

against the other officials they heard their replies and came to their decision in her absence. There was not the slightest complaint against her in her capacity as nurse, but they did object, amongst other things, to her seeking to have sole control over the Infirmaries. The Committee had dealt with the most urgent of Miss Rogers' requirements at once, but many of the things could have been supplied from stock had she applied to the Master or Matron. She did not say that she was applying to the Committee because she could not get them from the Matron.—The inquiry then closed, having lasted for over seven hours, exclusive of a short luncheon interval.

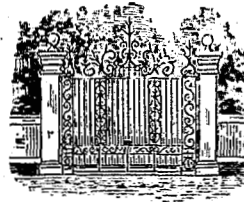
### New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

#### PAGET'S MILK FOOD.

The question of what substitute shall be used in infant feeding when the supply of natural nourishment fails for any reason is one of great importance, as the future good or ill health of the child depends, to a great extent, upon the selection made. Messrs. Clay, Paget, and Co., Limited, of 23, Ebury Street, Eaton Square, W., have exhaustively studied the question from a scientific standpoint, and as the result of their investigations have prepared an artificial food which we confidently commend to the attention of our readers. It is a modification of fresh cow's milk only, and contains no preservative whatever. It is supplied in vacuum bottles, and the milk used is from a selected herd of cattle, all of which have passed the tuberculin test, and are under the inspection of a veterinary surgeon. The milk is also sterilized. A further advantage is that in each case the milk supplied can be modified, as may be considered advisable by the medical attendant, to suit the infant. This is an important point, as there are as many individualities of stomachs as there are of faces. The milk is supplied in boxes of six bottles, at 3s., or of one dozen bottles, at 6s., carriage paid to any part of the country, and if the age of the infant is given the weekly supply is arranged so as to prevent any interruption in the regular feeding of the infant with the milk. All Children's Hospitals, as well as Maternity Homes, should write for samples of this milk. We may add that it has also been used with success in dieting typhoid patients. We think this food should also be very useful in the case of invalids travelling by sea. It is by no means always possible to obtain fresh milk at sea, and it is within our knowledge that invalids sent home from a tropical hospital have been provided with a goat in order that the necessary milk may be obtainable on the homeward voyage. A supply of Paget's milk would obviously be much more handy.

### Outside the Gates.

#### WOMEN.



The King has won golden opinions from women by his manly attitude towards the Queen, and may his studied courtesy—as together they came hand in hand to open Parliament—be taken as a standard for men towards women in this new reign and century. Imagine what that fine ceremony would have lost by the absence of Queen Alexandra, would it not have been sadly incomplete, dull, and obsolete? Those who were present say that the stately dignity of the King and the charming grace of the Queen—in their crimson velvet robes emblazoned with gold—in contrast with the pale Blue Ribbon of the Garter—combined to make a perfect whole. This is the Law, according to the Scriptures it is written "male and female *together* they shall have dominion."

In conferring the title and dignity of a Lady of the Most Noble Order of the Garter upon the Queen, the King commanded that a Special Statute under the Seal of the Order should be issued. By the First Statute of the Order it is laid down that everyone who succeeds to the throne of England shall be Sovereign of the Garter; and by virtue of that statute Queen Elizabeth was certainly so styled, while Queen Mary, her predecessor, was styled joint Sovereign with King Philip her husband. Moreover, from the early days when the Order was instituted, Royal and noble ladies were admitted to the Fellowship and presented with the Garter, though their exact position in regard to the Order is involved in some obscurity. This practice, however, seems like so many other honours for women to have fallen into disuse, though it certainly continued in the reign of Henry VII. Presumably Queen Alexandra will be on the same footing as the Princess Elizabeth, afterwards Queen of Henry VII., and the other ladies already referred to, and not on that of a Knight of the other sex.

A number of Members who support the extension of the Parliamentary Suffrage to women last Friday met in conference delegates from the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. It was decided to ballot for a Bill on the subject, and, failing success in this effort, to raise the question by way of resolution. Miss Helen Blackburn thinks that the Parliamentary friends who met the representatives of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in conference can the better wait on the times and seasons of Parliament without impatience, because their aspirations are linked with the highest example. They can present their claim at the triple threshold of century, reign, and Parliament, supported by the persistent endeavours of over eleven hundred workers, supported also by the knowledge that every successive general election during the past thirty years has diminished the ratio of their opponents.

Sir Charles Dilke will introduce a Bill, and Mr. Taylor and General Laurie have given notice that they will move resolutions, dealing with the disabilities of women, and that it is desirable that they should exercise the Parliamentary franchise.

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