

"Come out, come out, my dearest dear,
Come out and greet the sun;
For all the world is out but you,
And winter's nearly done."

A man was asked to count the number of babies on S— Avenue one afternoon. He counted quite a number and was doubted. Being merely a man, he said they all looked alike to him. It was discovered he was counting the same six babies over again.—From *The Canadian Nurse*.

KILL FLIES AND SAVE LIVES.

Kill at once every fly you can find and burn his body.

Kill the flies and save lives!

RECIPES FOR KILLING FLIES.

The United States Government makes the following suggestion for the destruction of house flies: Formaldehyde and sodium salicylate are the two best fly poisons. Both are superior to arsenic. They have their advantages for household use. They are not a poison to children; they are convenient to handle; their dilutions are simple, and they attract the flies.

PREPARATION OF SOLUTIONS.

A formaldehyde solution of approximately the correct strength may be made by adding three teaspoonsful of the concentrated formaldehyde solution, commercially known as formalin, to a pint of water. Similarly, the proper concentration of sodium salicylate may be obtained by dissolving three teaspoonsful of the pure chemical (a powder) to a pint of water.

A container should be arranged convenient for automatically keeping the solution always available for flies to drink. An ordinary, thin-walled drinking glass is filled, or partially filled, with the solution. A saucer, or small plate, in which is placed a piece of *white* blotting paper cut the size of the dish, is put bottom up over the glass. The whole is then quickly inverted, a hatch placed under the edge of the glass, and the container is ready for use. As the solution dries out of the saucer the liquid seal at the edge of the glass is broken and more liquid flows into the lower receptacle. Thus the paper is always kept moist.

OTHER SIMPLE PREVENTIVES.

Any odour pleasing to man is offensive to the fly, and *vice versa*, and will drive them away.

Take five cents' worth of oil of lavender, mix it with the same quantity of water, put it in a common glass atomizer and spray it around the rooms where flies are. In the dining-room spray it lavishly, even on the table linen. The odour is very disagreeable to flies, but refreshing to most people.

Geranium, mignonette, heliotrope and white clover are offensive to flies. They especially dislike the odour of honeysuckle and hop blossoms.

According to a French scientist, flies have

intense hatred for the colour blue. Rooms decorated in blue will help to keep out the flies. Mix together one tablespoonful of cream, one of ground black pepper and one of brown sugar. The mixture is poisonous to flies. Put in a saucer, darken the room, except one window, and in that set the saucer.

To clear the house of flies, burn pyrethrum powder. This stupefies the flies, but they must be *swept up and burned*.

AN ABSURD ASSUMPTION.

Evidently, to judge from editorial comments in No. 2, we have touched the lay editor of *The College of Nursing Bulletin* on the raw, by expressing the opinion that if this publication desires to rank as a professional paper, it must be edited by a professional woman. No amount of silly arguments to the contrary will alter this fact. As well contend that the *B.M.J.* or *Lancet* could wield professional influence if edited by a layman. We will leave it at that. Members of the nursing profession with a sense of professional responsibility, who do not intend to submit to ignorant dictation, have their own organ in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, owned, controlled and edited by experienced nurses.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

During their stay at Aldershot the King and Queen paid a visit to the Cambridge Hospital where they were received by Colonel H. C. R. Hine, and the Matron, Miss E. M. Lyde. They went through the wards and were very warmly cheered by the convalescents as they said good-bye.

If the voluntary hospitals are to continue useful the demands of science have to be met—and science is costly. The old rule-of-thumb treatment which met the needs of medical treatment fifty years ago, is a thing of the past. Money must be found so that evolution may be conducted on the right lines. We must have an *A1* standard of national health, and money must be found to establish it. We are all for constructive co-operation. Teach the people the value of health in happiness and commerce, and provide a system whereby they can pay for it. Surely this is not beyond the powers of Civil Service organisation. The great Morant and his coadjutors at the Ministry of Health no doubt had their plans. Let us have them put forth for discussion. Schemes of Health Welfare, Prevention of Sickness, and hospitals we must have. But standards of health and treatment of sickness are no longer the business or pleasure of the philanthropist and his satellites. They are the first duty of the People, and the State. Charity has had its day—it must make way for co-operation.

We are glad to note that rich Birmingham is looking after ex-Service men. The Treasury have

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