

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

NUTROA.

THIS new preparation, which is being largely used as a food for children and invalids, and as an ingredient of a most palatable bread, has been very carefully analysed and is found to consist of 19.64 per cent. of proteids, 12.12 per cent. of vegetable fat, and 67.02 per cent. of carbo-hydrates. It therefore represents an ideal diet for children, and for those invalids whose digestion has been enfeebled by illness. The nutritious quality of the preparation is apparent, and leading experts who have analysed and employed it are agreed that it is richer in flesh-fat and bone-formers than most of the ordinary "food" preparations upon the market. The value of this preparation, therefore, in the diet of consumptive patients, of children suffering from rickets, and of all whose nutrition has been affected by disease, is very great; and we have, therefore, little hesitation in believing that as its benefits become more widely known, to medical men and to Nurses, its employment by the public will rapidly increase. Further particulars or samples of their preparations can be obtained from the manufacturers, The Nutroa Company, 54, Chiswell Street, London, E.C.

MENTHOL SNUFF.

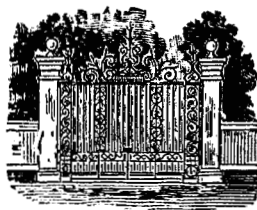
MESSRS. BURROUGHS & WELLCOME have recently produced, with their usual tastefulness, a small snuff box containing a specially prepared snuff, formed of menthol, cocaine, and other preparations which are now frequently ordered in the treatment of nasal disease. These drugs are of proved value as anæsthetics and antiseptics, and the great drawback to their administration has hitherto been that they have not been produced in the form of snuff in such a shape as to render them practically useful. We feel confident that the combination in question will insure their wider employment, and Messrs. Burroughs & Wellcome therefore have once more laid not only the public, but the Medical and Nursing professions also, under obligations to their tasteful ingenuity and their pharmaceutical skill.

MOTH PAPER.

ONE of the latest inventions of the energetic Sanitas Company, of Bethnal Green, London, E., has recently been brought to our notice in the shape of a valuable moth paper, which is made in thin sheets and so can be placed between the folds of linen, wool, or fur which it is desired to save from insect ravages. The odour which it imparts to such articles, is readily removed by a short exposure to the air, and it will be found a most convenient and effectual method of protecting valuable materials.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



IN France "baby-farming" is known by the name of "manufacturing little angels." Baby-farming, even if practised to the most cruel extent still leaves the helpless mite a chance of its life; the "manufacturing of little angels" does not admit of such a compromise; there is no double meaning attached to it—it signifies the killing of infants by some means or other.

It is not generally known that the "Assistance Publique," on application from the mother, gives grants of between 25 and 30 francs a month for the support of each illegitimate child. Morality may object; humanity can but applaud the measure; to say nothing of the sociological aspect of the question in a country whose population is, if not decreasing, at least stationary. The Assistance Publique not only gives the money, but gives it in advance. This the "manufacturer of little angels" knows, and they plant themselves at the doors and offer to take the children off the mothers' hands at the regulation price of the out-door relief department. The child often dies in a few days, the full month's price has been paid, and the profit therefore good.

The wet-nurse system in France is one of its worst social cancers, and the sufferings of the children of the wealthy and aristocratic families of Paris and other large French cities are manifold. Monsieur Henri Rochfort tells how "a friend of his, a wealthy stock-broker, took his little motherless boy, who had recently returned from the country where he had been sent out to nurse, for a walk. Imagine his astonishment when he felt the youngster suddenly let go his hand, and saw him rush up the courtyard of a large building, where, after putting his little cap on the ground, he began to sing a then popular ballad 'Withered Leaves.' Inquiries were made, and the father found out that his son and heir had been let out in the day-time to a couple of wandering beggars, who taught him their business, and brought him back every evening, giving the nurse part of the receipts."

In "French Men and French Manners," the author, an unquestioned authority on France, gives some terrible revelations of "wet-nursing" as carried out throughout France. He says: "Among the less wealthy middle classes the babe is put out when it is scarcely a week old. Of course the choice of a foster-mother is supposed to be made with great care. There are two large institutions in Paris where a selection of nurses is constantly kept on hand. The nurses must show a doctor's certificate about their bodily health. The particulars of their moral, mental and domestic qualifications the physician cannot, and does not, enter into,

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