

CONVERSATION FOR A HOSPITAL.

Why has the powder which I have just taken such an exceedingly pungent and bitter taste ?

Now that I examine the paper containing the powder, I find a card attached to it, stating it to be "Poison." Is this the usual designation for Quinine ?

If there is no special place set apart for medicines, I should be obliged if you would kindly *not* mix mine with the morphia, aconite, laudanum, and oxalic acid powders in the basket now lying on the table.

If neither the Sister, the Nurse, the House Physician, or the Dispenser are responsible for the proper medicines being administered to me, would you have me removed at once to my own house for further treatment ?

Why does the Hospital Dispenser put his Poisons and his Medicines in precisely similar Wrappings ?

The Doctor and the pretty Sister seem to be discussing my symptoms at considerable length.

I wonder if the Nurse is doing right in bandaging the artisan's broken head with brown paper soaked in solution of turpentine, without consulting the doctor ?

Supposing I am killed in this Hospital, will a Jury bring in a verdict of Manslaughter against anybody ?

Now that I have swallowed five grains of Prussic Acid, given to me by mistake for Quinine Powder, perhaps you will kindly have my Executors communicated with, and tell me the name of a good Undertaker in this neighbourhood.—*Punch*.

MALTINE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE—BY L. P. YANDELL, M.D.—

"Maltine in its different forms is the only malt preparation I now employ, being so palatable, digestible, and easily assimilated. Of its efficiency in appropriate cases there is no more doubt in my mind than there is of the curative power of quinine, cod liver oil, the bromides and the iodides. It deserves to stand in the front rank of constructives; and the constructives, by their preventive, corrective and curative power, are probably the most widely useful therapeutical agents that we possess."—*Louisville Medical News*.