

me. Why, she's quite the lawyer. Can't she just argufy. Why, she says to me one day, Doctor, when I was in one of my most cantankerousest moods, 'You ought to be quite proud and grateful like—if you must have a disease—to have a ailment as is quite unique. Just you make a will, and leave yer vile body to Dr. Gray Mather, as has been so kind to yer for years. You'll feel that there peace of mind and enjoyment of his interest as yer won't know yourself; and I'se done it, Doctor.'

The Professor turns round, rubbing his hands with invisible soap. Our eyes meet; his twinkle with anticipation. I hold my little basin up under his nose. His hands drop into the water. He grasps the soap, and in his excitement gives them a good scrub.

"A very sensible young woman; for a woman, very sensible," he mutters *sotto voce*, continuing to dabble.

But I am enjoying the little comedy going on around. How little amuses a medical student. Somehow they seem the freshest, happiest, and most buoyant of all students. These young fellows are all simply overpowered with delight because their senior has washed his hands.

"We have been watching for it for years,"

they explain later, in disconsolate tones; "and now it will never seem funny any more."

Somehow, Jean, I don't feel in the least in a serious mood to-day; my equilibrium was thoroughly upset this morning.

The patients have dinner at twelve, according to diets ordered by the Physician. Those on milk diet are allowed beef-tea, which are usually served before the joint is carved by the Sister. Poor Nurse Ross, looking more weary than usual, served round the beef-teas to-day, and placed one mug on the locker of a patient near to whom I was standing. I fished out a very greasy old spoon (the patients keep these articles in their lockers, and generally wipe them on a piece of newspaper after use), and broke some bread into the liquid, and handed it to him. No sooner had he tasted it, than he exclaimed, "Lord a mercy, it's pisin! I'm dead!" and fell back upon his pillow in sheer fright. I grasped the mug, flew round the Ward, seized all the beef-tea, and deposited it in the kitchen.

Nurse Ross, seeing my hasty entry, beef-tea in hand, sank, gasping, on to a chair.

"Oh! What have I done; what have I done?" she cried in terror, wringing her hands.

"Don't make a fuss, or I will empty it all over

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