

Preparations, Inventions, etc.

LYLE'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA.

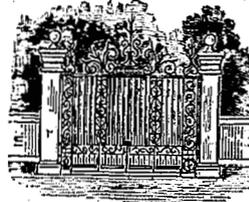
THE phenomenal success which has attended various preparations of Cocoa during the last two years has even drawn forth the grateful expressions of a Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech. It is well known that the increased popularity of the beverage at present is due to its very nourishing and palatable qualities. A new candidate for popular favour is the preparation known as Lyle's Pure Soluble Cocoa. We have recently tried this extensively, and have obtained reports upon it from various medical friends, who have been good enough at our request to test its merits. They are unanimous in reporting that this forms a most delicious beverage which is taken well by invalids and convalescents, as well as by those in good health; and that it is easily prepared, most wholesome and nutritious, and digestible. It is guaranteed to be made from the finest cocoa beans without the addition of any adulterating ingredient, and it is prepared by the well-known firm of Lyle and Sons who are the makers of the justly celebrated Lyle's Golden Syrup. We can, therefore, cordially recommend the preparation to the notice of our readers, believing that both they and their patients have only to make a trial of this Cocoa in order to appreciate its merits for themselves.

HARZBACH WATER.

WE constantly receive requests to notice various mineral waters in this column, but as our readers are aware we rarely accord our editorial commendation to new preparations, and never do so until we have subjected them to practical tests, on their merits. For some months past, we have been obtaining reports concerning the Harzbach natural water, and feel that we can now confidently recommend it. Its analysis shows that it is chiefly composed of the carbonates of sodium and magnesia, and of chloride of sodium, and that it is charged with carbonic acid. It is a clear well-aerated and most agreeable table water, and blends well with wine or spirits while it forms an excellent medium for the administration of many medicines. Its price is moderate, and the water undoubtedly agrees well with patients of a gouty or rheumatic tendency. In fact, as a table water for the latter, it would be difficult to improve upon. Our experience of the water, during the last eight months, enables us to confidently recommend it to our readers and to predict that it only requires to be better known in order to become most popular. It can be obtained from any chemist, or direct from Messrs. Brown Brothers, 35, Washington Street, Glasgow.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



IMAGINE, oh, reader, the joy in the soul of a collector when a friend in expressing hearty Christmas greetings, slipped a fat little envelope into her hand—containing many shining golden sovereigns—with a little letter signed by many old pupils (now respected matrons) and friends, in which were written the magic words, "To buy Lowestoft"!!

Divest yourself, dear reader, of the conclusion that the collector desired the entire possession of the charming little east-coast town. No, such is not her ambition, but she owns to an insatiable desire to possess specimens of armorial Lowestoft china, and as these exquisite "pieces" cost long prices, she has had many times to content herself with flattening her nose at the art dealers' windows, and fleeing from temptation. Her delight and gratitude may therefore be imagined when she found herself possessed of the wherewithal to attain several lovely "bits" she knew of. Needless to say these lovely "bits" now repose in an old Sheraton cabinet at which she writes these words of warmest thanks. Some day when space permits this china lover will write an article on china mania—which she suspects to be a highly infectious disease. No doubt encouraged by Iveagh munificence the specific baccillus will be speedily discovered, and persons who don't care about "old pots" will cease to be bored to death by those who do.

The *Bookman* states that Miss Beatrice Harraden has completed the novel on which she has been engaged for so long, and Messrs. Blackwood will publish it in the spring. The title has not been decided. It was at first proposed to name it "I, too, Have Come through Wintry Terrors," a line from one of Mr. William Watson's poems, but most probably this somewhat cumbersome title will be changed.

Miss Thackeray's biographical edition of her father's works is, it is said, to be emulated. "Lucas Malet," the gifted daughter of Charles Kingsley, has been engaged to prepare a similar edition of her father's works. There is, of course, an excellent "Life" of Kingsley, but it is understood that "Lucas Malet" possesses both letters and illustrative material not yet published. The edition should be a great success. Though many years have now passed away since Kingsley's death, there are many still who love him well. One has only to visit the churchyard at Eversley to know it. A brown track, from which the green turf is constantly worn away by the tread of many feet, guides the stranger to the grave of the Gipsies' parson.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton, who is the head of the Liverpool Settlement, and who was formerly medical attendant to the Ameer of Afghanistan, is to be one of the lecturers at the course given in English at Amsterdam this winter. Dr. Hamilton has taken her Afghanistan experiences as her subject.

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