

received by the Clogher Guardians stating that with regard to the appointment of Miss Caroline Little to the position of Night Nurse at the Infirmary, the Ministry of Home Affairs wrote stating they could not see their way to sanction her appointment until she had been registered with the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Ulster. Miss Little wrote relinquishing the appointment, saying she intended taking a course of training as mentioned.

Miss Violetta Thurston, formerly Secretary of the National Union of Trained Nurses, and Director of Beduin Industries at El Burg el Azab, has returned to this country as the Egyptian Government has now closed down the work. Her many friends will be interested to learn that she intends to settle in a charming cottage in the Cotswolds and to weave and write. She regrets leaving the desert, for, as she puts it, "in five years one sends down quite a lot of roots." Besides "the sheer sense of unlimited space and air are one of the everlasting joys there that never fail one."

In an interesting article, in some notes published by Miss Eden under the pretty green star of the N.U.T.N., Miss Thurstan describes her work:—

"The first business of the day is to go round the workshops and see that all is in trim for the day's work. The workshops where the Beduin women are weaving their carpets come first. We have no looms here, only a primitive arrangement of sticks and stones with a few pegs hammered into the ground. We keep as much as we can to the old traditional Arab designs, some of which must be as old as Adam and Eve. An important part of our work is the collection and revival of these. Certain designs belong to certain tribes, and occasionally a very beautiful pattern dies out because no one knows how to do it.

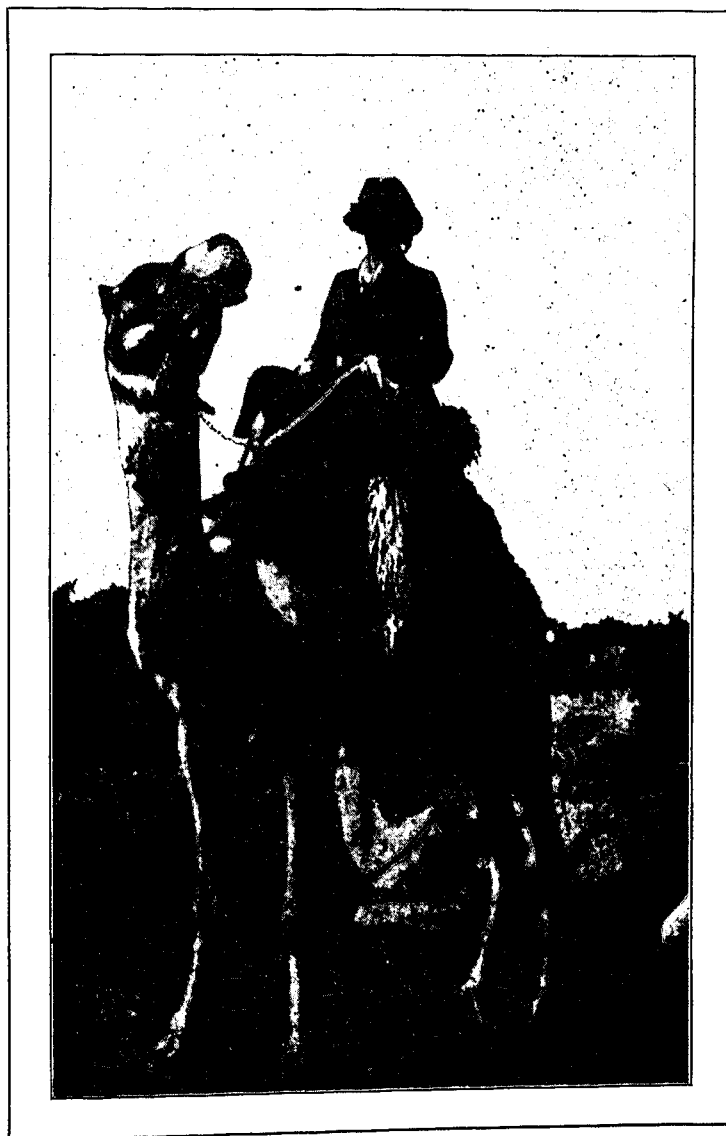
"The carpets are made horizontally, the women squat on the ground and travel up the length of the carpet

as they make it. Babies are very much in evidence in these workshops, almost every woman is accompanied by a baby or a toddler who can just stagger about the workshop, or perhaps play in the sun with the others outside.

"Then the office claims me for an hour or two. Government correspondence, returns, 'indents,' letters from agents, and customers—a petition from a clerk for a little extra leave, &c. Government correspondences consists

of letters in Arabic, or French, or English, according to the department they come from. The Arabic letters go to the clerks for translation, and very curious translations come back some times. The space is too short to quote some of them, much as I should like to. But I cannot refrain from a story of the census, when a clerk was asked to state how many people were living in his house stated that there were 'two adults and three adulteresses.'"

By the kindness of Miss Eden we are able to publish the accompanying picture.



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The calendar published annually by the National League of Nursing Education, 370, Seventh Avenue, New York City, is one which is eagerly awaited by many nurses and others, who purchase copies for Christmas gifts.

With the 1925 calendar a new series is begun, the theme of this series being "Early Schools of Nursing in America." It presents historical sketches with illus-

trations of twelve Schools of Nursing, all of which were established before 1883. Each sketch was prepared especially for the calendar, and contains intimate, interesting bits of history which can not be found elsewhere.

The cover, with its symbolic design in four colours, symbolises at once the Christmas idea of service and the steady evolution of nursing "Out of the Shadows Into the Light." The twelve inside pages are decorated with an artistic border. Order from 370, Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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