

LEGAL MATTERS.

THE DRIVER CASE.

In connection with the police-court proceedings in what is known as "The Driver Case," in which it will be remembered that Flora Johnson was indicted at Clerkenwell, under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, with attempting to procure Ethel Maud Driver, described as a nurse, twenty-eight years of age, telling her, "you will get plenty of money in uniform," the jury, at the conclusion of the trial, returned a verdict of "not guilty" concerning Flora Johnson, on the direction of the Recorder. It was not suggested that the facts were not as alleged, but the Recorder held, we consider rightly, that the Act was never intended to apply to such a case, or to a woman twenty-eight years of age.

ASSAULT ON A NURSE.

At Ammanford, South Wales, a woman was summoned for assaulting Nurse Elizabeth Thomas, and fined 1s. and costs. It was stated in evidence that the nurse had attended the defendant's daughter, who died three weeks afterwards, and meeting the nurse later she slapped her on the face, calling her a "black murderess," and saying, "You will have to die, if I hang for you. You killed my daughter." The defendant denied calling the plaintiff a murderess, and asserted that she was kicked by her.

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