

steriliser, improved beyond recognition from the newest steriliser of last year. Amongst many new forms was one in electro-plate, suitable for the breakfast table, and specially attractive. Huge sterilisers for the use of institutions were also on view, and it was asserted that in one institution the waste of milk per day in boiling, which formerly amounted to eight gallons, had been reduced to one gallon since an Aymard's steriliser had been in daily use. Another advantage of the steriliser is, that, as by its means milk cannot be brought to a greater heat than 212°, and the boiling point of milk is 213°, the cream does not rise to the surface. This phenomenon is also assisted by the fact that as the water in the steriliser entirely covers the chamber containing the milk, heat is applied at the top as well as at the bottom of the vessel. The competitions for prizes for practical cookery excited much interest, and the handiwork of the competitors was in evidence, and was highly creditable alike to teachers and taught.

As we go to press we learn that the *Prix d'Honneur* was awarded to Van Houten's Cocoa for purity, strength, flavour, and digestibility, in addition to true economy in use.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

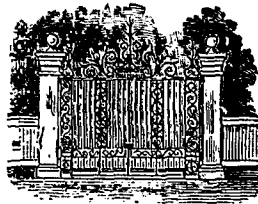
MESSRS. GARROULD, of Edgware Road, the well-known nurses' outfitters, have just issued a new "Nurses' Catalogue," beautifully illustrated, and containing many novelties and new designs. One of the daintiest of cap patterns is the handkerchief, edged with net or lace, and called the "Abbeville." Mr. Garrould has also invented an improved Chart Board, arranged to carry twelve charts (six temperature and six diet, or as required), at the low price of 1s.; then there is a compact Chart Board (flat) at 6d. Our attention was also directed to The Nurses' Watch, specially manufactured for this enterprising firm, a silver keyless reliable time-keeper, open face, enamel dial, with centre second hands and engraved case, the whole complete for 21s. Who would not be a nurse!!!

TOILET PREPARATIONS.

SPECIMENS of some comparatively new but valuable toilet preparations have been recently brought to our notice. Homocea Soap is superfatted and free from the excess of alkali which so many inferior soaps contain, and which therefore cause such injury to delicate skins. It is therefore very soothing and softening in its action, and is very fragrant and pleasant, moreover, to use. As it contains powerful antiseptics, it is also possessed of unusual purifying powers, and can be cordially recommended for use in the sick room. The Homocea Hair Wash contains the same cleansing and antiseptic materials, and is most refreshing to use as well as stimulating to the hair. Nurses will find both these preparations well worthy of careful trial in their work, especially amongst private patients. Both preparations can be obtained through any chemist or direct from the manufacturers, Homocea, Limited, Birkenhead.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



THE degree of Doctor of Laws has been conferred on the Countess of Aberdeen by the Queen's University, Kingston. Lady Aberdeen is the first woman in Canada who has received this honour.

At a recent meeting of the Paisley Town Council, Ex-provost Clark, in moving that the Council petition in favour of the Women's Suffrage Bill, said he did not see how it was that women should be called upon to pay rates and taxes the same as men and should be deprived of the right of voting. Women had shown themselves to be in every shape and form a match for men. If any man thought he had more strength either intellectually or morally than women, he would pitch them against women he knew in Paisley, and try an examination. Women had now a vote for Town and Parish Councils and School Boards, and, so far as he knew, no one had ever said anything in disapproval of the way they had exercised that right. Women were now forcing their way into the learned professions, and where they were on public Boards they had done valuable work. He also remarked that those men who objected to giving the suffrage to women had no scruples about asking them to work for them at an election.

Mr. Courtney, speaking to his constituents, urged that "It would be a rather fine and appropriate thing if on the morrow after a woman had reigned for 60 years with so much success and ability—a woman who had shown so much true political wisdom, and had been able to reconcile warring chiefs, and out of positions of danger been able to "pluck the flower of safety" for herself, her Crown, and her people—it would be a fine thing, if on the morrow after such an event, they could give to women duly qualified political rights, so that they might share their Sovereign's responsibilities and duties, and as citizens take their part in promoting the interests of the nation."

The *Woman's Signal* says: "The state of Besjukovschina, in Russia, is probably the only place in the world that is run entirely by women. This State is made up of seven villages, each presided over by a mayoress, the whole under the superintendence of a lady named Saschka, who acts as President. There are women magistrates, women preachers, women policemen—in fact, every capacity in the State is filled by women. The roads are made by women, and women sell milk and deliver letters. If you want to bring an action against your neighbour in this state, you go to a woman lawyer, and if there is anything in your house to be stolen, then a burglar of the weaker sex steals it. No place of any importance is filled by a man. This state of affairs has been brought about by an epidemic which occurred in 1861, and during which the men of the State behaved so

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