

• • • • There is much less cholera now among the troops, but diarrhœa still prevails greatly. It will appear by and by, when the public, having recovered their sober peace senses, and can be brought to listen to the dark side of the war, it will appear, that in point of sickness and mortality, this has been one of the most disastrous campaigns on record; 10,000 men have disappeared from the ranks since the army landed in the Crimea. Many of them are only sick, it is true, and will soon again appear on the scene. The Russians, the poor soldiers say universally, are nothing to the cholera and diarrhœa. The next thing will be scorbutic dysentery, for they have been since they landed almost constantly on salt provisions; and there are no prospects of better fare, while also the cold wet weather will now soon set in. In the affair of the ships against the batteries on the 17th, the wounds were principally from fragments of shells. In naval actions, in the present day, "we are all rowing in the same boat." The surgeon of the Albion was wounded in the cockpit. Some of the men in the same ship wounded first at their guns, were a second time wounded in the cockpit, where they had been carried for shelter and medical attendance. • • • • •

Another letter concludes with: "You will be interested, also, to know that eighteen operations were performed in my field-hospital, of which number one only was unsuccessful; but this, I deeply regret to add, was upon the person of a brother-officer. There was abundance of assistance at hand. One curious and remarkable result at Inkerman was, the very few balls I had to extract; owing to the close proximity of the combatants, they generally penetrated both sides of the limb or body, which was very different at Alma."

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*Female Physicians.*—"A lady suffers from a headache, the female physician is called in, and prescribes a new bonnet. Another female doctor finds her patient dying to go to the seaside. The husband might as well write and take the lodgings instantly; the doctor will be sure to order it.

Prescriptions will be made up of new dresses, bonnets, boxes at the opera, broughams, a party now and then, increased allowances for house-keeping, trips out of town, and the thousand and one other little whims which ladies are constantly "dying" to be indulged in.

The doctors will declare late hours on the husband's part most dangerous; order them, as they prize their health, to leave off dining at their clubs; tell them that latch keys are undermining his constitution; that cold mutton once a week on washing days is highly beneficial to the system; and as for smoking in the drawing-room, or bringing men home