

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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FOR THE NURSE'S BAG

DEAR EDITOR: I want to say to the private nurse, do not forget to carry in your case some rubber bands, some little wire fastenings for your chart, and some labels. The last named your druggist will gladly give you, and you will find them very useful for any solutions you may happen to make or for specimen bottles.

B.

WITH A SUBSCRIPTION

DEAR EDITOR: This is not the first time that I am a subscriber, but the last few years I have travelled a good deal, and have bought single copies of the JOURNAL. But last week I heard Miss Melsaac speak in Omaha, and I was very much impressed with what she said. I certainly believe in nurses co-operating to raise the standard of nursing and give all the help they can to their profession. This subscription is a direct effect of Miss Melsaac's visit, but I hope and believe it is not the only one.

G. S.

HOW TO BATHE YOUNG INFANTS

DEAR EDITOR: I should like to answer S. C. D., R.N., on how to bathe infants. I have had four years' experience in obstetrical nursing in homes, and I have found that putting the child on a bath blanket on a pillow on the table is by far the quickest, easiest, and most beneficial way to the child. First, get all clothes, water, towels, and wash rag (sponges should never be used) ready; then put child in blanket and proceed as with adults. Arms, chest (arms covered), legs (upper part of body covered), and back; and by arranging the clothes in rotation, the child will have to be turned only once while dressing.

There is danger of infection by placing child in bowl of water, as particles of fecal matter are apt to be washed off, or the child may urinate while in the bowl. In fact, most physicians say do not touch the cord dressing unless soiled or moist, and then sponge with alcohol and apply a clean dressing.

Try bathing on the table, you will find it a great help, and such a boon to young, nervous mothers who are continually afraid of having the child roll off their laps.

L. R. F., R.N.

THE GENERALLY FATAL HEMORRHAGES OF THE NEW-BORN CONTROLLED BY RABBIT SERUM AND HUMAN SERUM INJECTIONS

DEAR EDITOR: One of my nurses brings me your query concerning two "unusual" cases (Vol. X, 10, 1910, p. 757). Hemorrhages of the new-born are hardly unusual. The mortality heretofore has been very high. I have not the facts here, out of town, but from memory quote the figures at the New York Lying-In, where Dr. James Welch instead of losing nearly every case, even though