

Preparations, Inventions, &c.

FROMM'S FOOD.

OUR attention has been called to a new and valuable preparation to which this name is given. From our examination of the preparation we are led to believe that it must be made from purely vegetable materials, probably some nut; and therefore its highly nutritious quality is easily understood. It is very palatable, and makes a very savoury addition to ordinary soups, gravies, and invalids' beef tea. Its price, also, is so moderate that it is sure to be more popular than some other valuable preparations the expense of which prevents them from becoming universally employed. We therefore anticipate that this food will enjoy a considerable popularity, especially among invalids. It can be obtained from all chemists and grocers, or direct from the Red Cross Germicide Company, 61½, Fore Street, E.C.

PATTISON'S WHISKY.

It is now a generally accepted fact that of all the poisons which men can imbibe, the coarser, cheaper forms of fusel oil which are dignified by the name of whisky are about the most deadly. On the other hand it is equally admitted that the best and purest form of stimulant for both healthy and sick, and especially for the latter, is old, well-matured whisky. It is, therefore, of the first importance to be able to discriminate between the former and the latter, and, as Nurses at the present day will desire to know how to make their choice for their patients without being able to speak from personal experience on the subject, they will doubtless be glad to know that Pattison's Whisky is renowned, not only in Scotland, but throughout the world, as absolutely pure, sound, and mellowed by age. It has been well described as a *boon*, not a *bane*. It can be obtained from any wine merchants.

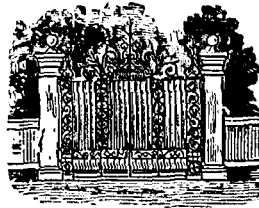
BARGAINS.

THE last week of the sales! Who can resist a bargain? During the past week we have paid visits to the establishments of Messrs. Debenham and Freebody and Messrs. Peter Robinson, where veritable bargains are to be made with a little selection and care. Messrs. Debenham and Freebody have this year made a great speciality of lengths of beautiful brocaded and also plain silks, and we helped a Matron to select a length of exquisite black *poult de soie* for a full-dress uniform gown, in which we feel sure she will look very imposing indeed. This durable and becoming material was being sold at 3s. 11d. per yard, and was worth double the price. Black silk gowns are so universally worn by Hospital Matrons now at professional functions, that it would be economical to secure a length of silk at Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's at the sale prices.

Nurses love little vanities, like other women, and at Messrs. Peter Robinson's we found the speciality of the sale to be blouses. Those made in the art shades of velveteen at one guinea each were quite charming. Those made of fancy flannels are specially adapted to wear with a cycling coat and skirt, and indeed at this establishment every sort of dainty addition to the toilet can be obtained.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



AT the second Annual Meeting of the Women's Industrial Council, which was held on Monday, Mr. R. B. Haldane, Q.C., M.P., who presided, emphasised the need for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to women; Mrs. Homan, L.S.B., urged the necessity for

limiting the number of hours during which children were employed; Mrs. Schwann (Manchester), spoke upon the necessity for women's trade unions, and Miss Black upon the benefit of physical drill classes for girls.

The application for a new trial in the case of *Beatty v. Cullingworth* was heard before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lopes and Lord Justice Chitty, and was dismissed by their lordships. We are informed, however, that so strongly does Miss Beatty feel on the subject that she intends to appeal to the House of Lords. We have been surprised to find how many women of position are desirous of making this a test case concerning the rights of patients and doctors. The result of the publicity given to this case in the Courts of Law has been the formation of a new organisation called the Society for the Protection of Hospital Patients, and a paper was read at the Pioneer Club on Thursday by Miss Beatty on this subject, dealing principally with the Hospital system as it affects women, which was followed by a lively discussion.

Under the presidency of Frau Minna Cauer, the first German ladies' club will be opened in Berlin early this month. It is to be formed on American lines, and its membership will embrace all women doing literary, artistic, scientific and social work. We hope the Kaiser will not peremptorily order the closing of its doors.

The Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell states in the *Clarion*:—"The future of the woman movement in Germany undoubtedly lies with the Social Democratic party, the only strong political party in the world that demands the full equality of the sexes. When the middle-class women make demands, they have no political party to represent them; when the working women wish to agitate for anything, they have forty-seven members of the Reichstag to push their claims."

Is it in Germany only that this political phase is becoming apparent? We formed much the same conclusion concerning women of intellectual force, as an onlooker at the International Socialists' Congress held in London last summer.

The legislature of Wyoming, United States of America, have lately passed a series of resolutions

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