

Inventions, etc.

VEJOS.

THIS new food is produced principally from young living vegetable cells of the group to which the mushroom belongs, which are specially developed from pure cultivations in a nutrient fluid prepared from rye, malt, maize, and oats, from which the protoplasm of the cells is formed. The object of the treatment is to extract in the form of an albuminate, the protoplasm and proteids of the cell, together with the nitrogenous extractives, and valuable phosphates. This closely resembles the syntonin found in fresh meat. There dissolves out in the liquid extract in addition, soluble salts like phosphates and peptones. The mixture is then filtered, and the filtrate evaporated to the desired consistency. The extract is thus not only nourishing, but is stimulating in the same direction as meat extract, but not quite to the same extent with regard to stimulative properties. This we venture to think is desirable in a food which is meant for the masses, as many of the meat extracts contain an excess of those stimulative extractives. This food is very palatable, and, as its analysis would lead one to expect, is most nutritious. We confidently draw the attention of our readers, therefore, to its merits. It can be obtained through any chemist or grocer, or direct from the Factory, 143, West Ham Lane, London, E.

DIASTOL.

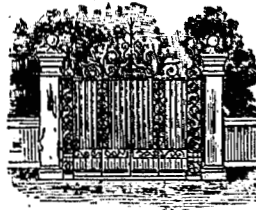
WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers, again, to this very valuable preparation. It has been very extensively used by medical men, and both for its excellence and purity is winning golden opinions. In cases of consumption and other wasting diseases, it is found to assist digestion by its extreme diastasic power, and to improve both the appetite and the body weight to a degree which is only equalled when the administration of cod-liver oil can be borne. A great advantage of diastol, however, is that it is readily taken by, and produces its good effects in the case of, many patients who are unable to take the oil. It can be obtained from any chemist, or direct from the Standard Malt Extract Company, Limited, 21, Water Street, Liverpool, and 23, Billiter Street, London, E.C.

BAND DIVISION PLASTER.

A NEW form of plaster has been prepared by E. Dieterich, Helfenberg, near Dresden. The plaster is spread in broad or narrow bands, strips of uncovered material being left between them. This enables any length which may be required to be easily removed from the whole piece. The method is certainly both cleanly and convenient, and should prove very useful to nurses.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



On Saturday, at the City Coroner's Court, it was found, in calling over the names of the jury, that only thirteen men were present, and that the fourteenth juror was a woman. The following account of what occurred is given by the *Daily Chronicle* :—

Mr. Hyslop, presuming she had attended to offer some excuse for "Louis Ellis," asked where her husband was.

The Lady: I am a widow.

Mr. Hyslop: But where is Mr. Ellis—

Mr. Anthony (the ward beadle) interrupting: Your name is not Louis Ellis.

The Lady (indignantly): It is the first time anyone has ever said that it was not my name.

Mr. Anthony: But we summoned Louis Ellis.

The Lady: Well I am here. I have answered to my name three times.

Mr. Anthony: But you are a woman, and only men—

The Lady: You handed me this summons paper yourself. If you didn't want me what did you summons me here for?

Mr. Anthony: I thought Louis Ellis was a gentleman, not a lady. I took the name from the jury list.

Mrs. Ellis: Well, of course my name is on the list. I have a vote.

Mr. Anthony: But the list should say "Mrs."

Mrs. Ellis: Well, that's not my fault. I didn't make out the list.

Mr. Anthony: When I called with the summons paper why didn't you say you were Louis Ellis, and I should have understood?

Mrs. Ellis: That is just what I did do. You said, "Louis Ellis lives here?" and I told you "Yes," and you handed me the paper. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hyslop: It is a mistake. You need not stay. Only men can serve on the jury.

Mrs. Ellis: Oh, don't think I want to serve. I've been blessing the job of having to come and waste my time instead of cooking my dinner. (Laughter.)

The Coroner: We deeply regret the mistake, and are sorry if you have been put to any inconvenience.

Mrs. Ellis (bowing): Oh, don't mention it. (Laughter.) The lady then left the court.

The gentlemen were then sworn, and the case proceeded with.

We are only sorry that the summons was not served upon some one who did wish to serve, and who would have contested her right to fulfil a public duty. Why can "only men serve on a jury"? Surely juries would be greatly benefited by the advice of women in discussing many of the questions which come before them.

The Bishop of London presided last week, at a public meeting held in St. Martin's Town Hall on behalf of the associated societies for the protection of women and children. Canon Fleming, in the course of his remarks, said that he "thought it was better to

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