

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

THE RED CROSS GERMICIDE.

THE antiseptics are now developing into a fine art. Twenty years ago one's hands were blistered with crude carbolic, and many were the cases in which poisonous symptoms followed the use of powerful solutions of corrosive sublimate. Now it is recognised that there is no necessity to poison either doctors, nurses, or patients in order to destroy bacilli, and the popularity of non-poisonous antiseptics is the common-sense consequence. The Red Cross Germicide Company, of 34, New Bridge Street, E.C., have gone one step further, and have introduced a powerful, non-poisonous, and non-irritating germicide, which is so exquisitely perfumed, and so artistically prepared, that many persons will be tempted to be antiseptic who, under the old conditions would have preferred to remain germ-ridden. The soap and perfume prepared by this Company are most delightful and fragrant, and their cost is so small that they are within the reach of most people. We strongly advise our readers to try these preparations in the sick room.

KREAT HALVIVA.

THIS preparation, which is a pure bitter, is slowly attaining a reputation amongst medical men, at least equal to, if it does not in some respects exceed, that of quinine. It is not astringent, and is of extraordinary benefit in the treatment of malarial fevers. Leading medical men who have tested its effects in cases of neuralgia, of indigestion, and of influenza, speak in the highest terms of its usefulness. Nurses suffering from overstrain and overwork will find it one of the simplest and safest tonics and restoratives which they could take. The preparation can be obtained from any chemist, or direct from the Halviva Company, 4, Temple Chambers, E.C.

TOILET REQUISITES.

MESSRS. SQUIRE, of 413, Oxford Street, the well-known chemists, have recently introduced some excellent preparations for the toilet, known as LEHLIA. Nurses will find the cream for the hands especially useful. The dentifrice, dusting powder, extract, and soap, have all had equal care bestowed on their preparation, and the fact of their being produced by such a well-known and reliable firm is a sufficient guarantee of their purity and general excellence.

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Events of the Week.

THE American Scare came, it saw, and then vanished. It was forced into the background by really portentous affairs in South Africa. The Transvaal has been so absorbing an interest that everyone has forgotten to ask what President Cleveland's intentions were. No doubt the American President feels very much injured that his "boom" has fallen so flat.

The trouble with America which arose from a difficulty as to Venezuelan territory, is to be solved by Lord Salisbury treating with Venezuela direct. In President Cleveland's message, he says, "any adjustment of boundary which Venezuela may deem to her advantage and may enter into of her own free will cannot, of course, be objected to." And so in this simple way the matter will be adjusted, and all idea of war between the most civilised countries in the world, America and England, will be avoided.

Meanwhile it would appear as if, even in South Africa, there has been much cry which will result in little wool. Dr. Jameson recently has been made more or less the hero of the hour, but it is very probable when the details of his "Ride," which has already been celebrated by the new Poet Laureate, come to be sifted, that some disagreeable disclosures may be made. At any rate the English people will need a more satisfactory explanation of the escapade, than that he went to rescue the women and children of Johannesburg from the clutches of the Boers. Boers are not painted savages; they are quiet respectable Dutchmen, in whose hands women and children are perfectly secure.

The German Emperor's somewhat bombastic message to President Kruger, was not in reality an insult aimed at the British Empire—although of course it had that effect—but was a blow intended to strike Cecil Rhodes, whose speech made during his last visit to England, on German invasion and German pretensions in South Africa has never been forgiven, and will never be forgotten by the autocratic Kaiser Wilhelm, and included a member of the Royal Family by marriage, whom the Emperor regards as a "commoner" and a rank "outsider," who should never have been permitted within the Royal circle, and whom he obstinately refuses to meet, socially or officially.

Arrests continue to be made in Cape Colony, and many officials and others in high positions have been taken prisoners for alleged complicity in the recent raid, and for not surrendering their arms when ordered to do so by the Government. It is believed the charge against these prisoners will be that of high treason and rebellion.

Meanwhile the Boers are retiring from their positions round Johannesburg and going back to their homes. But they are, unfortunately, carrying with them a very bitter feeling against the British, just when it seemed as if the bad blood that existed between the two peoples in 1881, were subsiding.

It appears to be almost substantiated that at the Cabinet Council on Saturday, very friendly relations were established between England, France, and Russia, and belief is strong that the extensive naval

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