

NURSES HELD IN BONDAGE

Forced to Be Slaves to Secure Necessary Training in Hospitals

There is one criticism of the nursing problem which is almost entirely valid. The training is entirely too institutional, the education and life too mechanical, says American Medicine.

The great majority of nurses must go out into the common and ordinary life of the people, the home life, and attend to the sick under such conditions.

In private homes a hundred problems and conditions face the nurse which are unknown in the institution.

One of the reasons for the absurd exaggeration of institutionalism and hospitalism among the nurses is a shame for which the medical profession is chiefly responsible.

THE BITE OF A DOG.

There Is Much Unnecessary Alarm Felt by Persons Having the Experience.

In all my experience with dogs I have not only never seen a "mad dog" but have never known a dog owner—

A person may get dog bitten, but in the language of the New York tough, "Forget it." If it is a bad bite it may twitch later on and you may begin worrying.

While doing this some one is getting the bicarbonate of soda and some clean rags or lint. With water a cream paste of the soda is made sufficient to plaster the wound well.

FIRE AUTOS IN GERMANY.

Excellent Practical Performance as Well as Satisfactory Financial Returns.

The fatherland uses a trio of automobile fire engines, two electrically propelled and one driven by steam.

The total expense of the two electric machines their first year, 1902, was \$2,950; the next year it was \$2,500, and last year it was \$4,743.

The total expense incurred by the steam engine was \$186 the first year, \$1,270 the second year, and \$3,654 last year.

ATHLETICALLY CONSIDERED.

Steak That Was a Trifle Overtrained, But Quite Muscular Enough.

Richard Harding Davis, when he was a reporter in Philadelphia, delighted to disguise himself as a "tough" young man and to mingle with the odd characters of the Ninth street district of the Quaker city.

"I used to know one fighter," said Mr. Davis recently, "who was a character, a wit, a man of no mean intellect."

BLACKBIRD'S GOOD WORK.

Illustrative Instance of the Bird's Effectiveness as Insect Destroyer.

One day last season, as the barley in my fields was ripening and the blackbirds began to gather about it,

BUYING UP THE BUYERS.

This Evil Practice Is Growing Common in the Business Circles of Germany.

Washington.—Bribing employes who act as buyers for mercantile houses or who in the capacity of salesman or saleswoman attend to customers in retail shops,

JACQUES I. NO FOOL.

FRENCH EMPEROR OF SAHARA IS DOING WONDERS.

Englishman Declares M. Lebaudy Is a Beneficent Autocrat—Has an Army of 2,000 Men Under His Control.

London.—Jacques I., emperor of the Sahara, erstwhile known to fame as M. Lebaudy, of Paris, and the reputed possessor of more money than brains,

W. L. de S. Lennox, an Englishman who recently had abundant opportunities for studying Lebaudy at close range, takes a different view.

"Jacques I.," he said, "has done wonders in a country that formerly produced scarcely anything but brigands and paupers.

"The empire is self-supporting. He leads an industrious life and is the hardest worker in his kingdom. His role is that of a beneficent autocrat.

"Jacques maintains a harem, but he does so solely because, to obtain respect for his authority, he finds it necessary to conform to the customs of his people.

There is now under the emperor's rule about 1,000 square miles and a population of something like 12,000 people.

"The imperial army is composed of 2,000 men, each with a camel, and a reserve force of 600. Every soldier is well equipped with modern small arms.

"He employs much ceremonial pomp, and his durbars are grand affairs, but this is necessary to properly impress the Arab mind with his importance.

"When Lebaudy visits Europe his assumption of imperial dignity is always ridiculed; but on these trips he is by no means the fool some people take him for, and drives some shrewd bargains in the purchase of supplies.

QUEEN WEARS FEW JEWELS.

Alexandra of England Sets a New Fashion Which Society Will Follow.

London.—Queen Alexandra has of late begun to set a fashion which is causing consternation to millionaire women and jewelers.

The royal circle is gradually following the queen's example, so it is expected that fashionable women will soon be distinguishable by the absence of ostentation in jewels.

SHOOT ANIMALS IN COURT.

Naval Method to Show Prisoner Was Justified in Killing a Man.

Bridgeport, Conn.—The carcasses of a pig and a dog were exhibited to the jury in the trial of Paul H. Schmidt, the youth accused of the murder of William Taylor, a farm hand employed on the estate of W. H. Crittenden, in Sherman, last August.

The animals had been subjected to tests by medical men employed by the defense as experts on gunshot wounds.

Witnesses for the state have asserted that, judging from the character of the wounds on Taylor's body, he must have been at least ten feet away from Schmidt when the fatal shot was fired.

MUST BE GOOD SHOTS.

At Rye, N. Y., the constables stop swiftly moving automobiles by shooting holes in the tires.

Togo's salary is \$3,000 a year. Reckoning ten hours to a working day he must have got almost as much as 50 cents for his half hour's work on the Russian fleet.

MAIN OFFICE IN COUNTRY.

Big Building of Company in a Picturesque Farming District of Ohio.

Cleveland.—As a general thing it takes a good-sized town to make a large office building. Seldom, indeed, does the office building make the town.

Back in 1848 a few Ohio farmers got together to arrange for mutual protection against fire. They were all from one part of the country and it was just a neighborly sort of affair.

There is the general manager of the company, there is a corps of clerks and stenographers. There, in fact, is practically the entire population of Leroy, which exists in and for the big office building which looms up out of the fields.

It would be a good sized building anywhere, for though only two stories and an attic in height, the ceilings are so high that it is as tall as a three-story building. But out there it seems really enormous.

POLICEMAN GAINS RICHES.

Speculative "Cop" of Brooklyn Starts with Capital of \$5 and Is Now Worth \$150,000.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Erastus G. Wolcott, of this borough, is a policeman attached to the Oak street precinct, Manhattan. He is 37 years of age. He has been in the city only since 1896.

Before Wolcott came to New York city he was employed in the Binghamton state hospital, and he came here to go on the police force when Theodore Roosevelt was head of the police board.

Few men have been as successful in real estate deals as this modest upstate countryman, who is making down a beat in one of the toughest police precincts in the city.

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BRITON GETS BIBLE PRIZE.

English Clergyman Captures Gold Award for Best Essay on the Scriptures.

New York.—The world-wide essay-writing contest which Miss Helen Miller Gould started in November, 1903, for the purpose of determining the relative merit of the Roman Catholic and Protestant versions of the Scriptures has been closed by the announcement of the winners.

The contest was the outgrowth of a controversy by correspondence between Rev. Father Early, of the Roman Catholic parish church at Irvington, and Miss Elizabeth Altman, secretary to Miss Gould.

The first prize, \$1,000, was awarded to Rev. William Thomas Whitley, a Baptist clergyman of Preston, England. He is a graduate of Cambridge. The second prize was won by Rev. Gerald Hamilton Beard, of Burlington, Vt., a Congregational minister, now at Yale. The third prize was awarded to Charles B. Dalton, a teacher in one of the New York schools.

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