

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

"ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE."

We have recently been reading with much enjoyment "All Sorts of People," by Gladys Storey, with 49 charming illustrations by well known artists. We commend it to those of our readers who have not already met with it, for it is most amusingly written and contains many entertaining stories.

Here is one :

Scene. The Edgware Road—Saturday night. Mrs. Jones, meeting her friend Mrs. 'Awkins, inquired :

"Did you go to Smith's buryin' to-day?"

"Yus, I did," replied the other, "an' a measly affair it was. Tea and bread and butter! I've buried two 'usbands, but thank Gawd, I buried 'em both with seedy cake and 'am sandwiches."

And another :

"Some time ago the then Archbishop of Canterbury attended a Private View of the Royal Academy, leaving his wife to follow him later; but when she presented herself at the entrance—at the top of the flower-banked staircase—the red robed porter, an official of some importance, said :

"Ticket, please, ma'am !

"Oh, I've forgotten my ticket, but I am the Archbishop's lady !"

"Even if you were his wife, ma'am I could'nt let you in without a ticket !"

Again.

"When the late Shah of Persia was on his way through the city (of Manchester) a little boy, who had climbed a lamp-post to obtain a view, made a long nose, whereupon the Shah, who noticed him, inquired the meaning of this strange gesture.

"That," replied a confused official, 'is-er—a mark of great respect."

As the train was moving out of Manchester Station—in the presence of the Lord Mayor and other officials it is said that the Shah stood at the window of the saloon and imitated the little boy's gesture."

"OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES."

Benevolent Bishop observing small boy attempting to reach knocker :

Bishop : "Can I help you, my boy ?"

Boy : "Please, sir."

Bishop raps on door.

Bishop : "What now ?"

Boy : "Now you runs away !"

"GOOD OLD BRITANNICA."

The House of Selfridge let itself go over the Jubilee decorations, as those of us know who passed by that way without damage to life or limb !

The supreme glory of the facade was a golden image poised on high—of which two "ladies" of the populace were heard to indulge in criticism.

First "lady" : "I can't say as I like that there statue of Queen Mary."

Second "lady" : "Garn, bless you, that ain't Queen Mary—that's Britannica, that is."

First "lady" : "Britannica, and who's she? Never 'eard of 'er."

Second "lady" : "Why she as rules the waves, o' course. Ain't you never 'eard sung 'Rule Britannica'? Only we mayn't sing it now-a-days cos the 'mericans don't like it."

Urchin in gutter : "'Ip, 'ip—Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves—Britons never, never shall be slaves—'ip, 'ip."

Both old ladies in chorus : "'Ip, 'ip. Good old Britannica—'ip, 'ip."

TWO INVALUABLE BOOKLETS.

We commend to the notice of our readers two booklets by Miss E. Leggatt—"A Simple Method of Institutional Management," two lectures given to students in connection with the Household and Social Science Department, King's College for Women, University of London, price 3s. 6d., and "A Simple Method of Store Keeping for Home or Institution," price 2s. They are published by William Clowes & Sons, Ltd., 94, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1.

Both should be extremely useful to those members of the nursing profession who aspire to become Matrons of hospitals—or other public institutions, such as schools, colleges, clubs and convalescent homes—and who find that, in addition to the superintendence of nursing and nurses, a very important part of their duties consists in supervising the domestic management, work with which they are not familiar, and which yet looms largely in successful and economical administration, and in the comfort, happiness, and well-being of patients and staff. The very fact that a newly appointed Matron is keenly interested and expert in the nursing side of her duties, and may be apt to regard the domestic department as one which can largely be deputed to an efficient housekeeper, makes it the more incumbent that she should have adequate knowledge of the working of a department for which she is ultimately responsible.

The two lectures in the first of the booklets mentioned are concerned with (1) Staff Organisation, and (2) General Management. They are enriched by examples of beautifully kept charts which cannot fail to be of the greatest interest in elucidating the text, and as patterns of records it is desirable to keep.

Lecture 1, on Staff Organisation, deals with the Number of Staff required, the working hours, pay, free time, work charts and departments, and the charts include a model daily work chart, a kitchen chart of a kitchen planned to undertake a daily average of 750 meals, including making of cakes, rolls, and ices, preserving and bottling; a plan of the dining hall, and of the work at various hours; and of the hall and its management, concerning which we read: "As we come to mention this department, the chief thought in our minds should be courtesy, because it depends on how visitors are received, what impression they get of the atmosphere of the place. However much they learn to love a place eventually they will never forget the way in which they were first received, therefore as head of an Institution you cannot be too strict as to the attention given to all and sundry who enter it."

The second lecture, illustrated by equally fascinating charts, discusses the best way of linking up the various interests enumerated in the first, in the office of the Superintendent.

"A Simple Method of Store Keeping for Home or Institution" should prove invaluable to the novice. Miss Leggatt tells us that she has endeavoured to set out a simple and efficient system of store keeping for those to whom figures are not easy but who are, nevertheless, responsible for the buying and issuing of large or small quantities of goods. She appears to us to have succeeded extraordinarily well in achieving her object. The practical information given, and the diagrams and charts provided, should be a godsend to those who desire information on this important subject.

The total sum collected on Red Cross Day, May 14th, in aid of the funds of the County of London branch of the British Red Cross Society was £1,423 17s.

Lady Bessborough has handed over to the trustees of the Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund in Canada \$237,799, and further amounts are promised to bring the total fund to date up to \$420,529 (£80,400).

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