

commerce, modern Nuremberg has substituted the great factories outside the old city walls, where are made many things, from great locomotives to lead pencils and wonderful dolls and toys. Population, about 353,000.

NURSING. Ministering to the sick and helpless is one of the oldest of arts, but it is only within the past half-century that trained nursing has become a recognized profession. During the Middle Ages religious organizations cared for the sick, and the Sisters of Mercy are one of many nursing organizations to-day animated by the same motive. But it was not until the great and noble work of Florence Nightingale (*see* Nightingale, Florence) that the impetus was given to the movement that lifted nursing to importance and dignity as a profession.

The Duties of Nurses

There is probably no other occupation for women which presents a wider field than does nursing. While the term originally meant little besides taking care of the sick, it now includes a large number of public and social duties. Public health work, service as school nurse, inspection of housing conditions, the direction of medical gymnastics, are only a few of the attractive avenues of service open to the trained nurse, and the list is constantly growing.

Most general hospitals conduct training-schools for nurses. Application for entrance is made to the superintendent, and after a physical examination the applicant is received for a term of probation. If, in the few months of this probation, the applicant proves to be physically and mentally able to meet the demands of the profession, she signs an agreement to remain for the rest of the required term. Student nurses receive board, lodging, laundry work, and a small salary sufficient to buy the uniforms and a few simple necessities. Lectures covering anatomy, physiology, and all departments of medicine are given by the physicians and surgeons, and the head nurses teach bandaging and dressing of wounds, etc.

NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS. The nuthatch is an expert bird gymnast. He can hop head first down a tree trunk quite as easily as he can hop up it, for he is furnished with sharp claws, well adapted for holding to the rough bark.

He is also an expert at cracking nuts, as his name—in its older form, “nuthack”—implies. First, he fixes the nut firmly in a crevice of the bark of a tree, and then, swinging his body well forward, delivers tremendous blows with his long beak with unerring accuracy on exactly the right spot of the shell.

OLD HOUSE OF THE NUREMBERG BUTCHERS' GUILD



The old house of the Butchers' Guild in Nuremberg, with a sun-dial on the wall. In most important towns in the Middle Ages the men of each trade banded themselves together into associations known as guilds. Many of the houses used as the headquarters of the guilds are very handsome buildings.

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