

Notes by the Way.

FROM OUR PERIPATETIC CORRESPONDENT.

THE following is rather a pathetic and true little hospital story, which I heard last week in a small town in the North. A boy of seven, playing marbles in the street on his way from school, was run over and knocked down by a passing horse and cart, being so severely injured that he had to be taken to the Cottage Hospital. One of his legs was found to be badly crushed, and amputation of the thigh proved necessary. Next day, on the morning round, the surgeon explained to his small patient that his leg had been cut off, and felt rather disconcerted when the little fellow looked up and said, "Please, doctor, will it grow again?"

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IN hot weather, a delicious drink for the sick may be prepared by adding a few teaspoonsful of ice-cream to a tumbler of effervescing soda-water. In cases of severe nausea and vomiting, small quantities of ice-cream will often be retained when nothing else will be borne by an irritable stomach. And, if the ice-cream be pure and be really made of

cream, and not, as is so commonly the case, of milk and arrowroot, of course it is a nourishing food. Variety may be given to the "ice-cream soda," so popular in America, by using ice-cream of different flavors—or the juice of some fresh fruit, strawberries, raspberries, etc., may be added to the plain ice-cream, and the glass filled up with soda-water.

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GOING on a journey last week in search of change and rest, I was pleased to find my train contained a large contingent of nurses bent on holiday-making. Many of them were "off" for three weeks, but some had only a fortnight's leave, and were comparing notes with their more fortunate sisters, and wishing that *all* Hospital Committees would recognise that two weeks in the year is not enough recreation from the long hours and impure air which is inseparable from Hospital life.

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NONE but the real workers of the world can ever enjoy a holiday in its true fulness. The Nurses in this particular train looked so happy; their hospital baskets, used all the year for cap and apron carrying, had been stocked for the holiday journey with tempting-looking "yellow-backs," dainty sandwiches, and strawberries. And as they chatted during their

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