

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

CUSTARD POWDERS.

BIRD'S Custard Powders are now a household word, and it is unnecessary to say anything as to their excellence and usefulness. But it is not generally known that these powders form a most valuable, highly nutritious, and palatable accompaniment to fruit in substitution for cream. Stewed fruits prepared with these Custard Powders form dishes which are excellent for invalids, with many of whom cream would be inadmissible. The Powders can be obtained through any grocer's, and we strongly recommend the fact of their special utility to the notice of Nurses, not only in this particular, but in the preparation of other palatable dishes for their patients.

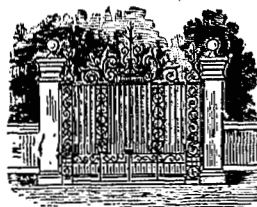
DR. WHITE'S SANITARY TOWELS.

THESE are very valuable additions to the other similar productions which are at present so largely used. They are beautifully soft and absorbent, and are manufactured from materials which are specially prepared and made antiseptic. The rapid popularity which they have achieved, as shown by the great increase in the sales reported by the manufacturers, is the best possible proof of their merit and practical utility. They can be obtained from Messrs. Hockin, Wilson & Co., of New Inn Yard, Tottenham Court Road, or through any chemist, and their prices compare favourably with those of similar preparations.

CHINOSOL.

THIS is a new and very powerful germicide prepared by Mr. B. Kuhn, of 36, St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, E.C. It has been shown by careful experiment that it possesses the most powerful destructive effects upon the bacilli of typhoid fever, Asiatic cholera, diphtheria and erysipelas. From the results which have been obtained, it is clear that Chinosol is about forty times more powerful than carbolic acid, and at least ten times more effective than corrosive sublimate in its action as a germicide. It has also the further advantages of being readily and completely soluble in water, and of being non-poisonous, while the solution does not exert any staining action on the skin. For every reason, therefore, Chinosol fluid should be largely employed in future in antiseptic surgery and midwifery.

Outside the Gates.



THE marriage of the Princess Alexandra of Coburg, third daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, to the Hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe Langenburg, took place on the 20th at Coburg. At the Royal breakfast held afterwards

the Emperor William proposed the toast of the "Bride and Bridegroom."

The German Emperor has sincerely regretted the hasty and unwise telegram he sent to President Kruger, and is doing all in his power, by a friendly attitude towards all things English, to efface the unpleasant impression which his action caused.

The Nile Expedition is losing no time, but is carrying on the work of the transport of supplies with the greatest activity. Huge cargoes of food, &c., are being conveyed by steamers, which are arriving night and day at Wady Halfa. These stores are at once sent on to Akasheh. The Hospital arrangements are also being rapidly completed.

In regard to the sympathy shown towards the expedition by the friendly Arabs and the inhabitants of the Soudan, it must not be forgotten that it is impossible to count upon this sympathy when hostilities begin. The inhabitants are thoroughly under the rule of the Dervishes, and dare not move hand or foot. They are usually placed in the forefront of the battle, so that they cannot desert. Therefore, in any estimate of the strength of the Dervishes at Dongola and Suarda it is necessary to add a considerable number of inhabitants who will be obliged to fight against the Egyptians, especially if they are suspected of the slightest feeling of sympathy.

Sir Frederick Carrington has just arrived on a flying visit from the Cape. After interviewing Lord Lansdowne at the War Office, he returns on Saturday to South Africa.

Fresh troops are being drafted out to South Africa for service in Matabele; no cavalry regiment has as yet been selected for the Cape, but it is thought probable that a regiment will be drafted from India to supply the need.

The latest news from Buluwayo is to the effect that the situation is serious, and that a Matabele force of about 14,000 strong is within a very short distance of the city. Reinforcements of British forces are eagerly awaited.

The Budget is of the most satisfactory nature, and a long period of commercial activity and national prosperity is expected. It is hoped that the reduction on land taxes will have a favourable effect on the agricultural industries, which at present stand in need of as much encouragement as possible.

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