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The Beatrice Renfield Lectureship in Research Nursing

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Nancy Poultney Ellicott

John Hopkins School of Nursing 1903

Founding Superintendent, Rockefeller Institute Hospital 1909-1938



WOMAN TO HEAD HOSPITAL.

Miss Nancy P. Ellicott to be Superintendent of New Rockefeller Institution.

MALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 29.—Miss Nancy P. Elliott, sister-in-law of Francis White, a well-known Baltimore citizen, will go to New York on Sunday to become Superintendent of the new Rockefeller Hospital.

Miss Elliott was for two years Superintendent of Nurses at the Church Home and Infirmary, Baltimore. She resigned over a clash of authority with the Superintendent, but when that official also resigned a short time later, was nominated to succeed him. A number of the Directors were opposed to the appointment of a woman to so responsible a position, but backed by Dr. William H. Welch of Johns Hopkins and Dr. William Osler, who chanced to be in Baltimore at the time she was given the position. However, the opposition was too strong for her, and last August she resigned, tired, she said, of fighting men.

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Soiled Linen Conveyor

An Actually Useful Article.

A typical scene enacted any morning in any Hospital shows the nurse removing the soiled linen from the beds, along with the towels. Usually she throws these in a heap on the floor, where they remain until the room is put in order. Usually they are soiled (sometimes offensively infected) but she nevertheless gathers them up in her arms and carries them to the laundry.

This Procedure is Uncleanly. It is also Time-Wasteful.

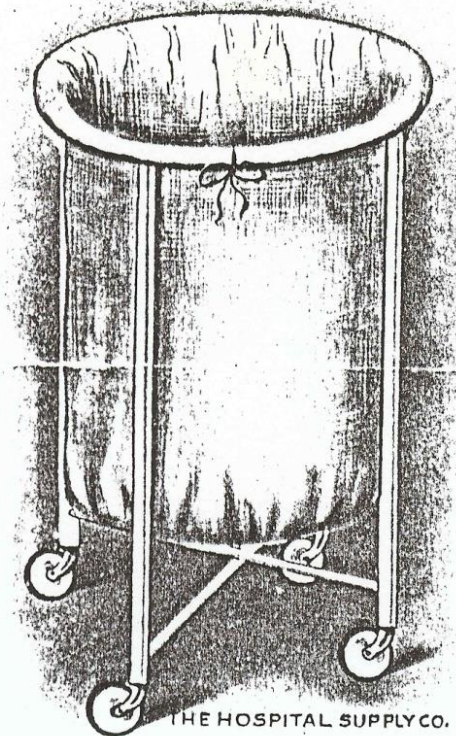
Rockefeller Hospital designed a means of expediting the collection of soiled linen and doing away with its disagreeable features.

The "R. I. H." Soiled Linen Conveyor.

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Nancy Poultney Ellicott on the New Rockefeller University Hospital

(Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine 9:209, 1910)

“...[N]ursing must be of the very highest type. Records must be most carefully and accurately kept, symptoms observed and recorded, reports intelligently and faithfully made, for a lapse in vigilance, or a specimen lost in a moment of heedlessness, might render worthless the labor of many weeks.”

**Research
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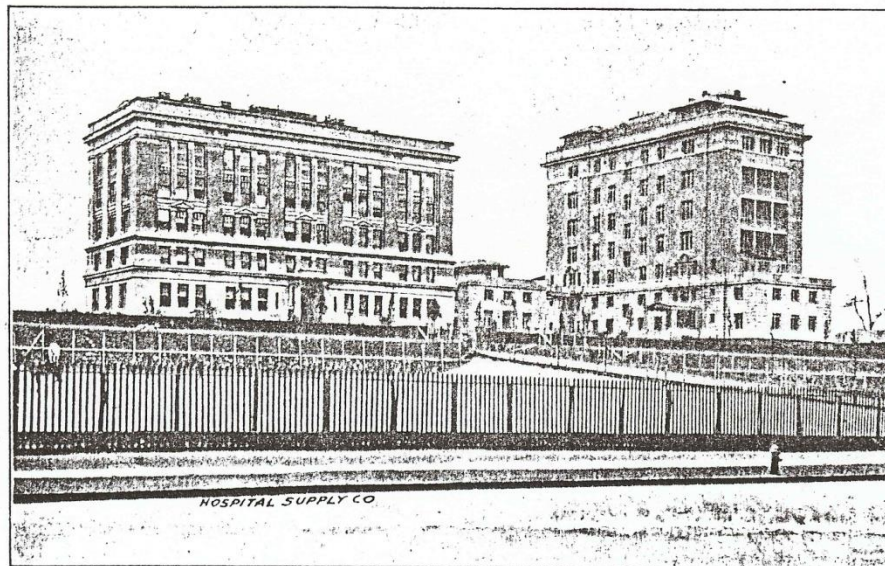
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**“The nurses worked 12 hours shifts
7 am-7 pm and 7 pm-7 am. The day
nurses worked 7 days per week...No
full days off on weekends were ever
given to a day nurse.”**

**“For their 72 hour work week the
nurses were paid \$80 a month and
were given room, board and laundry.”**

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“The nurses had to be in by 10pm unless they had special permission to be out until midnight to attend the theater. To go to the big gates on York Avenue without hat and gloves was frowned on.

Nancy Poultney Ellicott on the Low Pay In Nursing

(Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine 10:178, 1911)

**“There are a few well paying
nursing positions but so pitifully
few that the majority of nurses are
about as apt to secure them as the
ordinary citizen is to become
president of the United States.”**

Rockefeller University Hospital 1910-2015



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Discoveries and Innovations

Nursing Practice

**Tryparsimide for
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Yellow fever vaccine

DNA molecule of heredity

Methadone

Multidrug HIV therapy

**Genetics of Fibrolamellar
Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

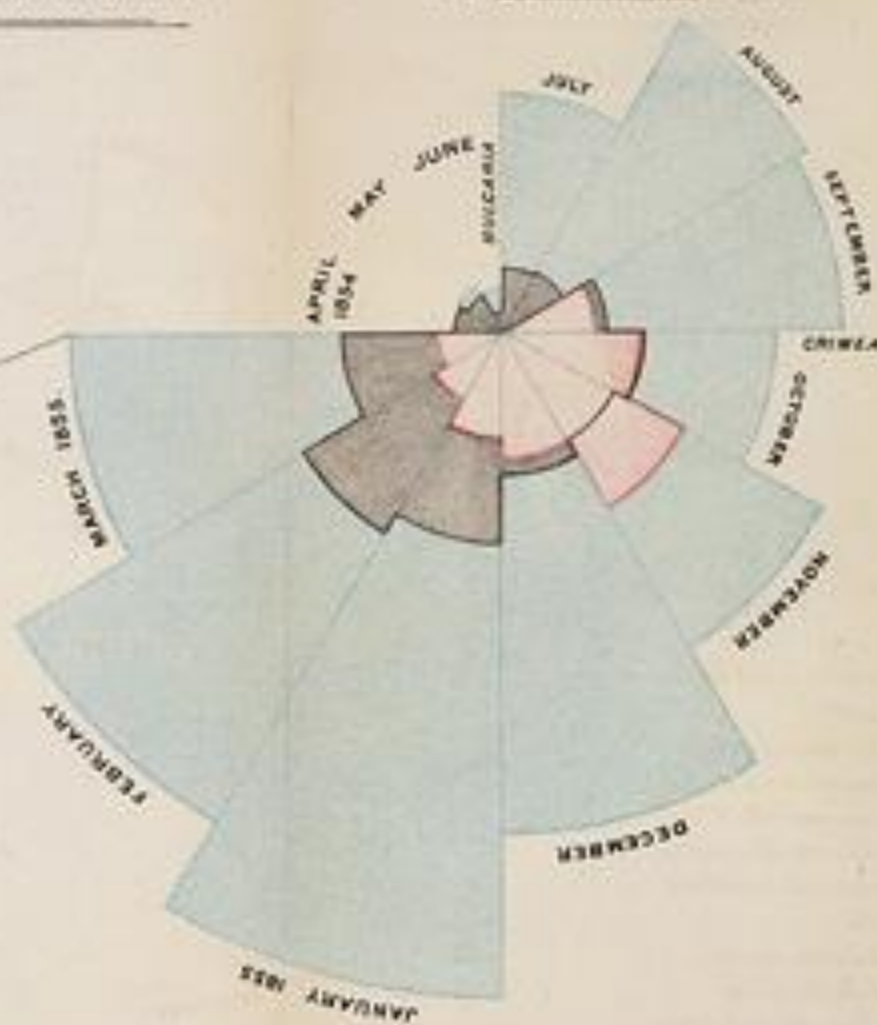
Florence Nightingale 1820-1910: Nurse Scientist



DIAGRAM OF THE CAUSES OF MORTALITY IN THE ARMY IN THE EAST.

1.
APRIL 1854 TO MARCH 1855.

2.
APRIL 1855 TO MARCH 1856.



The Areas of the blue, red, & black wedges are each measured from the centre as the common vertex.
The blue wedges measured from the centre of the circle represent area for area the deaths from Frigidities or Malignant Zymotic diseases, the red wedges measured from the centre the deaths from wounds & the black wedges measured from the centre the deaths from all other causes.
The black line across the red triangle in Nov^r 1854 marks the boundary of the deaths from all other causes during the month.
In October 1854 & April 1855 the black area overlaps with the red, in January & February 1855 the blue overlaps with the black.
The entire areas may be compared by following the blue, the red & the black lines enclosing them.

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