the gates as possible—because the outside world gives them a somewhat wide berth. I was happy to see the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING giving its support to organised games for nurses.

Yours truly,

ALSO A NINETEENTH CENTURY MATRON.

REFORM IN SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—In the issue of your journal, dated November 5th, you publish an able letter from Mr. Joseph Collinson on above subject.

Few can pretend ignorance of the abuses likely to occur in private slaughter-houses, and humanitarians are unanimous in the desire that they should be abolished.

Some butchers would use up-to-date methods of killing were the necessary implements presented to them, and I believe some private individuals, and local branches of the R.S.P.C.A., have presented the necessary pistols to butchers, and also to kennels, where horses are killed. It is a small step in the right direction.

If nefarious practices are not carried on in private why do butchers object to slaughtering at the public abattoirs? I have never heard a satisfactory reply to this question.

Nurses are a power in the world of to-day. Will you animate them to use their enormous influence to help on this necessary reform?

Were they to combine it would probably soon be taken in hand, and money would be forthcoming to compensate the owners of private premises.

Yours, etc.,

E. L. DAUBERY.

Notice.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

Rules for competing for the Pictorial Puzzle Prize will be found on Advertisement page xii.

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