

ful to avoid eyestrain on the part of the child when fever is just over, and the child begins to get fidgety, though still too weak to sit up. Reading, or telling a story, just out of your own head is usually preferred. Most children like natural history, or stories that are true. A pet doll or toy to cuddle in bed will add to happiness, especially if strictly isolated. When a little stronger and able to use the brain a little, guessing games are very popular, as guessing objects in a room. I have found children aged five and six love this game. Some little ones like to watch you build card houses, or make different structures of bricks. Can you cut out animals, dolls, &c., in folded paper? Try it. See which can cut best, you or the patient. Can you make paper boats, purses? A few empty matchboxes, some coloured tissue-paper, gum, and, if in the country, some dry twigs, will make charming toys, such as log huts, stables, chests of drawers. The lid of a cardboard dress box will make a splendid country estate with the grass painted on, gravel paths fixed with glue, little matchbox houses dotted around. Later on, when the child is better, he can help.

Miss Gertrude Phillips writes:—The great aim in amusing a child should be to educate it at the same time.

Miss S. A. G. Lett remarks:—Convalescence is most tiresome in its earliest stage while the little patient is in bed, and as yet not allowed to exercise very much energy. In this stage the nurse will generally find it a great boon if she has a gift for story-telling—for where will a child be found who, when all else is tired of, will not end up with “Do tell me a story, nurse.”

Miss A. Wellington points out:—If the nurse is at all musical she can amuse the child by singing to it, especially nursery rhymes. If the child is well enough to go out of doors, the nurse's work will be much easier, as it will not be so difficult to keep the small patient happy.

Miss Gladys Tatham writes:—Fashion catalogues can be made to give quite a lot of amusement by cutting out the figures and pasting them on to cardboard so that they can be made to stand up in groups, about which one could doubtless weave many tales. “Building houses” with plain wooden bricks, for the child to topple over, often wiles away an hour.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

What symptoms would lead you to suspect apoplexy? Give nursing treatment of apoplexy.

OUR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

TOYS FOR TINIES.

We have to thank many nurses for so kindly entering for the Toys for Tinies Competition, and to announce that the four Five Shilling Prizes have been awarded as follows:—

1. To Miss N. Arnscott, Bulstrode Street, London, W., for a very fascinating black gollywog, dressed in brilliant rose and green silk, trimmed with gold sequined lace. A fine black stocking was used to make the doll, and its silky black hair and black and white button eyes are very effective. Cost, 3d.

2. To Miss E. Heathcote, Elderfield Road, Clapton, N.E., for three unbreakable rag dolls with scrap picture faces: 1, Little Red Riding Hood; 2, long-clothes baby; and 3, a gollywog; made with

1 yd. Neopolitan, at 2½d. yd.	2½	d.	For bodies, dress, night-dress and petticoat, &c.
¼ yd. Red Flannel-ette, at 2½d. yd.	¾		For cape, bonnet, and trousers.
¼ yd. White Flannelette, at 2½d. yd.	¾		For baby's flannel and vest.
¼ yd. Black Lining, at 1½d. yd.	½		For Golliwog.
1 yd. Lace, at ½d. yd.	½		For bonnet and nightdress.
½ yd. Ribbon, at 1d. yd.	½		For bonnet and nightdress.

Total cost .. 5½

TO THE EDITOR.

(FROM RED RIDING HOOD.)

I wish I'd more clothes and better,
But funds are so awfully low;
To make us three for sixpence,
It's a good job we won't grow.
There's me, and Jim, and Baby,
We'll do our best to show
Our love for the little children
To whom we are to go.

Jim's the black sheep of the family,
He never will be clean;
He seldom can come out with us,
For he is never fit to be seen.

3. To Miss E. S. Fountain, Lee Road, Blackheath, for infant's teething-ring and rattle, made of ivory, wool, and ribbon, and little bells. Cost, 5½d.

4. To Miss Eva Smith, North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesborough, for two little bedsteads, one most ingeniously upholstered and trimmed with hospital materials; the bedstead is of gooch and camelhair-brush-holder, bandage

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