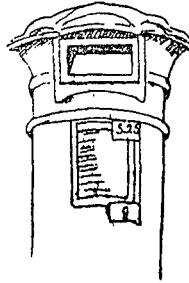


turn their heads and watch for her to come to them; and yet, the Nurses are rather in awe of her, she seems to see every thing, and has a way of making one feel quite strong about a trifle, though she says there are no trifles in Nurses' work. She is not a person I can in the least describe; she is not pretty or handsome, but the children hold out their arms to her, and say, "Pretty Lady." She dresses in a most severe uniform dress in the day, but in the evening, for dinner, she has a softly falling gown and a lace cap that are quite restful to one's eye. Somehow one feels her all over the house. Nurse Marion says "I don't want to see Matron if I have done any-thing naughty, for she just looks at me and I feel she "knows all about it"--and really I thought the same this morning--I was late, and let my hair go its own way, feeling, well, I can't help it if my hair grows curly, it is not a fringe. I had just finished dusting when I found Matron in the ward. As she spoke to Sister and the children, making her way up from cot to cot, I saw her glance at me. When she came up to me she asked Sister for something she had to go to her room to fetch and then turned to me. "Nurse Alice, do not allow yourself to be five minutes late again. Your hair is troublesome, but till to-day you have succeeded in subduing it, and I fear I cannot say your own bed is made as tidily as your cots. I am glad to see you are learning to take a pride in them," and then passed on. I wished the floor would open—but how did she know I had covered up my bed anyhow. I was in such a hurry! But I assure you, Jean, I feel as if I never could do such a thing in my life again, and as if I could measure my cot quilts with an inch tape so as to have them more perfect! And now, if I am not to be tempted to be late, I must go to bed, so good-night. Tell Phyllis when next you write that all Matrons are not like her's, and that I wish she were here with mine, and

Your affectionate Cousin, ALICE.

Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)



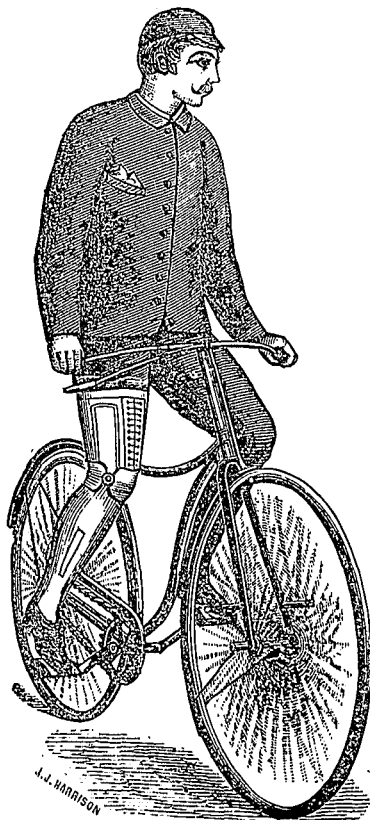
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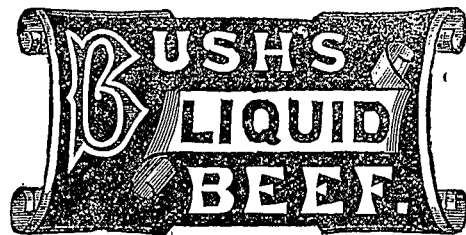
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