LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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APPRECIATION

DEAR EDITOR: The Red Cross letters in the JOURNAL are very interesting, and I am glad the nursing world can do so much to help with all the dreadful suffering in Europe. I am glad, everywhere I go, that I am a nurse, and thankful I can do a little to help this race of diseased degenerates; so many little sick babies, so many that die, that I wonder there are any left to grow up.

M. M. I.

Philippine Islands.

THE PULMOTOR

DEAR EDITOR: In June last, at Surfside, a little summer settlement near Boston, a still-born baby was restored to consciousness by the use of a pulmotor. The usual means for resuscitation; slapping, dipping in cold and hot water alternately, and artificial respiration were employed for three-quarters of an hour, without success. Then Dr. Sturgis called up the fire station for the pulmotor. In three hours from birth the baby was lying in its basket, and crying lustily. At the date of writing the baby seems perfectly normal and is thriving to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It does not seem possible that any doctor would object, in like circumstances, to a suggestion from a nurse that a pulmotor be tried.

E. O. BOSWELL.

Massachusetts.

ETHICS

DEAR EDITOR: Being very much interested in all phases of nursing I should like to know, through the columns of your paper, if it is considered proper for nurses to wear their uniforms on the streets? Also is there or should there be any decided style of uniform? Personally I very much dislike short sleeves, low necks, thin materials, and narrow or short skirts for uniforms. Is there no sanitary reason why uniforms should be worn on duty only? What do you think of nurses not wearing the caps of their own schools? I hear there was considerable said at San Francisco about nurses wearing jewelry and high heels on duty and I hope this may be emphasized until all nurses are free from this (I fear) richly deserved criticism. Nursing ethics is also a point I long to hear more about. Should a second or third nurse on a case ever keep it when the first is able and willing to stay and is doing faithful work?

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