

## Pleasant Preparations.

### NESTLÉ'S MILK.

The firm of Henri Nestlé, 48, Cannon Street, E.C., took a space at the Grocery Exhibition measuring 29 ft. by 16 ft. and utilised it with charming effect. In previous exhibitions they have been handicapped by the small space at their disposal, and consequently have been unable until now to put into execution a long-cherished plan. Seeing the increased popularity Swiss condensed milk has obtained amongst all classes of the British public, it has long been the intention of this firm to endeavour to give their numerous friends an adequate conception of the oft-spoken-of "Swiss Chalet," and with this idea in view they placed themselves into communication with the celebrated firm of makers, Fabrique de Parquets et Chalets, Interlaken.

The chalet which the trade has now been enabled to see is as nearly as possible a copy of those which are dotted about all over the high Swiss pastures. It was entirely built of the wood of the country (the fir tree), and neither nails nor screws were used in putting it together. In order to render this as realistic as possible, and seeing that in the chalets of Switzerland the cheese is made, the firm secured some of the implements for the making of cheese, such as milk buckets, pails, jugs, and pouches, and even cow bells were on view.

With regard to the latter item, our readers who have had the privilege of spending a holiday in Switzerland will know that these cow bells are quite a feature in the pastures of that country. They are not merely an adornment or musical instrument, but quite a necessity on the wild wooded slopes of the mountains, and many a cow would have been lost had it not been for the tall-tale bell enabling her shepherd to find her far away from the chalet.

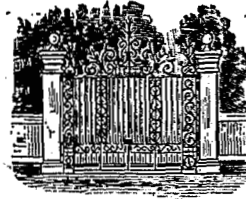
For ordinary use on the mountains the Swiss cows wear a medium-sized bell, but when driven by the cold or snow down into the valleys, they have large ones, which may be called gala bells. At such times there are certain rules which are followed everywhere in Switzerland by the shepherds, and huge bells, looking somewhat like an upturned kettle, are hung round the necks of the cows by means of a broad adorned collar, and a specimen of these bells was seen hanging in the front of Henri Nestlé's stand.

Outside the building were shown decorated tiles representing pastoral subjects, with mottoes in Swiss *patois*, and the furniture inside the chalet was made of the usual Swiss carved wood. The only feature differing from the rustic style was the lighting of the chalet at night. This was effected by means of coloured electric lamps, as, of course, oil and candles only being used in Switzerland in such chalets, the County Council would have objected to the firm being true to type to this extent. On top of the roof was to be seen a large revolving sign with the household word of Nestlé rotating by means of an electric motor.

Many cheap chocolate sweetmeats contain paraffin wax, which has a tendency when eaten to bring on appendicitis, states the chief inspector of foods and drugs for the county of Durham. There is, however, no need to consume chocolates of doubtful wholesomeness. Most of the best firms stamp their names upon the confections they supply. We should advise our readers to ask for chocolate stamped with the name of Cadbury or Fry. Both these names are a guarantee of excellence.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



To perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Margaret Bright Lucas, sister of Mr. Bright, the members of the National British Women's Temperance Association resolved to endow a bed in the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road. The deceased lady, in addition to being the first President of the Association, was alike an ardent worker in the cause of temperance and a munificent benefactor of the hospital. The cost of endowing a bed is £1,000, every penny of which has been raised in a comparatively short space of time through the efforts of the members of the branches of the Association, aided by Miss Orme, the late Matron, to whom the movement owes practically its origin. Some £600 has been already handed over to the Board of Management, who assembled last week to receive the final instalment. The proceedings took place in the Board-room, amongst those present being Colonel F. Sheffield (Vice-Chairman), Colonel G. H. Bolland, R.E., Mr. John Hilton, Mr. H. Josiah Pollard, Mr. E. Crawshaw, and the Rev. Dr. Dawson Burns (Hon. Secretary).

The members of the Association, of which Lady Henry Somerset is President, were cordially welcomed by Mr. Alderman T. Vezey Strong, Chairman of the Hospital, who, in appropriate terms, alluded to the warm interest evinced by Mrs. Lucas in the institution.—Mrs. Auckland, Hon. Vice-President of the Association, having briefly narrated the origin of the scheme, Lady Henry Somerset handed to the Chairman a cheque for £400, in completion of the endowment. She referred to the unceasing labours of the sister of the distinguished statesman, and expressed her conviction as to the great importance of the co-operation of women in the multifarious work associated with hospital management.—Mr. Alderman Strong, in accepting the gift on behalf of the hospital, tendered the hearty thanks of the Board to the Women's Association for the spirit that had animated them, which, he hoped, might be emulated by others.—The ceremony ended with the singing of the National Anthem, after which the visitors were conducted round the wards.

The German Empress during her recent stay in Posen visited the Protestant and Roman Catholic hospitals, but some comment was caused by the omission of a visit by Her Majesty to the Jewish Hospital, an institution which, though built and endowed by the munificence of a Jewish citizen, never excludes Christian patients.

A third Home for Aged Persons, capable of accommodating thirty-five inmates, has recently been opened in Berlin for members of the Jewish community. The City of Berlin made a free gift of the site on which the building stands, and the institution, which owes its inception in a great measure to Frau Pakscher, will benefit not only by her financial help, but also by her personal service.

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