

adequate remuneration for a professional worker, especially when the grave responsibilities, and the exceptional tax on the health of the midwife are taken into consideration.—ED.]

#### THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The California Hospital Training School for Nurses, of which you had a picture in the issue of your JOURNAL of September 21st, 1912, has a few features that I believe are unique and think may prove of interest to your readers :

The aim of those directing this School for Nurses is not alone to educate young women as thorough technical nurses, but also to give them a broad outlook on life and prepare them for whatever position destiny may award them.

To keep them abreast with current history we have a daily paper, which is prepared from the morning papers, that is read to them at luncheon. The reading occupies from eight to ten minutes each day. This not only educates the nurses, but gives them subjects for conversation with their patients, taking the thoughts of the afflicted away from self, disease and hospital gossip.

A gramophone gives the nurses two selections of the choicest music during the evening meal.

Miss Beulah Wright, Dean of the College of Oratory and Professor of Oratory in the University of Southern California, gives a thorough course in the use of the voice in conversation and in reading. This course, while adding to the culture of the young woman, also proves to be a blessing to their patients.

Tennis court, piano and drawing-room are among the provisions for the nurses' health and pleasure.

The course at the California Hospital and, in fact, in all the best training schools in the United States, is three years.

The nurses of this State are endeavouring to get a registration law enacted by the legislature this winter.

Yours very truly,

WALTER LINDLEY,  
Medical Director.

#### CRUELTY TO RABBITS: SHOULD THE USE OF STEEL TRAPS BE ABOLISHED?

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,

MADAM,—The "rabbit season" is again with us and during the next few weeks some hundreds of thousands of wild rabbits—including does carrying young and mothers in milk—will have been caught in the cruel fangs of the steel trap. It is said—and there is good authority for the statement—that from Devon alone over a million and a-half dead rabbits are sent away, and that in some rural districts the people are kept awake by the distracted cries of the little victims, incessantly striving to the last, with pain and terror, to escape from the inexorable grip of this primitive

machine. To recall some words written several years ago by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, whose appeal is still, unfortunately, as much needed as ever: "Life in the country to those cursed with the slightest feeling of sympathy is made wretched by the thought of all this suffering going on around them." This is indeed so, and as almost everyone is agreed—except, perhaps, those who profit by the wretched business—that the universal and indiscriminate use of the steel trap is an abomination, one wonders if it is not possible for lovers of animals to concentrate their energies for the purpose of obtaining from the Legislature an amendment of the Animals Protection Act, which would abolish this villainous instrument, one of the worst ever devised by inventive man against the animal kingdom. Could not some humane M.P. introduce a Bill to this effect?

Yours faithfully,

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York House, Portugal Street, W.C.

#### SWEATING UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. Bruxner sends us another of his somewhat lengthy letters, for which we regret we have not space this week. He draws our attention to the proposed sweating of women's work under the Staffordshire Insurance Committee, which advertises for a "Young lady typist; thoroughly competent, with knowledge of office routine. Commencing salary £39 per annum." Scandalous, of course, and the more so as it is a Government appointment. But we would remind Mr. Bruxner that "two blacks do not make a white." In the meanwhile, we have forwarded the cutting sent by Mr. Bruxner to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

February 22nd.—How might a case of scarlatinal nephritis be recognized, and how should such a case be nursed?

March 1st.—What care should a nurse give to engorged breasts?

#### NOTICES.

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