

lack of *esprit de corps* in the rank and file?"—Yours, as heretofore, **VIGILANT.**

P.S.—As this is a question which must, sooner or later, touch every member of the Nursing community, I would invite the opinions of your readers.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly recommend to me a really useful pen with little trouble to the writer. I am badly in need of one.—Yours, &c., **AUTHORESS.**

[We can strongly recommend the Student's Stylograph, which can be obtained, price 4s. 6d., from the London Pen Company, 16, Holborn Bars, E.C.—ED.]

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Sister Grace.—We should advise you to inspect the establishment of Messrs. Alderman Johnson and Co., 138 and 140, Charing Cross Road. The drop-foot couch is indispensable in a private Hospital. An excellent filter is the Beckenfeld Filter, made by the Beckenfeld Filter Co., 70, Mark Lane, E.C.

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disguises and I am sorry to say cuffs, collars, and bonnet strings, are sometimes worn when not specklessly clean. This is inexcusable in a Nurse, and especially when crumpled aprons are seen flopping under the cloak.

Beginner (Birmingham).—Order the *Record* Series of Text Books. The four cost 6s. 6d.

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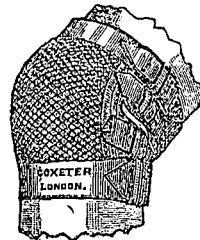
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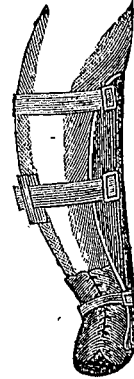
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