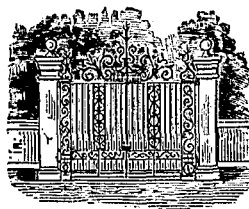


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Ideal Milk is a brand which deserves to be widely known, and used, by both nurses and the public. It consists of concentrated sterilized milk, with the addition of cream, no other agent but sterilization being used in its preservation. Having personally tested it we are able to say that, with the addition of water (two parts of water to one part of Ideal Milk), it forms an admirable substitute for fresh milk, and may be used for the same purposes, while the fact of sterilization ensures its freedom from harmful germs. As no preservatives are added, it cannot, of course, be expected to keep good indefinitely after opening, but it certainly is absolutely sweet at the end of several days, which is all that is necessary for practical purposes. The fact that it is unsweetened makes it specially appropriate for use with tea and coffee, by persons who dislike sugar with these beverages, and who cannot, as is often the case in tropical countries, obtain fresh milk. It is supplied by the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., and may be obtained through any leading grocer.

VIROL.

The value of Virol, as a nutritive agent of great use in cases of wasting disease when many other remedies have failed, has been so amply proved that we are glad to see there is every prospect of a successful financial future before it. Its merits having been tested by Bovril, Limited, the success which followed its introduction to the attention of the medical profession was such that a subsidiary company was formed solely to work the Virol business, and this company is now over a year old, and was able to present a very satisfactory report at its first annual meeting. It is noteworthy that although no advertising has been undertaken beyond the United Kingdom, yet prepaid orders have been received from Cape Town, Calcutta, Bombay, Montreal, Brisbane, Western Australia, Madras, Spain, Cape Coast Castle, Auckland, Kurachi, Trinidad, Colombo, Cairo, the West Indies, and Hong Kong, thus proving that Virol is on its merits winning a name across the seas. It is also much used in hospitals at home, as owing to the fact that beef marrow, and yolk of egg enter largely into its composition, it has proved a most useful agent in cases of rickets, tubercular disease, marasmus and other wasting diseases. It is readily taken by children, and may be used with advantage in cases where cod-liver oil is not well tolerated. It may be obtained from any chemist in jars at rs. 8d. each.

Outside the Gates.**WOMEN.**

Miss March Philipps, owing to frequent absences from England, has resigned the Hon. Treasurership of the Society of Women Journalists, which she has held for some years. She is succeeded by Miss E. M. Tait, who has already acted for some time as Deputy Treasurer.

Mrs. Florence Randolph, a duly ordained Methodist Minister from New Jersey, who is now visiting London in connection with the Methodist Ecumenical Council, was the preacher morning and evening at the Primitive Methodist Church, Haringay, both morning and evening on Sunday last. Mrs. Randolph, who is a coloured lady, is a powerful speaker with a good delivery. Her voice was heard clearly all over the Chapel, and her sermon was followed intently by the large congregation. She wore a plain black dress, with white linen collar and cuffs, and a close fitting black straw bonnet.

A reunion of the members of the *Girl's Realm* Guild and their friends was held on Saturday afternoon in the grounds of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, by permission of the board of management of the hospital. It is an organization founded by the *Girl's Realm* paper. By means of the guild, which has a thousand members scattered over the United Kingdom, one girl has already been started in life with means supplied by the guild's trust fund, and a cot has been endowed in the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond Street. The visitors, numbering some two hundred, were received by the Matron of the hospital and Miss Alice Corkran, the president of the guild. Tea was served in the garden.

Miss Ellen Stone, formerly on the Editorial staff of the *Congregationalist*, of Boston, and latterly a missionary in Macedonia, with headquarters at Salonica, has been abducted by brigands. Miss Stone, a fortnight ago, started for Djumabala, with three Bulgarian ladies. Two of these have been released, and it is expected that the third, Silka by name, will bring propositions as to the ransom demanded.

It is stated that a young girl, eighteen years of age, named Eremeeva, who held a position as teacher of the local school at the village of Rutchi, in the government of Nijni-Novgorod, has died of starvation, owing to the miserable salary she was receiving. It amounted to about fifteen shillings a month.

One of the saddest sights of modern life is that of women, well educated and refined, working hard for, and striving to keep up appearances upon, miserable pittance. The above is an extreme, but by no means a unique case.

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