

Notes by the Wayside.

BY OUR PERIPATETIC CORRESPONDENT.

ALAS! for the ignorance and carelessness of mothers with regard to their children's health. Two experiences of last week will suffice to partly illustrate what I intend to convey by my opening sentence. Having a spare afternoon, I bethought me of two old friends whom I had not seen for some time, so I set off with pleasant anticipation to remind them of my existence. At the first house, while at tea, I noticed that the elder little boy looked suspiciously ill, and when I spoke of it, the mother calmly said: "Oh, yes, Robbie has measles! This is the fifth day, so he is nearly well." I found that he had been running all over the house from the first during bitterly cold weather; he had been sleeping in the same room with two younger children; and these two younger ones came in shortly from the pantomime, which they appeared to have much enjoyed. And then we wonder how epidemics are spread and why there is so much pulmonary trouble after measles.

SLOWLY and sadly, I moved on to my other friend, and as I entered the front door, my

attention was at once arrested by seeing one of the daughters, a girl about fifteen, sitting on the stairs in a regular paroxysm of whooping-cough. The whole family was "down" with it, and they were running about promiscuously in draughty corridors and in rooms without any fires. The mother was very cool and indifferent, and turned a deaf ear to my Nursely remonstrances; her argument being that it was "natural" for children to have whooping-cough, and so much better for them all to have it at the same time: "You see," she said, "it saves so much trouble to get it all over together!"

WITH such experiences as these does it sound despotic or unreasonable for me to say that I should like to see a law passed which would prevent any girl or woman marrying until she could produce a certificate of at least one year's Hospital training?

EVERY man is expected to qualify for his life's work, be he a doctor, a merchant, a statesman, or a bricklayer. But it is erroneously supposed that all the knowledge and skill which a woman needs to fit her for the sacred trust of motherhood must come by instinct.

The Favourite Confection. —
World-wide Sale.

**SKUSE'S
HERBAL TABLETS.**

Prepared from the Finest Aniseed, Horehound, Coltsfoot, Marshmallow, and other choice Herbs. Sold everywhere in 3-oz. Tins, 3d. Three Tins, post free, 1s.

Works: 106, Praed Street, W.



Door **J. H. & G. VAN HETEREN** et AMSTERDAM wordt sedert 15 September, 1890, uitgegeven het

MAANBLAD

VOOR

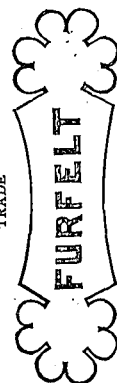
ZIEKENVERPLEGING

onder redactie van de Dames **J. DE BOSCH KEMPER**, **G. B. CORT VAN DER LINDEN**, **W. G. L. MOCK** en **J. P. REIJNVAAN**. Adviseerende Leden **Prof. W. M. GUNNING** en **J. VAN DEVENTER SZ.**

Prijs per Jaargang fr. p. post f 3.

Het eenigste Blad over Ziekenverpleging dat in Holland op zuiver neutraal gebied verschijnt.

Advertisements must reach the Office on Tuesday Morning, before Ten o'clock, in order to secure insertion in the current week's issue.



To Guard Against
AFTER EFFECTS.

OF
INFLUENZA

The Body should be armed with a

"FURFELT"

CHEST PROTECTOR

(See NURSING RECORD, Feb. 25, 1892, P. 164.)

Of all Chemists. Insist on our Trade Mark.

SOLPORT BROS.,

66, Shaftesbury St., LONDON, N.
New North Road,

**PRUDENTIAL
ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.**

Holborn Bars, London, E.C.

FOUNDED 1848.

Invested Funds £14,000,000.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)