

New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

DAINTY SOAPS AND WHERE TO GET THEM.

We have received from Messrs. Hodgson and Simpson, of the Calder Soap Works, Wakefield, specimens of toilet soaps manufactured under their direction. We especially commend to the notice of our readers the Lion Carbolic Toilet Soap, which while containing a sufficient percentage of carbolic to act effectively as a disinfectant is at the same time pleasantly scented, so that the odour of carbolic, which is disliked by many people, is not perceptible. Private nurses would find this soap very useful, both for the use of the medical man in attendance, and also for themselves, while for toilet purposes in infectious cases it would be an ideal soap. Other soaps supplied by this firm are the Lion Violet Soap, and the Invincible Transparent Soap. Both of these are daintily and deliciously scented, and will be found delightful for ordinary toilet purposes. We strongly advise our readers next time they are laying in a stock of this necessary article to give a trial to the three soaps above mentioned. To try once will we feel sure be to come again.

ROBB'S NURSERY BISCUITS.

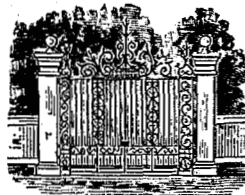
It is of the utmost importance when it becomes necessary to introduce an artificial food into the nursery that the right one should be selected. So much depends upon the right choice, not only for the present health of the child, but also in respect to his future stamina and health that it is of paramount importance. It is reasonable to assume that Royal Children, who have the highest medical skill attainable, are brought up on the most suitable and satisfactory food, and it is therefore of interest to learn that for the last eighty years Robb's Nursery Biscuits have been supplied to the Royal Nurseries, to her late Majesty, to Queen Alexandra, to the Princess of Wales, and to England's future King, Prince Edward of York. These facts speak for themselves. For feeding bottle use a Biscuit Powder is supplied, while for older children the Nursery Biscuits form an ideal food. They require no cooking, are easily prepared, children like them, and they will be found most satisfactory.

A Primitive Cure.

The following primitive "cure" for small-pox has been discovered by the Leytonstone Guardians in one of their registers for the year 1700: "Take thirty to forty live toads and burn them to cinders in a new pot; then crush into a fine black powder. Dose for small-pox, 3 oz."

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



What with the House of Lords busying itself about its housemaid, and the House of Commons discussing midwifery without the help of mamma, the political Betty Maria has had a busy time of late. It is refreshing to record, however, that sixty lady graduates have at last realised the absurdity of the political situation, and have presented a petition in favour of Woman's Suffrage at Westminster. In support of the case Miss Esther Roper, B.A., asked whether it was not ridiculous that a Bill dealing with midwives should be only discussed by men. Such a situation, she considered, was lacking both in common sense and good taste.

Thus representatives of the professional as well as the industrial classes have petitioned this Session for equal political rights with men.

The arrangements made by various well-meaning ladies in society for encouraging the emigration of women to South Africa proceed apace. The fact must not, however, be overlooked, that women in South Africa have at present no political rights, and considerable responsibility is incurred by those who urge working-class women to emigrate without well considering the situation, and making it plain to would-be emigrants. In this country women of the wage-earning classes feel their disabilities keenly enough. In South Africa these are intensified. In a mixed population, including a considerable proportion of Kaffirs and half-breeds, women rank politically with the latter classes. It is easy to realise the indignity and impossibility of their position under such circumstances, more especially when competition—with increased emigration—becomes keen.

It must further be borne in mind that both the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Asquith, who are supporting the Women's Emigration movement, have publicly declared themselves against granting the parliamentary suffrage to women. Now that Lord Milner, High Commissioner for South Africa, is revising the qualifications for the franchise, the time is opportune for women to state their case, and to say plainly that they refuse to emigrate unless they are accorded equal rights with men in the election of those who make the laws by which they are governed.

They will also do well to remember that living is very costly in South Africa, that salaries which would keep them in comfort in this country will barely suffice to provide them with the necessities of life out there, and lastly, that the regulations controlling domestic service are apparently more akin to those applied to coloured labour than such as British women are accustomed to or will tolerate. Our advice to women workers, before accepting the invitation to emigrate to society women, who have never had to earn their

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