

have a finger in every little pie—they are used to it at home.

The new Secretary recently appointed will have a high standard of successful management to maintain.

Headed "Lipstick: Nurses Win Day," a *Daily Mail* reporter gives the following information in a recent "par."

"The British Red Cross Society has raised the bans on make-up and smoking for nurses when in uniform.

"The relaxations follow an unexpectedly poor response to the Society's new 'drive' for more full-time voluntary workers.

"The battle over make-up in uniform has raged for many years.

"Mrs. C. D. Fellowes, V.A.D. Assistant Commandant, resigned her post at Rushbrook Hall, Suffolk, a month ago because she was forbidden to use lipstick while in uniform."

Lipstick and varnished nails are uncleanly habits. With their use, neither the mouth nor the hands can be kept aseptically clean. For this reason, when on duty, they should be strictly prohibited. How V.A.D.s disfigure themselves when off duty is beyond the power of prevention. Smoking in the street may be less fuddling than the excessive use of nicotine indoors. Smoking is a drug habit—a nerve soother—and without a pipe, men, especially at this time of stress, might not be too easy to live with; and as the order of the day is "What is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose," we may be thankful that women draw the line at pipes and cigars.

The Home Guard women have formed what they call "A Women's Nursing Section" to tend casualties. We think these women should have a knowledge of First Aid. But why tack on the word "Nursing"?; it is calculated to mislead the public as to their qualifications.

But, alas! to pose as a nurse appeals to women of all classes; the only thing they object to is the drudgery which qualifies them to the title.

At a recent investiture by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace, heroines of the Nursing Services took their place with officers and men of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Amongst those upon whom His Majesty conferred honours were Miss K. H. Jones, S.R.N., Matron-in-Chief; Miss G. C. Ball, S.R.N., Principal Matron; and Miss L. C. Wane, S.R.N., Matron, all attached to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; they were awarded the Royal Red Cross in the New Year's Honours.

Graduates and present pupils of the Nurse Training Schools of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the West London Hospital, London, and the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, will doubtless feel pride in His Majesty's recognition of the services of their colleagues to the brave men of the fighting forces, whom it is their privilege to care for.



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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER—THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

"There are conditions, still, which must be observed by nurses.

"Make-up must not be too conspicuous, and varnished nails still come under the Society's list of 'don'ts.'

"Nurses in uniform may now smoke indoors when not on hospital duty, and they will be permitted an after-lunch cigarette in restaurants, cafés, and cinemas.

"But a strict ban still exists on smoking in uniform in the street.

"An official of the Society said yesterday: 'Nurses have told us that they felt conspicuous without some sort of make-up. The new rules allow a certain amount of lipstick, powder, and other make-up.'

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