

The Ingle Nook.

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RE NURSES' COURSE—DROP CAKES.

Dear Junia.—I have been a constant reader of the Ingle Nook for some time, and find it very helpful.

I would like to know if a high school education is required to graduate as a trained nurse? What age would one need to be to apply? Are the regular training schools better than the hospitals for training in?

Could you tell me how to clean a white plush-lined watch case?

In regard to what "Another Wolf" writes about house-work making a man a sissy, I know a man in our own neighborhood who takes a lively interest in all public affairs, and is not afraid to lend a hand any time. I would contribute something to the "Mending Basket," were it not that Adeline has already expressed my views on the subject.

I will close with a recipe I saw asked for,—drop cakes without syrup. Rock cookies—1½ cup sugar, 3 cups flour, 1 cup butter, 3 tablespoons sour milk, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup walnuts, "chopped fine," 1 teaspoonful each soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla, ½ teaspoon vinegar. Drop from a spoon and bake in a hot oven.

Thanking you in advance.
Renfrew Co., Ont. PEGGY.

A high school education is not, as a rule, required before entering upon training as a nurse. Of course it would be a great help. Ages for applicants vary; in most of the hospitals the minimum is 21. I do not know of any training school except those connected with hospitals.

Your question about the watch case is rather indefinite. Try rubbing it well with starch and borax mixed (dry); roll up in a cloth, leave a day or two, then brush out. Repeat, if necessary. Gasoline would clean a soft plush case very well.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS—CHRISTMAS CAKE.

It is a long time I've been wanting to write to say good day to you all, and by the way Christmas is drawing so near I had better send in a few suggestions to help others make some cheer for others. How very many there are who get little or nothing to cheer them at the glad Christmas season, and even dear children how good it is to give all we can, something to brighten their lives. There are many deserving poor around us. Hunt them up and help them all you can, and see the glad look returned.

I thank one and all so much for all past kindness to me. You have cheered and helped me, so many of you, in more ways than I can tell. I would gladly write to each one and thank her, but it seems to be a harder trial than ever to write, and there are so many I owe letters and cards to now. I am sorry not to have answered before, but will you all again accept my heartfelt thanks, also to those who remembered me so kindly in the Nook. I am glad to see I am wished to write again to it. The long cold winter and its lonely times are upon us, and any kindness is so helpful. How nice the bright summer time is and all its beauties, the flowers too so bright. All too soon it passes away. It is so with all earth's pleasures, but the glory of the promised land and the sweet rest and peace of Heaven shall never pass away. To any who have it hard here, I would say, lean hard dear heart on Jesus. He knows our every care, and is willing to sustain us, if we serve and trust Him here. The way will be much brighter if we are led by His dear hand, and He will safely pilot us to the bright and glory land.

How many new names are now in the Nook. Where are all the old friends who used to write such helpful articles?

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