

## Inventions, Preparations, &c.

### AUSTRALIAN WINES.

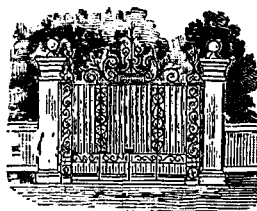
It is only within the last few years that the Australian colonies have bent their energies to produce a class of wines suitable to the taste of the English public; and it is not too much to say that they have scored a most remarkable success. They have been stimulated and admirably seconded in their efforts by leading wine merchants in this country, amongst whom Messrs. Blandy Brothers, of 16, Mark Lane, E.C., deserve especial mention and great commendation. Because it is, in these days of keen commercial competition and restricted trade, a work of national importance to develop new sources of commerce between the Mother country and her colonies. The Australian wines supplied by Messrs. Blandy are of excellent quality. The wise and valuable precaution has been taken to protect the growing industry, as far as possible, from the ruinous effects of adulteration, and the Government of South Australia has appointed official experts whose duty it is to examine and analyse wines intended for export. Those bearing the brand of Orion are pure vintage wines, which have thus been examined and certified to be pure and sound. They are of two kinds, ruby and white; of the former, the Hermitage and the Cabernet could not be distinguished from the very best Burgundy wines, and by many connoisseurs they would, doubtless, be preferred to some French vintages. Of the latter, the Chasselas and the Muscat are in many ways superior to the best Chablis and Moselle wines. The prices, moreover, of these Australian wines are so much less than those charged for European brands that, combined with their greater purity and their equal or better bouquet, we have no hesitation in predicting for them a large and increasing sale so soon as their merits become more generally known. Our readers can obtain further particulars and price lists from the importers we have named, at the address above given.

### WYETH BEEF JUICE.

This valuable preparation is more valuable because more pure than many other forms which are at present widely recommended. It contains all the albuminous principles of beef in an active and soluble form, and is, therefore, of the greatest value as a nutritive, strengthening, and restorative food, whereas many of its competitors are merely useful as stimulants. The fact that the European agents for this preparation are Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome, and Co., may be taken as a sufficient guarantee that it will continue to exhibit the same superior qualities in the future as its analysis shows that it now possesses.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



It is not too much to say that the women of England read President Cleveland's Message to Congress with horror, and we feel sure that the women of both the British and American nations will use all their influence for peace. War is barbarous, and that it should be resorted to at all, at the end of the nineteenth century between civilised nations is a disgrace to Christendom.

"Woman's Duty to Woman" was the subject of a Christian Social Union Address by the Rev. E. Hoskyns, last week, at All Saints', Margaret Street. Though in a rough homely style, this well-known East End clergyman put plainly before the many ladies present what their responsibility is in society as we know it. Besides the very obvious duty that women should defend Christianity, especially among the children in the home circle, inasmuch as it was Christianity that first raised women, and also that women should uphold with might and main the sanctity of marriage, he spoke very strongly upon women and the purity of literature. Women, he said, are accused of writing and of reading the nastiest novels of the day; and there seemed to be a tendency abroad to defend wrong-doing where there was genuine love. Women in this desire to excuse fellow-women when they showed signs of genuine earnestness, seemed in danger of losing sight of the eternal principle upon which conduct should be based. At the conclusion, he pointed out that women with culture and refinement could do inestimable good if they would take up elementary school teaching. What is wanted is to introduce a higher, nobler tone into the schools attended by the lower classes.

Another death from tight-lacing was recorded recently in the papers, the victim being a Portsmouth barmaid aged 22 years. She was at a small party, had just waltzed round the room, when she fell to the ground and died instantly. The doctor attributed death to a rupture of a blood vessel, accelerated by tight-lacing. It seems rather an irony on womanhood that, in these cases, a verdict of "Death from natural causes" is returned. It appears as if the cause, on the contrary, is most unnatural.

The question of the status of women at the Hungarian Universities has been settled by a decree of the Emperor Francis Joseph, admitting them to the medical and philosophical faculties, thus enabling them to become doctors, chemists, and professors. In every case, however, the special permission of the Minister of Justice will be required. The intention of the Government is to make it easy for a really gifted woman to obtain a degree, but to exclude the average woman. This is manifestly an injustice to both men and women. The average woman needs to make a living, and should not there-

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)