

MISS RICHARDSON :—

A pulsating tumour containing blood and communicating with the interior of an artery, formed by a preternatural dilation of an artery, or by the extravasation of arterial blood in cellular membrane through rupture or wound of the coats of an artery.

NURSE E. F. KELLY :—

An aneurism is a soft pulsating tumour caused by the rupture of the middle and internal coats of an artery and the dilatation of the external coat.

MISS K. KEMBLE, M.R.B.N.A. :—

An aneurism is a tumour, which consists of a preternatural dilatation of the artery, sometimes occasioned by a wound, and is external; in other cases it is internal, and occurs in the great vessels of the chest, abdomen, and heart.

NURSE TOWNSEND :—

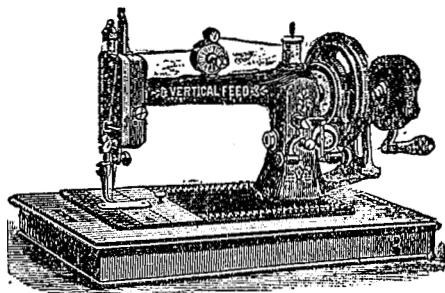
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MISS EMILY SANDERSON, M.R.B.N.A. :—

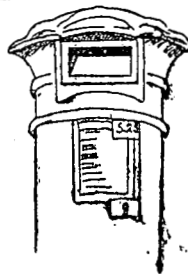
An aneurism is a tumour arising from the widening up or dilatation of an artery. (Greek, aneurisma—*ana*, up; *curys*, wide.)

SPECIAL PRIZE COMPETITION.

We have much pleasure in announcing that we are enabled to offer a Special Prize—viz., a Sewing Machine, as per illustration, which is furnished with a handsome walnut cover, of the value of FIVE GUINEAS, to the com-



petitor who makes and sends in the neatest and most effective NURSE'S CAP. *Rules.*—The cap, which should be accompanied with the full name and address of the competitor and a statement of the exact cost of the materials used in the making of it, with the coupon cut out of our advertisement column, securely packed in a box, must be addressed to "Nursing Record Special Prize Competition, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C." It must be delivered not later than Saturday, August 1, next. The manufacturers have kindly undertaken to teach the winner (free of any charge) how to work and use the machine. The machine is on view and can be seen any day from ten to twelve at the Vertical Feed Sewing Machine Company, 24, Aldersgate Street, E.C.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

OPPOSITION TO THE R.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—From the correspondence in the *Times*, there seems to be some misconception as to Mr. J. G. Wainwright's intentions in opposing the Royal British Nurses' Association; there can be none as to his methods of so doing. Allow me to draw the attention of your readers to the following letter sent by him to the *British Medical Journal* on May 30 :—" Sir,—May I ask you to kindly publish in your next issue the accompanying petition, signed by members of the medical profession, who are, or have been, directly identified with training and teaching Nurses?—I am, &c., J. G. WAINWRIGHT." Then follows the "humble petition" to the President of the Board of Trade, signed by some seventy medical men. Now, Sir, from my own personal knowledge of some of the gentlemen signing this petition, I believe that they can claim no right whatever to pretend to be experts in Nursing, or in Mr. Wainwright's words to have been "directly identified with training and teaching Nurses," and that in stating in the press that they have done so, he is stating what is not true. As an old London Hospital Nurse of several years' experience, I should like to know when and where Drs. Sutton, Stephen McKenzie, Gilbert Smith, and Messrs. Waren Tay, Frederick Eve, Thomas Openshaw, and Frederick Smith "directly trained and taught Nurses"? These gentlemen have, I believe, never even delivered lectures to the Probationers at the London Hospital on elementary anatomy or physiology; and considering the utterly bad system in vogue at this Hospital of placing Probationers on Staff duty, and constantly changing them from Ward to Ward, I know well that the acquaintance of the Visiting Staff with the Nurses is of the most cursory description. One is here to-day and gone to-morrow; and beyond the occasional honour of trotting round the Ward after members of the Visiting Staff with basin, soap, and towel, and standing before him meekly during the oft-repeated process of washing of hands, I doubt if these fellow-workers ever come in contact. I know little of other Hospitals; but I feel convinced that should the day ever come when the Visiting Staff of the London Hospital manifests a vestige of interest in the Nursing Staff of that Institution, a new era will dawn for its Nurses. The well-merited reproach that the London Hospital Nurses are the most unjustly treated of any Nursing Staff in London may then be refuted, and it will then be ample time for the medical men aforementioned to claim direct interest in Nurses *en masse*.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,  
A RADICAL MATRON.

ADVANTAGES OF CO-OPERATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent, "Co-operation." Much more might be done by your valuable paper to make known the fact that Nurses can now actually receive the money they earn without being "farmed out" by Hospitals

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