

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

ROBINSON'S PATENT BARLEY.

(Messrs. KEEN, ROBINSON & Co., London, E.C.)

Few farinacious preparations have so thoroughly pleased us as has "Robinson's Patent Barley," and the unvarying great care which is bestowed on its manufacture, has undoubtedly made the use of this food quite an acquisition and boon in the sick room, besides, the speed at which it can be prepared, either in liquid or solid form, must be of material assistance to those nursing the sick, for instead of hours of soaking, as is necessary when Pearl Barley is used, this ever favoured cooling and refreshing drink, "barley water," can be made from this patent food, in the space of a few minutes, for all the residue and unnecessary matter having already been removed, it, when served, presents a most tempting delicacy for the fickle taste of any invalid.

NEW "VINOLIA" SOAPS.

(Messrs. BLONDEAU & CIE., Ryland Rd., Lon., N.W.)

We have much pleasure in drawing our readers' attention to the new "Vinolia" soaps that have been so recently added to this firm's many manufactures. We are not surprised at the excellent quality of these, the "sulphur," "carbolic," and "terebene" Vinolia soaps, which are each and all so carefully prepared, that it would be difficult to find a smoother surfaced, better mixed, or, for toilet use, a more freely lathering soap, even at a higher price than these, which are "put up" in boxes (containing three cakes) for one shilling.

"BRIGHTON" GLYCERINE CREAM.

(Messrs. BARTON BROS., 77, King's Rd., Brighton.)

The uncertainty of our climate makes it necessary that many of us should use some preparation wherewith to moderate its effects on our too susceptible skins; to this end, we have tried "Barton's Brighton Glycerine and Cream," and find it advantageous in every way for allaying the irritation caused by dry winds, or the still stronger sea air. It is in liquid form, and bottles containing it vary in price from one shilling to nine shillings each.

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LAVENDER WATER.

(Messrs. HENRY HODDER & Co., LTD., 11, Broad Street, Bristol.)

Those of our readers whose duties perhaps suggest a rather liberal use of perfume, will find in Hodder's Lavender Water a very refreshing natural scent. We have tried this for some time past, so can advocate it as a most agreeable agent in the sick room for distroying all the faint odours that are apt to cling to such apartments. It is put up in bottles of various sizes, with the patent "sprinkler stopper," which not only well distributes it, but economizes without stinting its use.

Notes and News.

UNDER the very appropriate heading of "A Matchless Industry," there appears in *Commerce*, of the 12th, a most interesting and brightly written article by "Lesser Columbus"—who wields a ready and facile pen, as witness his instructive book "Greater Bristol"—concerning Messrs. Bryant & May's mammoth factory. This well-known firm's works and manufactory are important factors in this country, and the kind description of them by "Columbus the Lesser" form pleasant and instructive reading. We are glad to be able to note that contrary to the screeches frequently indulged in by certain of the press holding lesser responsibility, and which periodically regale us with acrid descriptions of "Phossy Jaw," and so on (should it not be rather attributed to the writers of such trash as "Fussy Jaw"?) that Messrs. Bryant & May take a deep interest in the social, sanitary, and financial welfare of all their employés, and that every consideration is given to their requirements. Of the articles manufactured at Fairfield Works, they speak for themselves, and the good sense of those who regularly use them.

Replies to Correspondents.

Mr. Evan Morgan.—We would advise you to purchase the Nursing Directory (price five shillings, from these offices). It gives full particulars as to the various Hospitals which train Nurses.

A.C.L.—Certainly. If you will send us the Article we will give it careful consideration, and insert it if it proves suitable for these pages.

Miss Cleetham.—Yes. You had better order the *Pall Mall Gazette* to be sent direct from the offices, 18, Charing Cross Road, W.C., and the London Hospital Scandals (price 2d.) from these offices.

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