

circulation in the right side of the heart. Ascites: A collection of serous fluid in the abdomen. Most generally it is owing to obstructed circulation in some of the viscera; is characterised by increased size of the abdomen, and the general signs of dropsy. Syncope: Fainting: complete and commonly sudden loss of sensation and motion, with diminution or suspension of the pulsations of the heart, and the respiratory movements, occasioned by an insufficient supply of blood to the brain.

NURSE METZGER:—

Œdema, or swelling of any part in which an indentation is left on pressure. Cyanosis, or blueness of the skin, due to an obstructed circulation. Ascites, or dropsy in the abdomen, due to diseases of heart and kidneys. Syncope, or fainting, due to weak action of the heart.

NURSE MORRELL:—

Œdema is watery fluid in any part of the body. There is also œdema of the lungs, the result of venal disease. Cyanosis is a condition in which the patient becomes blue and dusky, especially about the mouth and lips. Ascites is dropsy of the abdomen. Syncope is fainting, from a weak or diseased heart failing to work properly.

MRS. E. M. NEWTON, M.R.B.N.A.:—

Œdema is the swelling caused by effusion of serous or inflammatory fluid into the loose, areolar tissue lying under the skin or mucous membrane. Cyanosis is the blueness or lividity of the skin usually seen in infants born with malformation of the heart, and in the aged after emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Ascites signifies an accumulation of fluid in the cavity of the serous membrane lining the abdomen. Syncope is characterised by a decrease or temporary suspension of the action of the heart and respiration, with a loss of consciousness.

NURSE E. F. KELLY:—

Œdema is a swelling caused by the infiltration of serum into the areolar tissue of any part of the body. Cyanosis is a diseased condition of the system arising from a malformation of the heart, which allows the intermixing of the venous with the arterial blood, in consequence of which the former is not properly oxygenised, and a blueness is imparted to the skin, whence the disease takes its name. Ascites: a term used to denote dropsy. Syncope, or fainting is a sudden and total, or partial unconsciousness, resulting from impaired circulation of the blood

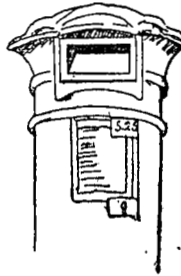
through the brain, occasioned commonly by diminished action of the heart.

NURSE DEVILLE:—

Œdema: Dropsy, or swelling of the cellular tissue. Cyanosis: A dark blue colour, lividity. Ascites: Dropsy of the abdomen. Syncope: Fainting, loss of strength, colour, and consciousness.

MISS TWEED, M.R.B.N.A.:—

Œdema is the term applied to the swelling caused by effusion of serum into the cellular tissues under the skin and by pressure on the veins, which carry back the blood from the lower half of the body towards the heart; it may also result from a watery condition of blood, and is one of the forerunners of puerperal eclampsia, or convulsions. Cyanosis depends on a malformation of the valves of the heart, symptoms arising from an obstruction of the natural circulation. Ascites is effusion of the larger cavities into the abdomen or sacs or bag surrounding the heart. Syncope: A state of swoon or fainting.



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.

THE POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Have just received books safely. With many thanks, yours respectfully,
NURSE REDDOCH.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Home Hospital.—We believe steel wire would prove the most durable; copper gives, and the mattress sags and soon loses its shape. Do not have india-rubber castors; they crack off with very little wear; have them made of brass. The kidney-shaped bowls can be obtained at Maw, Son and Thompson, Aldersgate Street, E.C. We should advise you to call at the Home, and feel sure the Sister-in-Charge would gladly show you the admirable arrangements you mention.

Registration.—The fee is 10s. 6d.; qualification, three years' Hospital work. Call on the Secretary, at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, London. Of course, it is only a question of time when all Trained Nurses will register their Certificates to distinguish themselves from the quacks, who now compete with them on equal terms.

Dr. Arthur H. Rideal.—Next week we hope to deal with the matter.

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