

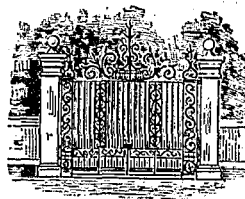
New Preparations, Inventions, etc.**AN UNSWEETENED CONDENSED MILK.**

We have pleasure in commending to the attention of our readers the Edelweiss Brand of Condensed Milk, prepared by the Swiss Milk Company, and of which the London agents are Messrs. H. Gilbertson and Sons, Ltd., 11, St. Andrew's Street, Holborn Circus, E.C. The milk is prepared in Switzerland, and is preserved by means of sterilization; no sugar or preservative is added to it, a fact which is greatly in its favour. It is concentrated to about one third of its original consistency, and, therefore, when it is required to take the place of ordinary milk, from two to three parts of water should be added to it. We have no hesitation in cordially recommending this brand of condensed milk as a substitute for ordinary milk, when the latter cannot be procured.

MAZAWATTEE.

The public has for years been agreeably enlightened with regard to the high quality of Ceylon teas in comparison with those which hail from China, and it is probable that we import a very small quantity from the latter country as compared with that in demand when the Mazawattee Company first introduced the Mazawattee blend of Ceylon tea.

The efforts of the Company in this direction have been so eminently successful that it has determined to attempt to revolutionize the cocoa trade. It is well known apparently to grocers that there is a large amount of adulteration of cocoa, and that short of actual adulteration the quality is often exceedingly poor. We have recently had the pleasure of inspecting the new factories of the Mazawattee Company at New Cross, which cover many acres of ground. The factories contain what is believed to be the finest and largest tea blending machinery and plant in existence, and under the same roof the firm has now put into operation the most complete equipment ever got together for the production of absolutely pure chocolate and cocoa. Some estimate may be formed of the magnitude of the undertaking from the fact that though nearly the whole of the work is done by machinery yet over a thousand hands are employed. The secret of the success of the Company in the past has been to maintain a first-rate value and quality in the goods supplied, and to keep these before the notice of the public by judicious and ample advertising. We wish them every success in their new venture.

Outside the Gates.**WOMEN.**

An electoral bill which is being introduced by the Federal Government of Australia provides for adult suffrage. May it soon be carried.

By the kind permission of Lady Frederick Cavendish, a Conference convened by invitation of the Women's Local Government Society will be held at 21, Carlton House Terrace, on Wednesday, October 30th, at 8.30 p.m. on the subject of "The Part of Women in the National Organisation of Education."

This date has been fixed in order that the Delegates who will be attending the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland may have an opportunity of attending the Conference. The Chair will be taken by Lady Strachey, who will open the proceedings by reading a short paper on behalf of the Committee of the Women's Local Government Society. Miss Maitland (Somerville College) and H. A. Nesbit, Esq., M.A., will then address the meeting.

Yet another ladies' paper—the *Lady's Gazette*—of which the first number was issued this month. We welcome an article on "Protected Emigration for Women" and a note on the demand for universal suffrage in Belgium, as an indication that the paper will have a serious side. The number of weekly journals which cater with more or less success for the butterfly woman are many, but there is ample room for a paper which will regard its readers as sober sentient beings, and provide them with information on other points than dress and fashion and society tittle-tattle.

The decision to abandon the pursuit of the brigands who have captured Miss Stone, the American Missionary, was influenced partly by the difficulties of the country in which the operations had to be carried on and partly by the fear of endangering Miss Stone's life. The American authorities, therefore, decided to negotiate for a ransom, and the liberation of Miss Stone is hoped for within a few days.

It adds to the pathos of the situation that Miss Stone's mother, who is over eighty, and is living at Chelsea, near Boston, is breaking down under the strain of the anxiety, and it is feared that she will die if the suspense is not soon relieved.

When Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, who are now at Kabul, first appeared on bicycles in that city, there was much excitement on seeing a woman adopting such a mode of travel. Crowds of Afghans used to gather along the roads and shout "Shabash!" (Well done!), but gradually the people became accustomed to the innovation. The Queen has even told Mrs. Martin that she intends to have a machine.

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