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No. 23.

A Book or Books of the value of Five Shillings will be awarded to the best answer to the following question, addressed, "Nursing Record Post-Card Competition," St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, E.C. All answers to this question to reach us not later than the morning of Saturday, July 11th, 1891:—

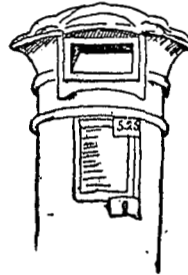
"Describe the method of Administering a Cold Pack."

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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.

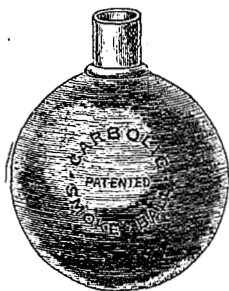
THE VICTORY OF THE BADGE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—In common with those of my sister Members who share my views, I am pleased that the Badge question has been settled in the affirmative. There are two persons who, at a time like this, should not be overlooked—the Member who first suggested a badge (whose name I regret I cannot recall), and Mr. Editor, to whose courtesy, patience and impartiality our thanks are due for allowing us the use of his pages to talk the matter over (on paper) amongst ourselves.

We have got to the end of our desires, but we are only at the beginning of the new obligation it entails; let every recipient remember that it is not the Badge that gives distinction to the holder, but the holder to the Badge, if she hold it worthily. It is not a trinket, but an emblem, an outward sign of fidelity to those great principles our Association was established to advocate and advance.

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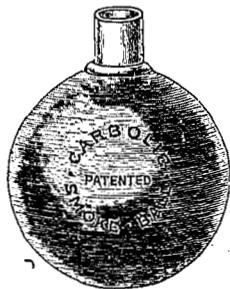
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