

device as the Patent Bottle Clip of Messrs. Farrow and Jackson. Great waste ensues if, when champagne has been ordered by the doctor, the bottle has to be consumed by members of the family who only indulge in such a luxury because "it seems a pity to let the wine go flat." So it is. But it is much cheaper to try a clip than to consume champagne to save the price of so simple a contrivance.

### Preparations.

#### CHAMPION'S COLOURS FOR COOKING.

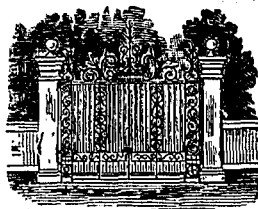
TO-DAY we demand of our cooks, not only that their sauces and gravies shall satisfy our critical palates, but that the colours of such important adjuncts to made dishes shall satisfy our æsthetic sense. An inferior cook is apt to concoct the most nauseous compounds of onion and coarse sugar in order to "brown" her soups and gravies to the approved tint; but the wise cook insists on having her "brownings" ready made by experts in the art; and, if she desires to maintain her reputation as a skilful *chef* she asks for Champion's—and, as an advertisement says, she "sees that she gets it." Champion's browning is indispensable in the modern labour-saving kitchen, and it is an inexpensive necessity which may always be relied upon for uniform good flavouring and the exquisite tint it imparts to sauces, gravies, curries, &c. It even makes "hash" an artistic-looking dish—and when we have said this it is the best testimony to its merits that could be offered.

#### AYLESBURY DAIRY CO.

THE Aylesbury Dairy Company has earned the gratitude of housewives by providing them with the possibility of real fresh eggs, irreproachable milk and sweet cream for their households. And these are dainties which even the most healthy, with good appetites, demand and enjoy. But it is a matter of much greater moment when sickness attacks the household that fresh dairy products should be obtainable. Most trained Nurses and countless mothers have cause to be grateful to the Humanised milk of which this firm makes a speciality. For by its invaluable aid many infant lives have been saved during severe illness; and countless babies have been enabled to tide over periods of vomiting and gastric disturbances when nothing but the humanised milk could be retained. Motherless babies—and babies whose mothers are not able to nurse them—are frequently fed entirely, and with good results, on this food, which science has added to our sick-room resources, and which the Aylesbury Dairy Co. prepare with such daintiness and accuracy.

### Outside the Gates.

#### WOMEN.



THERE is to be a Woman's Work Section at the Victorian Era Exhibition at Earl's Court. The whole Committee, some dozen in number, consists of ladies of title, saving the grace of the great artist Henrietta Rae. Is not such a Committee somewhat of

an anomaly at the end of the "woman's century"—a century which has produced such pioneers in women's work as Miss Florence Nightingale (Nursing), Mrs. Garrett Anderson (Medicine), Mrs. Garrett Fawcett (Higher Education of Women), Mrs. Sidney Webb (Trades Unionism), Mrs. Humphrey Ward (Literature), Miss Shaw (Journalism), Miss Louisa Twining (Poor Law Reform), Mrs. Kendal (Drama), Lady Henry Somerset (Social Reform), and Mrs. Creighton (Union of Women Workers). Duchesses and Countesses are a delightful section of the community, but we must dispute their right to act as experts concerning the great work accomplished by women of genius during the last half century. That this Committee should have been formed without the originator of the scheme, Mrs. Roberts-Austen, heading the list is one more proof of the ubiquity of the cuckoo.

In an interview in the *Daily Chronicle* with a lady typewriter, she says, in speaking of dictation from specialists, that each man is surprised if you are not well up in his particular subject. "Doctors, for instance, expect you to know all about microbes and bacilli, and to be able to spell off all the names, although they rattle them off just like short words. Then the names of the different nerves and nerve-centres in the body are not words that one uses much in general conversation. Medical work is apt to take away one's appetite. You begin to feel as if you had all the symptoms of the disease that the doctor is describing. By the time you have quite made up your mind that you have got it, you hear that the disease is incurable." Here is an opportunity for a Nurse-typewriter, who would be familiar with technical terms even when "rattled off."

Lord Winchilsea is appealing to the women of England to combine patriotism with domestic economy. He writes:—"Everyone who loves her country must deplore the ever increasing dependence of England upon foreign countries for her daily supply of food, and must see that it involves not only ruin to the British farmer, but a constant menace to our national safety. All should be anxious, therefore, to encourage the home producer, but hitherto there has been no reliable way of doing it. The British Produce Supply Association has been founded at Winchilsea House, Long Acre, W.C., with the express object of organising daily supplies of pure wholesome food direct from the growers in the country, and distributing it to buyers in London, and other large towns, at fair prices, either direct, or through their own tradesmen, whichever they prefer, but always bearing the 'Cable Brand' as a guarantee of origin and quality." We hope much of the Christmas cheer for Hospital use may be procured at Winchilsea House.

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