

dropped carelessly does not appear a matter of consequence, but it may be sufficient to excite afresh the fevered fancy of a half-delirious patient. The exact temperature of a glass of milk may pass unnoticed by a Nurse, but the shade of difference in its heat may be enough to render it unpalatable to the parched mouth of one whose very life depends upon the amount of nourishment taken. As a matter of fact, in skilled nursing, there is no such thing as a trifle. Each movement made, each word spoken, each seemingly small deed done, or left undone, may be weighted with results undreamt of at the time, and it may be only realised and sorrowed over when too late.

It is a lesson we all need to lay to heart, and comes home with equal force to those in authority, and to those who serve. The point of view may be different, the dangers and temptations must vary, but if we are to do our utmost as skilled Nurses and trained attendants on the sick, we must never lose sight of the consequence of the slightest and most menial details connected with our work. The key-stone of our vocation is wanting if we fail to realize the importance of little things—

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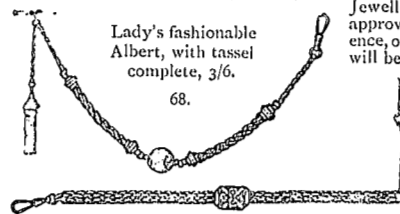
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