

International Cookery Exhibition.

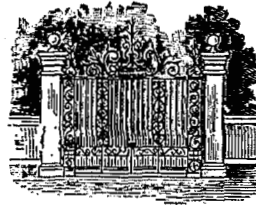
THE Ninth Annual Exhibition of the Universal Food and Cookery Association, which was opened on Monday by Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, at the Imperial Institute, compares favourably in all respects with former exhibitions. The opening ceremony was performed by Princess Louise, who was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. These exhibitions, it may be stated, were undertaken by the Association for the purpose of improving our national cookery, and any surplus funds are spent in providing teachers of cookery in poor neighbourhoods, dinners to poor children, the free distribution of cheap recipes, the award of scholarships and contributions to London Hospitals, so that as far as possible the work of philanthropy is joined with that of cookery. The exhibits this year number nearly 800, and include every conceivable utensil used in both plain and high-class cookery. The Association is doing a national work, and it deserves widespread support. It is thoroughly practical in its work, employing the most efficient teachers, and instructing all classes to make the very best use of all kinds of food.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

HEALTH REQUISITES.

SAMPLES of productions to which the name of Mrs. Evaline's Health Towellettes and Hospital Sheets have been given, have been submitted to us. They exhibit the valuable sanitary properties possessed by similar articles to which we have previously called attention in these columns. The absorbent and antiseptic wool is in these productions enclosed in a specially woven pocket or bag, which is machine-sewn down one side, so as to ensure a greater uniformity and security of its contents—a practical point which is of manifest importance as affording the greatest degree of comfort and utility. The prices of these articles are moderate, and full information concerning them can be obtained from Mrs. Evaline, Houghton Place Factory, Bradford, from whom also, or through any chemist, they can be purchased.

Outside the Gates.



THE Queen has, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, created and instituted an Order of Knighthood, to be called and known by the name and style of "The Royal Victorian Order."

The Queen will arrive at Windsor Castle on Friday evening from her trip abroad, and will go to Balmoral for Whitsuntide.

The German press is jubilant over President Krüger's final decision not to visit England. The Germans, too, are hoping that this determination of Krüger not to come over, arises from a desire on the part of the Boers to make England hesitate before taking up a strong South African policy. It is certain there was no fear that Krüger—whom Bismarck has described as the most astute diplomatist he ever encountered—would be likely to be influenced by the blandishments or persuasions of Mr. Chamberlain. He would have come if he intended to agree to British proposals. His attitude certainly argues some degree of trouble for us in the Transvaal.

Great excitement prevails in Johannesburg at the result of the trial at Pretoria of the five leaders of the political "reform" which preceded the "Jameson ride." In addition to the sentence of death passed on five of the prisoners, among whom is Colonel Rhodes, brother of the ex-premier, sixty others, including the principal business men of the Rand, have been condemned to two years' imprisonment, a fine of £2,000, and after the imprisonment three years' banishment. The principal men of Johannesburg are thus sentenced, and there are grave fears of trouble arising, although the sentences were at once commuted.

The Earl of Coventry has addressed a charming letter of thanks to President Krüger for the attention which was bestowed on his wounded son in the Boer Hospital at Krugersdorp. He says of the Boers:—"When the fighting was over they, indeed, proved themselves generous adversaries, and my dear son was looked after as lovingly and tenderly as if he had been at home."

The sick list in the Soudan is already very heavy, fifty of the Staffordshire Regiment alone being already on the sick list. It is hoped in a few days to get an ice-making machine at work—although it is difficult to understand why this simple matter has not been arranged long since. Considering the height of the thermometer, and cases of fever and sunstroke constantly arising, ice is an absolute necessity—not a luxury—and often means recovery, when without it death must be inevitable.

Among the notable deaths of the week may be noted that of Baron Hirsch, whose turf winnings have done so much to swell the receipts of so many London Hospitals and Charities. Ever since the death of his only son, the Baron determined to devote all the proceeds of racing to philanthropic and benevolent schemes.

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