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THE. HOSPITAL. KITCHEN.

Time till after dinner. This we shall probably secure if there are no Foreign patients needing our attention. After dinner we must be at Hospital accounts, etc, again, for we have to combine the duties of Clerk To the Hospital with those of Physician, Surgeon, etc, etc.

OPERATIVE WORK.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays our routine varies very little from that described above. The mornings of the other three days are given to operations. If these are heavy and numerous, as they often are, we have to let our house-surgeon do the morning round while we devote ourselves solely to the surgical work. Mrs. Maxwell takes charge in the operating theatre, and keeps the assistants up to their work, while I devote myself to the operations. On both sides, however, the work is rather complicated. In addition to the ordinary professional oversight of the operating theatre, Mrs. Maxwell has to keep a very strict eye on the Chinese assistants to see that the lotions are changed with needed frequency, and that they do not contravene the rules of aseptic surgery, while she also has to watch the patient's condition. I have, in addition to the surgical department, to keep some of my attention on the anesthetic. All our native assistants give chloroform in turn ; one old assistant, whom I always get for any operations necessary on foreigners,