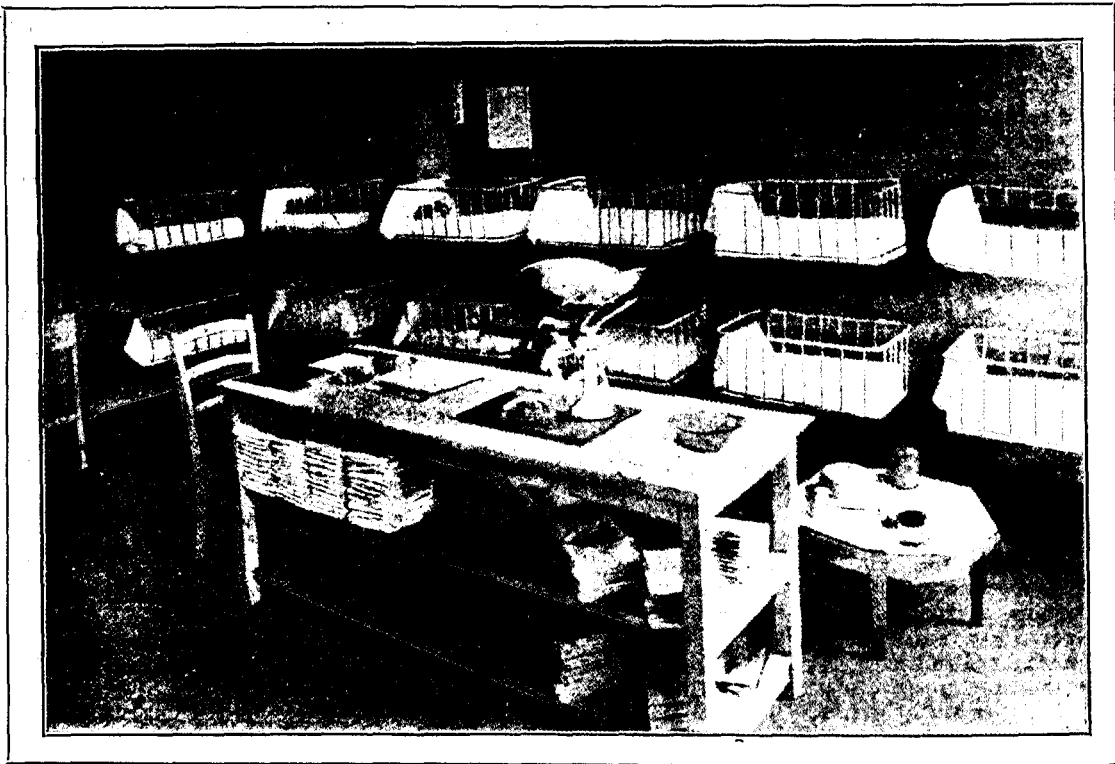


The Midwife.

MANHATTAN MATERNITY AND DISPENSARY, NEW YORK.

Among the many kind and cordial women with whom we travelled to San Francisco in June, was Miss Nancy Cadmus, R.N., Superintendent of the above hospital; she belongs to the Worshipful Society of Progressivists!—to which fact, her able and interesting paper, entitled "Administration and Registration Laws by Regents of a University," which she read before the Convention

exception; it has recently established a school of midwifery. The pupils of the Manhattan Maternity also attend the Cornell University Clinics which are held in the hospital, and also lectures on the following subjects given by the resident physicians: 1. Embryology; 2. Asepsis and puerperal infection; 3. The toxemia of pregnancy; 4. Abnormalities of pregnancy; 5. Complication and emergencies; 6. Care of the newborn child; and 7. Asphyxia. The hospital is situated—as it should be—in a poor part of the city and supplies the need of as many, and more than it can very well accommodate; it has, in fact



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in that city, will testify. We met again in New York, when she kindly invited us to visit her hospital.

In America, it is not customary for nurses to become qualified midwives, receiving a diploma enabling them to practise as such. Consequently, Maternity Hospitals are not schools of midwifery—one never hears the word midwife. They are training schools where a three-months' course in the different branches of theoretical and practical obstetrics is given, and which appears to be very thorough. The Bellevue Hospital is an

outgrown its requirements, and is likely to be enlarged, although not yet 11 years of age. What we call reciprocal training, our American sisters call affiliation, and this is an established custom with them. The Manhattan Maternity is affiliated with no less than 11 different training schools! There are 23 pupils and 6 graduates. It is a charming little hospital, with up-to-date equipment; but the most attractive room is the "Nursery." The walls are not hung with pictures, but with something much more lovely—namely, cots containing *flowers—little human flowers!*

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