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## EDITORIAL.

## GREAT IS BUMBLEDOM.

M ANY hundreds of years ago, there suddenly occurred, as we are told in Holy Writ, a great riot in a Grecian town, incited by a gentleman of the name of Demetrius, a freeman of the Worshipful Company of Silversmiths. It is curious how the same passions sway men, in the same way, in every age, and how History seems again and again to repeat itself. At this time, there has arisen no small stir about the Royal British Nurses' Association. For a certain woman, a gold coiner which made shrines of golden guineas for Bumbledom, brought no small gain unto her fellow-craftsmen. Whom she called together, with the workmen of

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like occupation, and said, "Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover, ye see and hear that not alone in London, but almost throughout the British Empire, this Royal British Nurses' Association hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no Nurses which are made without training, without knowledge, and without experience : and that Nurses which be drunken, or thieves, or such like, should no longer be allowed to damage sick folk, nor be a disgrace to their fellow-So that not only this our craft of workers. deceiving sick folk, by sending unto them women which be no Nurses, and sucking out therefrom no small advantage in golden guineas, is in danger to be set at nought-and that, my brethren, would be bad enough to bear, for would it not touch what impious and wicked men do call our pockets; but also that the temple of the great Bumbledom should be despised, and his magnificence should be destroyed. And, oh ! my brethren, reprove me not, but watch my attitude and observe how I do lay the finger-even the first finger of my hand, even my right hand—upon my nose, and how my left eye is closed when I stand up and say, Sirs, let us forget our pocketsuntil our meeting is over, and the men that are called reporters have departed. Let us not even mention that such receptacles exist, but, with all the strength that is in us, let us protect great Bumbledom." And it came to pass that for the space of one minute each man looked in the face of his neighbour, and each man did lay the finger of his hand, even of his right hand, upon his nose, and each man did quickly close and

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