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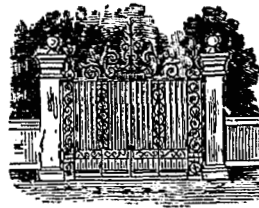
BENGER'S FOODS.

It is significant of the popularity which Benger's Food for Infants has justly attained that many nurses, and even we find some medical men, seem to be unaware of the other valuable preparations, both for children and invalids, which are manufactured by Messrs. F. B. Benger and Co., Limited, Otter Works, Manchester. Chief amongst these we would place the peptonised Beef Jelly and the peptonised Chicken Jelly, because we have given them a careful and systematic trial. Analysis proves that these jellies contain the nutritive constituents of beef and chicken respectively in a concentrated, partially digested, and most palatable form. They, therefore, are most valuable in the sick-room, and have to our knowledge been taken with relish by convalescents whose appetites it seemed impossible to tempt by any ordinary preparation, and the results proved that their nutrient properties are only superior to their stimulant effect upon enfeebled invalids. We confidently recommend them, therefore, to the attention of our readers.

FOR TENDER FEET.

THE majority of nurses, it is well known, suffer from more or less trouble with their feet. The many weary hours of standing and walking about the wards during their probationership leave the painful legacy of "flat foot" with many, and of corns or bunions with most. We therefore receive constant inquiries as to the best methods of alleviating the troubles in question, and undoubtedly the use every day of an emollient soap and a careful selection of well-fitting boots and shoes are the first points of prevention as well as of cure. But many suffer from such intractable corns that nothing short of extraction is of any avail, and we can cordially recommend such nurses to consult Messrs. Gardner and Rendall, the well-known and very careful and skilful chiropodists of 85, Regent Street, W. They have also a very valuable preparation for the feet in the shape of an ointment which, when rubbed into the skin, allays pain and tenderness in a speedy and most effectual manner; it also appears to exercise a distinctly curative effect upon corns, because it causes these to soften and peel off. In short, we are glad to recommend Messrs. Gardner and Rendall to the notice of nurses, many of whom undoubtedly continue to bear pain from conditions affecting their feet which are quite remediable under experienced treatment.

WOMEN.



SIX o'clock on Wednesday last will not be soon forgotten by those interested in the enfranchisement of women. It was then, after many hours of anxious waiting in the Central Hall of the House of Commons, that the good news was announced that

the second reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill had been carried by the splendid majority of 71; 228 members voting against and 157 for the amendment to postpone this just reform. This triumphant result of a long debate was somewhat of a surprise, as it was known that a strong Whip urging members to vote against the measure had been issued, signed by Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Chaplin, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Mr. Hanbury, Sir John Mowbray, Sir Francis Powell, and Sir James Fergusson (Unionists); Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bryce, Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth, Mr. Broadhurst, Sir Joseph Pease, Mr. Lloyd-Morgan, and Mr. Labouchere (Radicals). The forcible letter sent to all members of Parliament asking for their support for the Bill, and signed amongst others by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Miss Balfour, Mrs. Leonard Courtney, Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Knightley, Mrs. W. E. H. Lecky, Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Henry Sidgwick, the Countess of Selborne, Mrs. Temple, and Lady Trevelyan, had evidently received due consideration.

Upon the initiative of the Countess of Aberdeen it is proposed to organise a Victorian Order of Home Helpers to look after the sick and suffering in the Dominion of Canada, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Wedding with the Empire.

The Czar has assigned a sum of 65,000 roubles from the Imperial Treasury for the erection of residential quarters for the female students attending the St. Petersburg Medical Institute for Women. The building will be opened this year.

This month's *Nineteenth Century* is remarkable for the number of papers it contains by women, somewhat of a new departure in the leading "monthly." Women who are interested in industrial subjects should all read "Law and the Laundry": (1) "Commercial Laundries," by Mrs. Bernard Bosanquet, Mrs. Creighton, and Mrs. Sydney Webb; (2) "Laundries in Religious Houses," by Lady Frederick Cavendish. "Sketches made in Germany," by Mrs. Blyth, is very clever, and exposes the inevitable jealousy of the cramped and bitter little *Hausfrau* of the emancipated English gentlewoman. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's reply to Lady Priestley's article on "Nurses à la Mode," also appears in this month's *Nineteenth Century*.

Lectures on social and charitable work are now being organised by a joint committee of the Women's

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