

would be a thick starchy mass, hard to digest, and difficult to assimilate. To those of our readers who have not tried Van Houten's Cocoa—if such there be—we unhesitatingly recommend its use during the coming winter, and when once they are acquainted with it, we feel sure they will thoroughly endorse our estimate of its merits.

"ASPLACATRAS" HAIR TONIC.

(Mr. E. C. MACREADY, 20, Bath Street, Jersey.)

We are pleased to commend to our readers' notice anything which we think they will find useful either personally, or for their patients, many of which, probably, after long illnesses, suffer considerably from their hair falling off. We have found "Asplacatras" exceedingly beneficial and nutritious to the hair, and a ready and effectual remover of dandruff. It has an agreeable odour, and though perhaps it contains rather an excess of oil, this need cause no inconvenience if used moderately, and its other advantages amply compensate for this. The "Sprinkler Stopper" moderates its use, and allows for a direct application on the parts most necessary.

"NON-ALCOHOLIC BRITISH WINES AND ALES."

(Messrs. Cox & Co., 178, York Road, King's Cross, London, N.)

It is well for our temperance friends that such an excellent firm as the above have devoted their care and attention to the manufacture of non-alcoholic drinks. For were we non-abstainers, persuaded to quench our thirst in many of the non-intoxicant gassy fluids now offered for sale, the day would then be very far distant when we would join the happy "Band of Hope." Now, through this recent hot weather, we too have thoroughly enjoyed the clear, sparkling, Anti-Burton of Messrs. Cox and Co., and found it in every way stimulating, refreshing, and a good restorative after physical or mental exertion; furthermore it acts as a tonic and good digestive agent if taken at meals. In mentioning Anti-Burton, we also include Hop Bitters, and their special Invalid Stout, all of which are equally good and give all the requirements necessary to the varied tastes. It is almost needless to say that this firm's non-alcoholic and unfermented British wines are of excellent quality and numerous flavours, such as Ginger, Green Ginger, Rich Raisin, Orange, Black Currant, &c., the latter of which, if heated, will be found medicinally of great value for warding off colds, chills, and all such objectionable ailments, which we must expect, through the natural changes of the seasons. Our readers can obtain any of these at their wine merchants, or direct from the firm, either bottled or in casks, in sizes varying from nine gallons upwards.

"ARDENBRITE."

(Messrs. T. PAVITT & SONS, 70, Southampton Row, London, E.C.)

Whether or no it is carried out, we believe a woman's natural instincts are artistic, and that had she the "home," time and material at her disposal, all her surroundings would be as pretty as her taste dictated, and in accordance with her means. A very economical and effective decoration can be obtained by the use of "Ardenbrite," either for renovating old picture frames, gasaliers, or for general decoration, as it can be had in many shades, including the ever favoured gold. We have now had it in use for the last eighteen months and find it retains the same brilliancy as if newly applied, added to which—and we consider this a great advantage—it can be washed in the ordinary way with soap and water, and thus be kept pure and clean. Its merits are numerous and prominent, which, for an article ranging in price from sixpence upwards (the difference in price meaning quantity not quality) is exceptional, as it not only makes beautiful, but provides an agreeable and interesting recreation.

Letters to the Editor.

MIDWIVES' REGISTRATION BILL.

To the Editor of "the Nursing Record."

SIR,—Allow me as a certificated Midwife, to say that I quite agree with Dr. Atthill (in your copy of his letter to the *Lancet*), that the registration of all women now in practice would inflict a grievous wrong on the poor. For most of the women that call themselves certificated Midwives are only Sairey Gamps, that were engaged in monthly nursing until the trained Nurses took their place. Most of these women are illiterate, ignorant, and past work. They have the idea that as old monthly Nurses, they are well qualified to act as Midwives, and have no idea of sanitation, antiseptics, cleanliness, or obstetrics, and all such knowledge is quite unnecessary in their estimation. I really believe that there are some of these who would rather sacrifice a patient's or the child's life, than admit their incapacity and send for a medical man. If in Registration only those who had had training as Nurses in a Lying-in Hospital were available for certificates after examination as Midwives, the dangerous class to which I allude, would, to a great extent, be done away with, and the medical profession would then find them a help. All the medical men I know, with only one exception, are most courteous, and come to my assistance at once when I require their superior skill and advice.—Yours, etc.,

A CERTIFICATED MIDWIFE.

Replies to Correspondents.

Nurse G.—Yes. Malcolm Wilson's Invalid Wine is very highly spoken of. It can be obtained from Messrs. Hughes, Morris & Co., 90, Lower Thames St., E.C.

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