

which the donor must be drawn is one which is inagglutinable with the recipient's serum.

Rouleaux Formation.

Care must be taken to avoid mistaking rouleaux formation or pseudo-agglutination of the cells for a true agglutination, but with very little experience the differentiation is easy. In rouleaux formation the cells are arranged more or less in a regular manner, forming cylinders of cells, quite unlike the irregular-shaped clumps of cells in agglutination.

Cross Matching.

As previously stated, a cross matching test of both the recipient's and donor's blood is carried out immediately before the actual transfusion takes place.

The technique is simple. A drop of the citrated blood already obtained from the donor for grouping is mixed with a similar drop from the recipient and carefully examined under the microscope for the slightest sign of agglutination.

LOVELY CARDS OF GREETING.

Christmas greetings in these days rub up our geography in a wonderful way—as we enjoy locating on the map just in what corner of the world they were posted. The Editor this year has to thank many friends at home and abroad for the lovely cards of greeting received. She feels she must award the palm to the I.C.N. card from Headquarters this year, its design is so exquisite. Imagine a silver moonlike background, in the centre on dark blue, the initials "I.C.N." over a lighted antique lamp, and radiating from the centre the names of the 29 Member countries which form the Nurses' great International Federation; on silver bars top and bottom are the names of the ten countries associated by National Representatives, whose nurses' organisations are yet not eligible for complete affiliation. This charming memento has been carefully placed with others in the History Section of the British College of Nurses. These include the greeting with portrait of Miss Nightingale, from the Nightingale Training School, with verses in her honour by Sir Edwin Arnold. Christmas Greetings from the first group of Florence Nightingale International Students, 1934, from 15, Manchester Square; and from The League of Red Cross Societies, Paris.

The card from Embley Park, so kindly sent by Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield, is as usual delicately floral. This year golden baskets and cornucopias of roses surround the words "Kind Memories are fragrant as the Breath of Flowers." Showers of greetings and kind wishes have come from every quarter of the globe—Canada, has been specially kind. The lovely snow scenes include "The Frozen St. Lawrence," a glorious river, all blue and silver, from the Canadian Nurses' Association; the snowclad slopes and far distant blue and rose of the Rockies, from Miss Jean Gunn, and from Miss F. H. M. Emory, and Miss M. L. Jacobs snug home-steads nestling on a carpet of snow; from Vancouver an exquisite little water-colour, "a view," writes Miss Grace Fairley, "of the Olympic range, Victoria, of which we are very fond."

A card to be specially prized depicts Jacques Cartier naming Mount Royal, October 22nd, 1535, after the magnificent painting by Paul Caron, sent by Miss Jessie M. Wilson, of Brantford.

From Australia Miss M. E. Matthews, Miss Frances Burchell, and other friends remind us of its lovely trees, flowers and animals.

U.S.A. sends us kind greetings from north to south. Miss Elnora Thomson presents to us the glorious scenery in Oregon, fir-covered rocks and rivers. Miss Effie J. Taylor, New Haven, Connecticut, reminds us of the season of rejoicing with a lovely picture of Botticelli's "Madonna, Child Jesus and St. John." Miss Mary M. Roberts, with a fine engraving of the Rockefeller Centre, shows us where in that towering shaft the American Nurses' Association is officially located. An amazing building indeed; the Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*, Miss Roberts, has also found time to send us a charming letter full of gracious expressions for which she is renowned. Miss Clara D. Noyes sends good wishes "from her little home in Washington," which we gather is a charming little home indeed. Miss Pearl Morrison sends a seasonable card—holly, lighted candles, Merry Christmas all complete. "Greetings from the Johns Hopkins Hospital family," at Baltimore from Miss Elsie Lawler with a beautiful etched picture of the hospital, reminds us of that far away, never-to-be-forgotten visit in 1892, when beautiful Isabel Hampton and Lavinia Dock were uniting to advise and help organise the growing volume of American nursing thought. We have to thank many more friends from the Americas, North and South, for remembering us so seasonably.

Via Siberia, the Nurses' Association of the Japanese Empire, from Tokyo, greets us through Miss Take Hagiwara, with a lovely etching of Castle Osaka, by Hideo Matsui, typically Japanese—lake, flowering shrubs—pagoda on pagoda—ethereal and exquisite.

China reminds us that the pet name of Florence Nightingale is "Nan Ding Keh Er," and that "even the gardener knows and honours it."

South Africa sends greetings, from Cape Town, a blue-clad Madonna carrying the Babe through a garden of lilies, from Johannesburg and Durban and from Bulawayo, friends remind us that some day we are to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the great Rhodes in the Matopas.

Miss E. J. Young, from Dunedin, New Zealand, sends a sweet little greeting.

A splendid ship in full sail brings every good wish from Miss Dorothy Warren, General Hospital, Barbadoes.

To the Nurses of France, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Norway, Greece and Italy and from individual nurses in many lands, we are deeply indebted.

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

From Baghdad, Iraq, from Mrs. Lampard—better known to her friends in the Nursing World as Miss Marion Welch, R.R.C., formerly Assistant to the Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service—comes a unique and precious card "to the President, Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses." It bears on Babylonish clay, an impression of an Amorite Seal in use some 4,000 years ago, which represents the owner being presented to the Amorite god. It illustrates the great respect felt for the god, and also the high state of civilisation at that time.

Above is a quotation from the Book of Joshua. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

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