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make three quarts of liquid. Put all into a stone crock, cover and set in a cool place all night. Turn into a preserving kettle and bring slowly to the boiling point. Simmer until the peel is very tender. Then stir in a pound of sugar for every pint of juice, and boil until the skin is clear in appearance. Remove from the fire, and when cool turn into jelly glasses.

I have some light blue silk to be washed. What can I put in the water to keep the color and not injure the fabric? Miss Jessie Chase, York Co., Ont.

Usually salt will do a great deal to preserve the color in silk that is to be washed. Soak for a time in cold water to which has been added a little salt, (not over a teaspoonful) and there will be very little danger of the color running.

A Convenient Door

A wide door will not swing readily, but a wide door is often needed to carry in large articles. In such a case, have a wide doorway; make a two-thirds and a one-third door to fit the opening, the one-third door to re-



main closed except when the wide entrance is needed, bolted at top and bottom, while the two-thirds door swings to and fro for ordinary use. If preferred, the wide door can be hinged to the narrower door, the latch or knob coming next to the casing.

Nursing at Home

A few general hints regarding the nursing of the sick at home, gleaned from the March issue of The Canadian Nurse, may be of some help and value to our readers.

Choose your room as far from the noise of the household as is possible. Of sunshine, you require a goodly share. Your patient's life is in that room, and that life, for the time being, is robbed of much, sometimes all, of its brightness. Let heaven's sunshine in; it will bring with it healing for body and mind. Do not forget that your window has another purpose in life beside the admission of light. Only half its mission is fulfilled if you do not allow it to bring you all the pure air essential, and see well to it that your needs in this direction are supplied.

In choosing your room, do not overlook the walls. You have seen papers the designs of which seemed to challenge your eye the moment it rested upon them, and you immediately tried to follow the various convolutions, and reduce them to some sort of system, and to no purpose. You begin again, and yet again; the result is the same, till the mind is in a state of feverish unrest, and that paper becomes a perfect nightmare. Shun these. Walls restful to the eye are invaluable; others a constant source of discomfort, to say the least of it.

As to the arrangement of the room, if possible, let it stay as usual, with the little belongings in their accus-

omed place; it will give the patient pleasure. Medicine bottles and everything of a like nature should be in evidence only as is imperative. Plan so as to be able to accomplish your work with as little disturbance to the patient and the room as can be.

In placing the bed, the principal things to remember, aside from the general ones already spoken of, are to have it so that there will be no draught from the window, and that the light may not shine directly in the eyes of the occupant. One word as to the appearance of the bed; have your linen immaculate. Laundry, in many cases, is a consideration, and each fresh piece used may be a source of worry. Anyone can keep a bed looking well, with plenty of linen at command, but not everyone can do so with a moderate supply.

What shall we say of flowers in the sick room? As they knock at the door of our room for admission, shall we turn them away? We say unhesitatingly, never, under any consideration other than the wish of the sick one. They come from the outside world with a message, perhaps only of remembrance. With all their beauty and brightness, they bring a message of cheer; give them a warm welcome; make room for them; treat them kindly always, daily care well for them, leaving nothing that speaks of decay; and in order, likewise, to prolong their little life. Do not leave them in the room during the night, and when they are freshened in the morning, they will be a new source of joy.

Now, a word as to the care of the room. Every day remove all surplus dust, and do not allow it to accumulate until the removal will choke your patient with the abundance of it flying in the air in the taking away, as is likely to happen. Hospital training teaches the importance of keeping everything free from dust where there is disease. Bring this teaching into your private room; keep it spotless. A well-kept room speaks of a well-cared-for patient, and an untidy, dirty room at once makes one skeptical as to the care the patient is receiving.

If your kitchen does not open onto a roomy piazza or porch, have the man about the farm, build one in his spare moments during the winter. No matter how rude it be, luxuriant vines next summer will make it a "thing of beauty."



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which the Irishman did not at first pay particular notice. Finally, however, the disturbance got on the Celt's nerves. Giving the bird a poke in the side, he exclaimed:

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