

lace, is marked 15s. 6d. A slip much to be commended is one costing £1 2s. 6d. in Eolienne silk and wool material in all colours, and trimmed with rich lace. Another department in which this firm excels is that devoted to ruffles. There is a roomful of these most bewitching trifles, and anyone who cannot suit herself amongst them must be hard indeed to please. The prices range from 19s. 6d. upwards. So few nurses in these days wear uniform when away for their holidays that it is a matter of some importance to know where to go for a desirable outfit. For those who desire uniform Messrs. Debenham and Freebody cater with well-known success.

VIYELLA.

Nurses who are thinking of holiday-making should not forget that a most valuable material which should be included in their outfit is Viyella. We know that in the past many nurses have used flannelette for various purposes, but now that its exceeding inflammability has been many times demonstrated they will be wise to discard it entirely. A material which may well replace it for nightdresses and underwear is Viyella, which is in every way superior, while the same material, which may be had in the daintiest and most charming colourings, is ideal for shirts and blouses for seaside or country wear. It is obtainable from all the leading drapers.

Pleasant Preparations.

HOVIS FOOD.

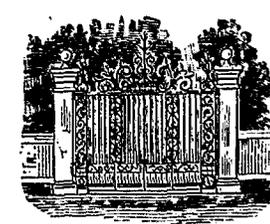
To those mothers who for various reasons have to resort to the artificial feeding of infants, the selection of a suitable food is of supreme importance, involving the future health of the child. Hovis Food presents every physiological requirement, and we have, therefore, much pleasure in directing attention to it. It is prepared in two varieties, one for use prior to the usual weaning period, and one afterwards. The later food is also useful for adult invalids, being pleasant to take and easily assimilable. Both foods are easily prepared. They may be obtained from the principal family bakers, grocers, chemists, and stores.

MONTAGUE ROSE CREAM SOAP.

Nurses who desire to know of an excellent soap, which is antiseptic, tonic, and astringent in its properties, as well as delightful in use, cannot do better than obtain the Montague Rose Cream Soap, which may be had from the Montague Toilet Stores, 2, Vigo Street, Regent Street, W. It is a most pleasant preparation, and is greatly liked by invalids. Nurses are so often consulted as to the soap used by their patients, and so much pleasure is given to the sick by a dainty one, that it is worth while to take some trouble in the matter.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The King has been pleased to institute an Order of Merit, to which His Majesty, as Sovereign, has appointed some illustrious men. Why are women excluded from all such honour under the British Constitution? Surely the name of Florence Nightingale would add lustre to the roll of any Order, and the merits of but very few men are as deserving of homage.

The first annual report of the Order of the Daughters of the Empire—a Canadian society affiliated to the Victoria League and the South African Guild of Loyal Women—is an interesting little pamphlet. "The aim and object of the Order," according to the President's address, "are to promote in the Motherland and colonies the study of the history of the Empire and of current Imperial questions; to celebrate patriotic anniversaries; to cherish the memory of brave and patriotic deeds and to care for the last resting-places of our heroes and heroines, especially such as are in distant and solitary places; to erect memorial stones on spots that have become sacred to the nation; and to care for the widows and dependants of British soldiers or sailors."

The yearly Conference of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland is one of the most interesting and instructive gatherings in the year. It is governed by the National Council of Women, the business session of which is always held during the Conference week.

This year the Union will be the guests of the Edinburgh branch, and the meetings will be held in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Edinburgh, on October 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and all information can be obtained from Miss Gordon, 1, Great Stuart Street, Edinburgh. Lady Battersea, who is president, will take the chair at the opening ceremony, and various vice-presidents of the Union will preside over the sessions.

Amongst the subjects agreed upon for discussion are University Education for Women: its Effects in Social and Intellectual Life (a) in Scotland, (b) in England; The Outlook for Educated Women at Home and in the Colonies; Public House Trusts; Wage-earning Children; The Permanent Care of the Feeble-minded; The Present Position of Women's Suffrage; The Relation of Amusements to Life.

A useful society is that which, for twenty years, has worked to promote the return of women as guardians and rural district councillors, which has its offices at 4, Sanctuary, S.W. The informal conferences originally convened for London women guardians have been found so helpful for mutual discussion that many country guardians and other ladies interested in Poor Law work now attend them. Any ladies desirous of notice of these meetings will always have cards sent to them if they intimate their wish to the Secretary of the Society.

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