

I WANT to suggest that some correspondence on this subject should be got up in the pages of *The Nursing Record*. I shall be glad to hear some views from Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses, to whose great advantage it would be to formulate some such scheme as is in vogue on the "other side" of the Atlantic. I feel sure that our helpful and courteous Editor, who is so thoroughly alive to everything which is for the benefit of Nursing and Nurses, will spare us a little space in the paper to air our views on this very important point.

ENGLISH NURSING AT THE CHICAGO EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of "*The Nursing Record*."

SIR,—As I have consented, at the desire of the Royal Commission, to organise the English Nursing Department in the International Exhibition, which will be held next year at Chicago, I venture to ask you to permit me, through your widely-read Journal, to request the co-operation of Hospital Matrons and Private and District Nurses in the necessary work. If any of them employ any special Nursing appliance or invention which is not in general use, I hope they will be kind enough to acquaint me with the details at their earliest convenience. It is generally admitted that in Nursing matters England stands pre-eminent, and it is hoped, therefore, that all Nurses will unite to make the exhibition of their craft, at this World's Fair, quite complete and representative. If I may so far trespass on your courtesy, I should be glad if I might, from time to time, acquaint my coadjutors, through your columns, with the progress of the work.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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[It will afford us the most sincere pleasure to do all in our power to assist our correspondent in the important national work which she has been so worthily selected to carry out.—ED.]

THE *Nursing Record* continues a publication which may safely be recommended as the most suitable for all engaged professionally in Nursing and kindred work.—*The Newsagent*.

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Nurse Reddoch. The Infirmary
L.O.S. Grove Road,
Richmond

Describe the nursing of a Tracheotomy case...
Prepare a tent-bed, or a screen round the bed according to the D^r's order. Place the ward thermometer at the head of the patient's bed, as nearly as possible on a level with the head & watch index to see that it keeps between 65° & 70°. Keep up the fire & see that the door of the room is not unnecessarily opened. The steam Kettle full, mind the lamp does not burn out, or the tube project over the patient's head & so allow hot drops to fall on him. The neck must be kept clean & dry & the inner tube changed every 2 hrs. be careful not to press on the outer tube, clean it quickly, anoint it with a very little oil and replace immediately in the same manner that it was withdrawn. Have at hand feathers, basin of water & oil for the cleansing process. Should the breathing within 2 hours become rapid, with a hissing bubbling noise in the tube, clear it out with a feather (without removing). If hot flannels or sponges are ordered over the mouth of the tube instead of steam renew every 3 or 4 minutes. Sometimes merely a piece of gauze is used. Watch when the patient coughs & catch each piece membrane with a swab or piece of wool direct it appears at the orifice of the tube. The patient cannot speak so the nurse must anticipate all his desires &c. Count & notice the respirations. Do not allow the patient to nap himself suddenly for fear of a fatal apnoea. Watch for complications such as excoriation of the wound or painless swelling of the neck & front of the chest & report to the D^r at once.
Give nourishment by the mouth.
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