

medicated tobacco-smoke. Stramonium cigarettes, for example, are often most efficacious in relieving attacks of asthma. The same principle has been carried out by an inventor, who has treated tobacco with the essential oil of the pine, and has produced a form to which he has given the name of Pinoza, and which has been found by experience, not only to increase and improve the quality and aroma of the tobacco, but at the same time to subserve a most useful process in fumigating apartments and clothing, and thus acting as an excellent disinfectant and safeguard against contagious diseases. The advantages of the pine-oil, which are so well recognised in the treatment of pulmonary complaints, are thus obtainable by smokers, and in many cases it has been found that persons who are unable to smoke ordinary tobacco, because the nicotine irritates the throat, are able to use the Pinoza tobacco, not only with pleasure, but also with benefit to the mucous membranes of their throat and lungs.

#### SOUTHALL'S IMPROVED SANITARY TOWELS.

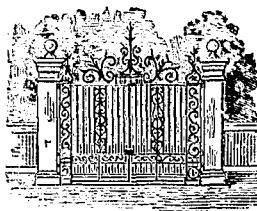
ON previous occasions we have called the attention of our readers to the valuable properties possessed by these well-known appliances, and we are glad to know that Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay, of Birmingham, have recently still further improved these appliances. Their hygienic advantages are very great, but as we have already pointed out, there is an equal field for their employment in cases of disease, after child-birth, and after operations, when it is necessary that the patient should be absolutely protected from any septic influences. In such cases these sanitary towels present an easy and most efficient method of carrying out the principles of antisepticism. The improvement which has been made consists in the pad being formed of alternate layers of absorbent wool and gauze, by which the area of absorption is greatly increased, and the utility of the appliance therefore much improved. These towels are certainly at present by far the most valuable productions of their kind.

#### MOSTO DI SALUTE.

THIS is a wine which has been recently introduced into this country, and which, it is claimed, is simply the pure juice of the grape concentrated and efficiently sterilised. From our experience it is a most palatable beverage, especially when well diluted with ordinary, or seltzer water. It is by no means expensive, and we anticipate for it a considerable degree of popularity when its merits become better known. It has already obtained a wide recognition in Italy, and can be obtained in this country through any wine merchant and from M. Favara, 52, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



ON Monday morning at Dr. Parker's City Temple, under the presidency of Lady Henry Somerset, the first of the series of meetings was held, which were continued throughout the week, in connection with this very important organisation.

The delegates in charge of the polyglot petition of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, with two million signatures, arrived at Southampton on the previous Friday. These ladies, to the number of 130, represent the leading temperance organisations in America, including "Mother Stewart," the organiser of the famous "whisky war."

The City Temple had parted with its plain, everyday appearance and was gaily decked with flowers and banners on the opening morning, when the delegates received a warm welcome. Dr. Parker's pulpit was literally wreathed in marguerites, poppies, lilies, and the homely buttercup was not denied a place. All these fair blossoms were fastened with white satin ribbons, so that the common hard pulpit looked much like a throne for a May Queen. And as the *Daily Chronicle* puts it: "Frocks and millinery were in evidence calculated to arouse the envy of an Ascot enclosure. Many of the ladies who unbonneted in charming defiance of the Pauline injunction revealed *coiffures* not less attractive. Lady Henry Somerset, the president, was among the latter, looking as little like a 'new woman' as one could wish. Roses, ribbons and reticules completed the picture, and here and there a busy stylograph in jewelled fingers chronicle for other eyes a remarkable scene and a memorable occasion."

After prayers and a roll-call of officers and delegates Lady Henry Somerset delivered a splendid and strong presidential address. She began by speaking of the "widening way" of the Women's Temperance movement, tracing its origin from the great Whisky War of 1874, to the events of last Sunday, when the British mind had become so enlarged that in "Conservative old London" more than 200 pulpits and mission halls were opened to the best known women reform workers of the world. She spoke of the delegates who had come from New Zealand, South Africa and from Japan, whose women might win greener laurels for their country than their brothers on the bloody fields of war. They came also from India where Pundita Ramabai, with her group of little widows in Poona were symbols of a land of rising hope. She dwelt on what might be done by women in police-reform, in the direction of separating old and young offenders, and the introduction of libraries into prisons. She reviewed women's work in the Church, in the interests of purity, temperance and education, and urged the hearers to engage in parish and district council work and to everywhere work for the cause of the weak against the strong, and not only to suggest to the toilers the hope of eternal happiness but to try and secure the right to live well

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