

accommodation. One of the instances given was that of the provision for the nursing staff, who have to sleep under three separate roofs. The plans for the new hospital have the merit of comprising a distinct building for the Nurses' Home, separated from the hospital by a small garden. It is suggested that a special fund be collected among women only for the building of this Nurses' Home. The cost will be about £8,000.

The work done by the hospital for patients suffering from the many maladies to which women are peculiarly liable is so well known as hardly to need reference. What is not so well known, except to members of the Ladies' Committee and others who see a good deal of the patients, is the important share in the results achieved which must be accredited to the nursing staff. It is constantly brought to the knowledge of the Committee that the zeal and devotion with which the nurses perform their duties are accompanied by unflinching kindness and consideration for their charges.

The building of the Nurses' Home seems to offer an excellent opportunity for women to show their appreciation of this good work performed by women workers for suffering members of their own sex. Such a memorial may well serve to perpetuate the kind feeling which has fortunately long been a guiding principle to the nursing staff of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

Contributions to this Nurses' Home Rebuilding Fund are invited and will be most gratefully received by either of the undersigned at the Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W.

Yours faithfully,

HELEN ILCHESTER,
President of Ladies' Committee.

ELEANOR ESHER,
Vice-President of Ladies' Committee.

CRUELTY ON THE RACECOURSE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—In the new Protection of Animals Act is an admirable provision that it shall be an offence "if any person shall cruelly beat, kick, over-ride . . . or terrify any animal, or shall cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit any animal to be so used."

This is quite as it should be, but what I wish to know is where in the world you can see a horse more cruelly beaten, kicked (with spurs), over-ridden, or terrified than frequently happens on the racecourse? Are we always to have two standards of cruelty, one for the high road and the farm, and the other made specially for the racecourse and the steeplechase? Or may we hope that the R.S.P.C.A. will take some cases into court to test whether the law is to be a dead letter and whether the frequenters of the racecourse are to enjoy special exemption from the laws with which other people are forced to comply or else to accept heavy punishment?

As a law-abiding citizen, I beg to make my distinct protest in the name of all the cruelly beaten, spurred, over-ridden and terrified horses of the racecourse. I shall be happy to send gratuitously a pamphlet dealing with this subject to anyone interested in it.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST BELL,
Editor, *The Animals' Friend*.

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REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*A Constant Reader and Suffragist*."—We should advise you to write to D. Vincent J. Dominguez, Esq., *Chargé d'Affaires*, Argentine Republic, 7, Tilney Street, Park Lane, W. There is a British hospital at 74, Calle Perdeiel, Buenos Ayres.

Candidate, Windsor.—It will not necessarily be needful for you to pay for your midwifery training. The hospital you propose to enter is willing to give free midwifery training to its pupils if they contract to serve for a certain time on the private nursing staff as an equivalent.

Mr. S. P., Manchester.—It is very difficult to obtain the information you require. Write to the Secretary, Central Hospital Council for London, at Westminster Hospital, S.W. In our opinion such a Council has absolutely no right to use charitable hospital funds for its organization. If you cannot get a satisfactory answer, write to the Chairman, A. W. West, Esq., Treasurer, St. George's Hospital, London, W.

Mrs. C. Martin, London.—Write to the Secretary of the Children's Fresh Air Mission, St. Peter's Schools, Onslow Street, Clerkenwell Road, E.C. Sickly children are boarded out in country cottages. The Children's Country Holidays Fund, 18, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C., might also help you.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS FOR JULY.

July 6th.—Describe the different ways in which drugs may be introduced into the system.

July 13th.—What are some of the complications to be watched for during pregnancy, and their causes? Mention methods you have seen used to combat them.

July 20th.—How should a specimen of urine be prepared, and how examined?

July 27th.—What are the common sources of bacterial infection?

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