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Editorial.

— A CHARITY BOOM. —

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As for the Easter egg, it has been laid at last, but, naturally, after so long a period, it is somewhat addled. We should not, indeed, have referred to it in this column were it not that the circumstances of its inception and production furnish an excellent example of Pumblechookian charity. It appears that, with much show of secrecy, the Secretaries of a number of Hospitals which are chronically indigent, were called together, and the suggestion made and adopted that a novel advertisement of the needs of our voluntary Hospitals would be secured by means of a book to be written for that special purpose. But to publish a book is one thing, and to get the public to purchase it, is quite another matter. So

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