

the respirations drop to eight per minute. At this stage, convulsions will have ceased, labor developed normally or the patient may be delivered easily by low forceps within a short time.

Following an attack of eclampsia there may be an involvement of the various peripheral nerve groups accompanied by pain and loss of function, which may persist for many weeks.

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NURSE FIGHTS TRAMP

NO CRY FOR HELP LEST PATIENTS SUFFERED

Two instances of bravery by young nurses, who endured great suffering rather than cry out and disturb their patients were reported recently.

Nurse Mildred Mercer, aged 20, was in charge of a children's ward at Canterbury Sanatorium—an isolated building three miles from the city—when in the early hours of the morning a tramp burst into the room and attacked her.

Fearful of frightening her charge, she fought with him in silence. He hit her with a billiard cue, tried to choke her and bit her thumb. After 15 minutes Miss Mercer felt herself becoming exhausted, and cried for help.

The man at once ran away. The matron, roused by the cry found Nurse Mercer exhausted and speechless, and phoned for the police.

For some hours a number of constables searched the neighbouring woods, but without success. Miss Mercer's description of the man is:

Age 25-30; of tramp class: about 5 ft. 9ins. and broadly built; wearing a gray sportscoat and cap, and a yellow scarf; he had several days' growth of beard.

It is added that he probably has bite marks on his hands.

A similar story of quiet bravery was told at a Bath inquest on Miss Mabel Griffin, aged 28, a pupil midwife at a nursing home at Bath.

Miss Griffin, whose home is in Pontypridd, was sitting up late studying, when her apron came into contact with a portable gas fire. She tried to remove it but her clothing caught fire.

Fearing that if she screamed she would frighten the patients, she ran to a bathroom and attempted, in vain, to extinguish the flames.

She was running downstairs, when the night sister heard her and put out the flames with an extinguisher. Miss Griffin was severely burned and died after three weeks in hospital.

The coroner expressed admiration for the girl's conduct and her thoughtfulness for the patients. A verdict of death from accidental burns was recorded.

To remove wax or grease from cloth.—Hold a red-hot iron within an inch or two of the marks and afterwards rub with a soft clean rag.

To keep food sweet.—Hang a few small muslin bags filled with charcoal around the larder.