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If the shortage of nurses ever became acute, it might be possible to solve it like this. The only thing is, if this nurse trips, let's hope for baby 's sake that she'll fall backwards.

And now a few hints for mothers from the tree bear farm at Lone Pine, Brisbane. Here -- mark it! Mother and father bear don't run to a perambulator, but what does it matter so long as nurse is the right shape?

KING WITH THE FLEET.

Very bad weather awaited His Majesty when he arrived at Portland for a visit to his Fleet. The King drove in a borrowed car through flooded streets. Nevertheless the complete programme was carried out without alteration --- first a visit of inspection to the Royal Sovereign. That evening was spent by His Majesty on board H.M.S.Courageous, the aircraft carrier. This was not an inspection but a smoking concert. The Royal visitor watched a show that proved once again that the British sailor can do anything. A leading stoker can even do a snake dance, [illegible]

The next day the Fleet presented a magnificent spectacle dressed in Portland Harbour as King Edward arrived for various inspections at the coaling jetty. Submarines were not forgotten in his Majesty's exhaustive tour of the Silent Service --- and a last inspection on board H.M.S.Faulknor concluded the visit. His Majesty expressed great satisfaction with all that he had seen. The appearance of ships and men, he said, was excellent --- Royal congratulations for our wonderful Navy.