

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VALUE IN RARE OLD STAMPS

DEAR EDITOR: In my communication on this subject in the March JOURNAL I am made to say "from \$7.50 to \$12." Permit me to make a correction. It should read "from \$7.50 to \$1200" (twelve hundred), this being the value placed upon a "Millbury."

Pennsylvania.

M. E. H.

A NEAT WAY TO LABEL BOTTLES

DEAR EDITOR: Here is a suggestion for a way to keep bottles looking neat and uniform. Take a fine paint-brush, No. 2, and black enamel paint for white or transparent bottles, and white paint for black or dark bottles. Print the label on in neat letters just as you would write on a label with pen and ink. See that those using the bottles are careful not to pour from the label side. Also, when wiping the bottles, do not rub hard over the letters. You will find that your drug closet always looks neat and tidy and there will be no more removing and resticking of labels.

Michigan.

H. R. G.

FEE FOR PREPARING A BODY AFTER DEATH?

DEAR EDITOR: I would like to hear from my sister nurses in regard to charging an extra fee for laying out the body after death. I do not sanction it, and have never done it, but I know that a great many nurses, whom I highly esteem, do it. We have had some arguments about it, and I have asked them: why not charge an extra fee on leaving the patient well? That, to my way of thinking, is far more to our credit than the termination of the case by death. My opinion is, that we are paid by the day, and whatever happens in that day we are called upon to do.

Massachusetts.

M. A. M.

THE EMERGENCY BOX

DEAR EDITOR: When emergencies arise in hospitals, delays often occur and valuable time is lost, getting hypodermic stimulation. To obviate this, we have in the medicine closet of each floor and ward, a small box containing the following: a hypodermic syringe, medicine glass, small piece of absorbent cotton, cardiac and respiratory stimulants, and amyl nitrite pearls. A choice of stimulants may be made but we find strychnine, digitalin, nitro-glycerine, whiskey, ether, camphorated oil, atropine, and morphine, useful. The box is labeled, "Emergency Outfit—any empty or broken bottle to be replaced at once." This is so kept as to be always accessible. It is helpful to have a drill occasionally, asking to have the box brought out and a hypodermic prepared, thereby testing the skill and rapidity of the nurse as well as her knowledge as to its whereabouts and use.

Washington.

A. G. S.

CORRECTIONS

DEAR EDITOR: In the March copy of *The American Journal of Nursing*, a very misrepresenting report is given of the hearing on the Seeley Nurse Bill at Albany,