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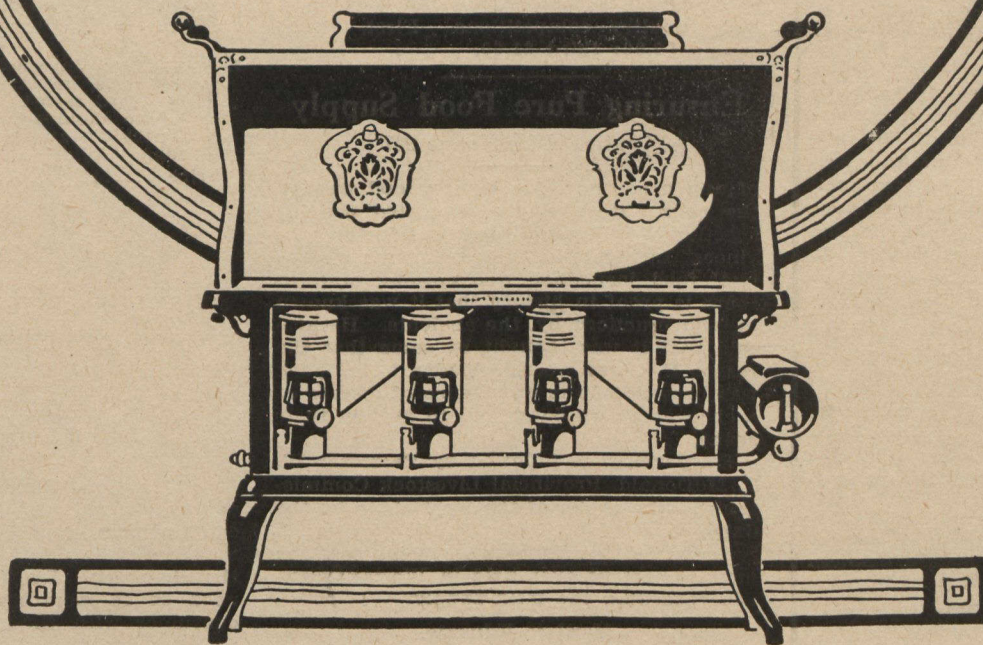
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#### Shawnigan and Cobble Hill W. I.

At the Shawnigan and Cobble Hill Women's Institute meeting in May an audience of forty gathered to hear Miss Kennedy (Victorian Order of Nurses), Victoria, speak on the subject of "How to Organize a Cottage Hospital or Maternity Nursing in Rural Districts." Miss Kennedy outlined the necessary procedure to arouse interest and to collect sufficient assurances of support to justify laying the wishes of a district before the council at Ottawa. She pointed out that, though most liberal financial and other help is afforded to local organizations for this purpose, yet, the policy of the Victorian Order, as well as of the controlling authorities of the Duchess of Connaught's and

Lady Grey's funds, is to require evidence of intention of self help in the locality anxious to benefit by skilled nursing, before the amount of subsidy is fixed or any details of extent of assistance are given.

The first steps must be the formation of a local committee and the canvass of the district to collect definite promises of subscriptions towards the annual cost of the nurse or nurses. Cordial thanks were given to Miss Kennedy for her practical advice.

The president, Mrs. F. Elford, announced with regret the resignation from the directors of Mrs. Eardley-Wilmot on account of ill-health, and the election of Mrs. Wheelton to the vacancy thus caused. Announcements were made of the details of the

Young People's Wild Flower show on June 3, and of the members' show on July 22; also particulars were given of the proposed short course of lessons in decorative needlework as applied to clothing, and attention was drawn to the Women's Institute exchange organization which it is hoped will receive the support of all the members.

#### Cowichan Women's Institute.

Mrs. H. D. Morten read an interesting paper on Indian legends at the monthly meeting of the Cowichan Women's Institute on Tuesday last. The president, Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, spoke on home industries. Miss Hawden touched on the jam factory question. An extended report is held over to next issue.