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SIDETALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

ON DOCTORS AND NURSES.

Why is there such a shortage of women entering the nursing profession? I heard a doctor complaining bitterly of that the other day. "There was a man," he said, "when we could pick and choose and insist on good material, but now we have to take about what we can get. Instead of having applicants than we have room we haven't enough to fill up the nursing schools. I don't know what's the matter with the women." I didn't attempt to enlighten him although I have a suggestion to offer. I suspect that the matter isn't with the women at all. It's with the times, the man—in other words the doctor.

Is This Necessary?

I had a very fine nurse, the salt of the earth, efficient, conscientious, never the doctor—himself more of a salt of the earth—would come in to do a dressing she would have everything ready and would wait upon him with the utmost expediency. And his whole manner to her would be brusque, and disagreeable, and impatient as if she were clumsy and inefficient. But when I commented to her on it and asked her if he had some special edge against her she said: "Oh, no, it's the way they always are. They have to be that way to keep discipline." Another nurse, a well born, well educated woman, the type of whom there is crying need in the nursing profession has this to say in a letter regarding her experiences:

When the Doctor Swears.

There seems to be one place where the doctor forgets that he is a gentleman and that is in the operating room. Just why it is necessary to rise and shout like a madman when everyone is getting about as fast as they can has always been a puzzle to me. But things never go so fast as to suit the surgeon and he

will swear at everyone. I have only seen one doctor operate who did not find it necessary to swear. And while it was not easy in the operating room with him it was so much pleasanter to be with him that we all heaved a great sigh of relief when he came in. Now perhaps I under-estimate the need of discipline. I know that you must have discipline in the hospital and that this means firmness and even sternness. But it would take a great deal to convince me that to keep discipline you have to jump on people when they are doing things as well as can be done. It seems to me that that unreasonable way of acting would create a nervous tension which would result in slackening the service instead of speeding it up.

Plenty of Openings Now.

When I said that the shortage of nurses was due to the times, I meant this. In the old days there were very few professions into which women could go. Now there are innumerable careers for the woman with brains. Nursing is hard work at best. The training is long and arduous, the good nurse can have little personal life outside her work, and if in addition to that she has to be sworn at when she is doing all that a human being can do, small wonder she discourages

other women from entering on such a career. I think doctors are wonderful men. But like the rest of us, not quite perfect. And it does seem to me that they might consider a slight modification of this discipline tradition if they want to get the best kind of women as nurses.

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A New Victory in the Microbe War.

(Daily Mail, June 15.)

"All things shall man overcome save only Death," said the old poet; and the discoveries which Professor Dreyer announced yesterday in his lecture at St. Mary's Hospital suggest that in the war with the disease-bearing microbe man may be nearing one of his greatest triumphs.

Jenner, with his inoculation against small-pox, led the way in the protection of the body by vaccines; and since his day many new applications have been given to that treatment. Its method of working is not entirely certain; but then we cannot follow exactly what happens among the fifty or so trillion cells (a trillion is a number inconceivably great, represented by 1 with eighteen noughts after it) in the human body when disease bacilli intrude. It is thought that there are policemen cells, or phagocytes, which fall actively to work, killing the bacilli. According as this obscure battle between things infinitely minute proceeds, so is the patient's fate. If the phagocytes win, he lives; if they are beaten, he dies.

The value of inoculation lies in this, that it is believed to be a way of reinforcing the phagocytes. A diet of dead disease bacilli gives them an appetite for the living disease bacilli. But there are certain diseases, among them tuberculosis, where, so far, vaccine treatment has been unsuccessful or a complete failure. This

was puzzling until, two years ago, Captain Douglas discovered that some bacilli—and the tubercle bacilli among them—are coated with fat which acted as a protective against the attacks of the beneficent cells. The problem became one of getting rid of the fat, and it is this problem which Professor Dreyer believes that he has solved, by treating the bacillus with the well-known insecticide formalin. This dissolves the fat and thus deprives the bacilli of their armour.

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