

The Care of Infants.

In Messrs. Mellin's recently published book, "The Care of Infants," the writer points out that there are three available methods of feeding an infant: (1) Breast feeding by the mother, (2) combined feeding, that is, from the breast and Mellin's food, and (3) artificial feeding, where Mellin's food is employed with cow's milk. For hand-reared infants the food best adapted must contain substances which closely resemble the components of breast milk; the components must be in proper proportion; and must be in a form suited to the simple conditions of digestion during infancy.

New Preparations.

COMPO.

The season of spring cleaning is now upon us, and all good housewives are anxious that before the summer sunshine finds out the defects of carpets, paint, or boards which remain unrevealed in our Northern winter, a thorough cleansing and renovation of the house and its effects shall take place.

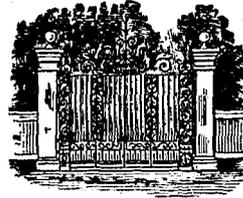
Only those who undertake spring cleaning know the laborious work involved. It is not unusual for men to pretend that the annual cleaning is a time beloved of women, and that they are the martyrs when they come home at the end of the day and find a cold supper, instead of the usual hot dinner.

Let such men take a day at house cleaning and they will soon discover whether for sheer hard work it does not beat all the office work ever done, and whether women do not undertake it solely from that sense of duty which is a marked characteristic of their nature.

But the work of the spring cleaning may be materially lightened by a judicious use of the right materials, and we recommend all who are contemplating embarking on this undertaking to lay in a stock of Compo, a preparation supplied by Messrs. Henry Shaw and Co., of Dukinfield, Manchester, and supplied by all grocers, stores, &c. Compo washes clothes and is most desirable for cleaning paint, floors, and carpets. It is, in fact, an ideal cleaner, and we recommend it to the attention of nurses, more especially to those in charge of nursing homes, or in other positions where they have to supervise domestic or ward cleanliness. No one takes a greater pride in the daintiness of her surroundings than the hospital nurse, and we feel sure for this reason that Compo will appeal to her. At least let her give it a trial. Subsequently, we feel sure she will keep it by her.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The events connected with the Resolution moved by Mr. Keir Hardie in the House of Commons on Thursday, April 26th, have been so widely discussed in the daily Press that we need only briefly refer to it.

The Resolution was:—

"That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that sex should cease to be a bar to the exercise of the Parliamentary Franchise." This was seconded by Mr. E. Wason, opposed by Mr. Cremer, and supported in a fine speech by Mr. W. Redmond. When Mr. Evans (L., Mid-Glamorgan) was speaking, with the obvious intention of talking the Resolution out, the now notorious demonstration in the Ladies' Gallery occurred. If it had not been for this incident Mr. Keir Hardie is of opinion that the motion would undoubtedly have gone to a division and been carried by an overwhelming majority.

After hearing both sides we are inclined to the opinion subsequently expressed by Mr. Keir Hardie, at a meeting convened by the Lewisham Labour Representation Association. "I can always forgive too much zeal," he said, "but cannot forgive apathy." The degraded position of women in this country has resulted in their mental apathy and lack of courage, and however inexpedient a course may be, if it be prompted by genuine righteous feeling, and the red corpuscle is there, we must be frank, we are glad of it. Neither do we believe for a moment that any lasting harm will be done to so just a cause.

The outburst of priggish pride with which so many of our expedient supporters in the House greedily grasped this pretext to disavow their election pledges on the suffrage question cannot be taken seriously for a moment. Not so long ago there was a scuffle of fisticuffs on the floor of the House and if all the unparliamentary expressions of opinion withdrawn by hon. members at the instigation of the Speaker were tabulated it would be demonstrated that "prunes and prisms" ill become many of those who feel their dignity injured by the recent outburst of feeling in this wonderful old Mother of Parliaments.

Bluff, dear ladies, bluff, and so let us treat it.

The most holy cause before the world at the present moment is the Enfranchisement of Women. It means no less than the regeneration of the world. No one who opposes this righteousness can claim kindred with justice and truth.

Dr. Emil Reich will speak on "American Women" at the luncheon of the Society of American Women in London on May 7th. The guests will be Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. Franklin Thomasson, Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, Mrs. J. L. Griffiths, Lady Lister-Kaye, Lady Maxim, Mrs. Reich, Mrs. Craigie, Mrs. John Lane, and Mrs. Howard Willson.

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