

## Preparations, Inventions, &amp;c.

## HALL'S WINE.

As Hall's Wine is a restorative which nurses are frequently called upon to administer, it will be of interest to many to know something of its composition. The formula for this preparation was drawn up about fifteen years ago by a physician who required a preparation of the extractive principles of coca leaves which would be reliable, effective without being harmful, and standardised. Many experiments were made with the object of discovering the effective minimum dose, and the best medium for its conveyance, and ultimately, under the form of Hall's Wine, a preparation was put on the market which proved so satisfactory in practice that the formula has never yet been altered.

The basis of this wine is a light tawny port which has been matured in wood. This is necessary to preserve the alkaloid from decomposition. Two ounces of this wine contains the extractive alkaloid of one drachm of leaves, showing on analysis 0.182 grains. There is also 5 per cent. of Lemco (Liebig Company's Extract).

Hall's Wine is supplied by Stephen Smith and Co., Ltd., Bow, E., and by Licensed Grocers, Chemists, and Wine Merchants.

## ROYAL DOUBLE CREAM CHEDDAR CHEESE.

We have recently been testing this new cheese, and find that it is most palatable, that it is easily taken by invalids and convalescents, and that it forms, therefore, a very useful addition to the diet of the healthy. A recent analysis has shown that this cheese contains:—

Moisture	...	...	35.24	per cent.
Mineral matter	...	...	3.84	" "
Fat	...	...	38.85	" "
Proteids	...	...	22.07	" "

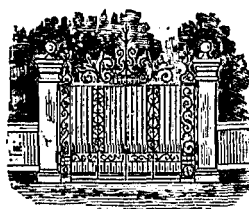
In other words, this cheese is evidently made from cow's milk—a fact which nowadays, with the ever-increasing adulteration shown in every article of diet, is sufficient to recommend this particular preparation, as we confidently do, to the attention and consumption of all classes of the community.

## BOVRIL.

Bovril has now become a necessary item in the store cupboard of most houses, and, having regard to its universal popularity, it is not surprising to learn that during the seven years since Bovril, Ltd., was formed £1,039,161 of net profits have, as was announced by Viscount Duncannon at the recent meeting, been earned for the shareholders, and that the sales for 1903 have exceeded all previous records. The Directors are going to join in an "Imperial Floating Exhibition," in connection with which about 150 firms will send a large steamer round the Empire, on which samples of their manufactures will be displayed. Each firm concerned will send a capable representative in charge of its exhibit.

## Outside the Gates.

## WOMEN.



Lady Henry Somerset will speak.

In the House of Lords, on Thursday, Earl Beauchamp introduced the Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) Bill, and it was read a first time. This Bill provides that women should be eligible to serve by election on educational authorities and all County and Borough Councils—municipal bodies which are concerned in work much of which is of a thoroughly domestic character.

Skilled taxidermy is still a rare art, and there is very little doubt that there is room for many more Piekhardtts and Rowland Wards. One of the great defects of modern museums is the bad stuffing, which, as the late Sir William Flower said, both before and after he was director of the Natural History Museum, ought to be considered a fine art, and paid for accordingly. The *County Gentleman* believes that were ladies to take to the lighter forms of the work, such as stuffing birds, they might make a pleasant living by it.

The French nation has undoubtedly put women on a higher scale than has the British. Wife-beating is unknown among our Gallic friends, excitable though they are; and, as everyone knows at home, that pastime is commonly indulged in by our lower classes at the expense of a 2s. 6d. fine.

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, have received the King's letter authorising them to confer degrees upon women.

The wives of the young Sultan of Morocco are of every shade of skin, from the white Circassian to the Venus of the Niger. Their board and lodging form an insignificant item in comparison with the amount of perfumery they consume.

Mdlle. Claire de Pratz, the well-known writer, has just been awarded a literary order of merit, known as the Palmes Academiques, by the French Government. The honour was conferred upon her by the Minister of Fine Art.

A woman swindler arrested in Vienna has been accustomed to haunt the entrances of hospitals, ascertain the addresses of newly-admitted patients, and then ask at the patients' homes for clothes, money, and linen.

The disproportion of the sexes in Fiji owing to the Indian coolie immigration is causing many complications. The number of women in 100 adults is about eighty.

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