

Matron's opinion from herself, and I cross the room to where my pale little colleague stands.

For half-a-second she grips my hand, and says under her breath—"Stand firm." And then a bell rings in the inner room (the "Holy of Holies,") and there is a flutter amongst the flat females in blue, and one of them says to me—

"Matron is ready for you," opens the door for me to pass through, and sharply shuts it after me.

The room I enter is spacious and light, and looks out on the garden. My tired feet find repose in the velvet pile carpet of warm Eastern hues; the soft tint of the painted walls is pleasant to my appreciative eye; there is a luxurious comfort and cosiness about this apartment, with its three draped windows and clear, gleaming fire, which strikes one forcibly after waiting in the meagre, shabby outer office.

Mentally I fly to the conclusion that this is the abode of the earth-earthly.

Opposite to me, seated behind a large writing-desk, and near the middle window is a woman—I conclude the Matron. No chair being within measurable distance—and indeed who ever heard of being seated in the presence of Royalty?—I approach, cross my hands at arm's-length, and silently take in the situation. I become aware

that seated before me is an ample supply of flesh, a good many teeth, yellow hair, black satin, innumerable white lace frills, and a profusion of second-rate jewellery. I am aware, at the same time, of an intense and uncontrollable antipathy, and I involuntarily take a backward step.

Our eyes meet, and we hate one another.

"I have sent for you, Nurse Graham, to speak to you concerning the gross breach of discipline which occurred last night. Night Sister reports that, contrary to rule, she and Dr. Fulton found you in the room of another Nurse, *in your dressing-gown*. I don't know, I am sure, what your custom may be at home, but in a public Institution, young women cannot be too careful, and to interview young men in a state of *négligé* is, to say the least of it, highly indelicate, if not worse."

Oh! Jean. For one moment my heart seemed to cease beating, with horrified disgust. How brutal! how loathsome! I felt as if I had been lashed across the eyes with a whip.

Then speech comes to me:—

"You cannot know the truth—very tremulously—I was coming to you had you not sent for me. Early this morning we found Nurse Black on the floor of her bed-room, suffering with diphtheria—speechless, pulseless, *dying in agony, and alone*. Do you think I can forget the sight?

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