

Pleasant Preparations.

ROBINSON'S PATENT BARLEY.

At the present day there are many preparations offered to the public for infants' food when a substitute for the mother's milk becomes necessary, and some of them are excellent, but of all these none takes a higher place than the old-established favourite Robinson's Patent Barley. In practical experience many infants thrive on Robinson's Patent Barley, which, before its use, have been ailing and delicate. The preparation is mixed with warm water, to which cow's milk is added in proportion to the age of the infant and its powers of digestion. It is usual to begin with a preparation containing three-fourths of barley water to one-fourth cow's milk and gradually to increase the milk until the infant can digest it undiluted. The Patent Barley can also be used in preparing barley water for invalids.

ROBINSON'S PATENT GROATS.

Robinson's Groats, prepared from Scotch-grown grain, are also admirable for the preparation of the morning porridge, which should be a standing breakfast dish in every household. Eaten with milk it is a most pleasant, wholesome, and strengthening article of diet, provided the grain used is of good quality, and this may be ensured by the use of Robinson's Groats. Excellent gruel may be made from Robinson's Groats in the course of a few minutes.

KEEN'S MUSTARD.

Another preparation which should be found in every household is Keen's Mustard. Mustard is a condiment which adds zest to many meals, and which, indeed, we have come to regard as indispensable. Keen's Mustard has held its own for over 150 years, during which time it has gained no less than thirty-nine gold, five silver, and six bronze medals.

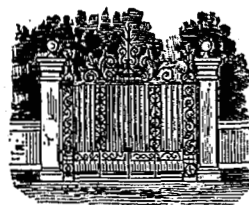
All the above preparations are supplied by Messrs. Keen, Robinson, & Co., Ltd.

SHELL BRAND FLOOR POLISH.

An excellent floor polish which is clean in use, and gives a high polish to stained boards or parquet, is "Shell Brand" polish, which is very suitable for institutional purposes. It requires no heating or diluting, has a pleasant aromatic smell, and is easily applied. It has stood the test of time, being one of the oldest polishes on the market, and it is still a general favourite. It is supplied in small quantities at sixpence a pound, or in five and ten-gallon cans, as well as in larger quantities. We feel confident that any of our readers who do not already know this polish will be pleased with the result if they give it a trial.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The fourteenth session of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands was largely occupied with an excited debate upon the petition of a lady to be admitted to the office of preacher in the State Church of Holland. The candidate, Fraulein Cremer, has obtained a good degree in the University, and is entitled to write herself "Doctorandin" by the faculty of philosophy, though not by the faculty of theology. Two eminent Dutch professors of theology—Dr. Offerhaus, of the University of Leyden, and Dr. Cannegieter, of the University of Utrecht, both of whom have seats in the Synod—spoke warmly in behalf of Fraulein Cremer's appeal, and also in support of the general principle that qualified women should be licensed by the Synod as preachers of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Several of the members supported the proposal of the two professors of theology. It was ruled, however, that the general question was not properly before the Synod, but the individual petition of Miss Cremer. When the votes were taken, nine gave their voices for the admission of the learned lady to the pulpit, but ten voted against it. It is surely a significant fact that such an innovation should have been rejected only by a majority of one.

It will be remembered that in the early Christian Church women were admitted to the diaconate, a fact the more remarkable when we consider the Oriental view of the position of women. It is greatly to be regretted that women have allowed their ordination as deaconesses to lapse.

Baroness Reille's Ladies' Committee for the defence of the Religious Orders in France has received a congratulatory address from the Lady Mayoress of Limerick and other Catholic ladies of that town. Among other things the address says:—"We and our children deplore the infamous conduct of your Government, which cannot find some better occasion for humiliating that beautiful France whom we all love. Can anything be more shameful than to wage war upon defenceless women and their little children? Our hearts leap with joy in contemplating the heroic courage with which you hold out against the passion of men devoid of conscience and of patriotism. Struggle with all the energy of your faith and your love, Struggle; yours is the most sacred cause. Struggle, our hearts are with you; oh, that we might be with you in person to mingle our blood with yours."

It is stated that the Queen of Roumania has repeated a former invitation to Count Tolstoy to end his days as an honoured guest in Roumania, and it seems likely that the Count may accept the invitation.

The most interesting and picturesque girls in the world are the Russians, declares a Parisian writer. They are ready to die for an idea. The Russian girl Nihilist is not afraid to be sent to Siberia or to be

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