

reception rooms, now turned into wards. It is nice of the French to do it, and to treat all their soldiers on the same footing, but one wonders whether the British plan of giving the Indian troops their separate hospitals, and meeting their customs and requirements, is not wiser and more comfortable for both sides.

One gigantic Senegalese admitted that in his country they kill their enemies and eat them. On leaving he shook hands with the doctor, saying in broken French (they have no p's in Senegalese) "Toi venir mon bays, moi bas manger toi." This was by no means reassuring to the French patients and doctors, who had seen several men of these African tribes arrive with the enemies' heads in their bags, and their ears sewn up the length of their trousers in rows.

and things came to such a pass that they had to be closed.

The *Collège*, a large boys' school which faces the Quay and a dirty street, consists of the headquarters of the *Hôpital No. 37* with its many "annexes," such as the *Métropole Hotel*, the *Grand*, &c. Apart from the administrative offices, laundry, dispensary, &c., it has been turned into a big hospital.

This is where some of the Germans who were wounded at Senlis in the battle of the Marne at the beginning of September last were brought. They were all very bad cases, and had been left on the battlefield for days before the French found them.

At first the French ladies were very kind to them, but when the horrors perpetrated



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In the fire of the battlefield many things must pass unperceived, but I was always so sorry for the good class Frenchmen who, as *simples soldats*, had to share the close proximity of a bed in the same ward as "all sorts and conditions of men." One simple-minded peasant, whose knowledge of sanitation was limited to village life, was discovered in the fine hotel lavatory, having a good wash. The trig had been pulled, the water was clean, what more did anyone want?

But it was not only the great hotels that had been requisitioned and adapted as hospitals. Many of the smaller ones were taken, and alas in these sanitary arrangements were lacking,

on the civilians at Senlis were known, naturally a reaction followed. English nurses then came forward, and not having been equally tried were able to nurse them more equably. The French are quite chivalrous enough to treat with kindness the wounded enemy, but they naturally recoiled from enemies that had not fought and behaved like soldiers.

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The Editor's post-bag has now assumed such dimensions that she must ask correspondents who desire a reply to their letters to enclose a stamp for postage. It is impossible otherwise to deal with the mass of correspondence which finds its way daily to the editorial table.

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