

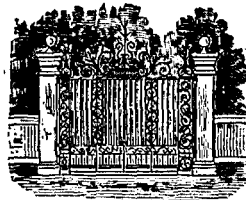
HORROCKSES' PRINTED FLANNELETTES.

To those who, with the advent of spring, are searching for some novelties for blouses and underwear we commend Horrockses' printed flannelettes, which are most inviting and dainty. They are to be had in shades of pink, mauve, sky-blue, green, navy, and black, stamped with a white pin-point pattern, and also in the same colourings with other designs. Those who cannot amongst the various patterns find something to please them must be hard to suit. We commend them to the attention of all our readers.

A word is necessary, in view of the many fatalities which have occurred from wearing foreign flannelettes, in explanation of the difference between these and those of British make of good quality. Foreign flannelettes, as a rule, are merely a thin fabric with a surface scratched up, leaving the ground-work almost as thin as muslin. This material is highly inflammable, and consequently dangerous; whereas a good British flannelette has a firm, closely-woven foundation, and does not ignite more readily than the ordinary calico which for so long reigned supreme as a material for under-garments. The former article certainly has the advantage over the latter as regards prettiness and cosiness. The moral of the danger resulting from wearing cheap flannelettes is to abjure those of foreign make, and to obtain them from a firm who can be relied on to supply those of good quality only. This is assured by insisting on having Horrockses'.

KING'S PATENT COOKED OATMEAL.

Many nurses are glad to know of a reliable oatmeal from which gruel can be quickly made, as after a maternity case it is very desirable that as soon as the patient is comfortably settled she should have some light nourishment, the most appropriate being a good gruel. Therefore when a nurse is consulted, as she frequently is beforehand, as to the requisites a patient should have in the house, she would do well to suggest that these should include a supply of "King's Patent Cooked Oatmeal." The special advantage of this preparation is that, being already thoroughly cooked, by a new patent process, it is possible to make a cup of gruel with only one minute's boiling, and, consequently, with much saving of time and trouble. When a nurse, as not infrequently happens, has to make the gruel, this is of real importance, for, if ordinary oatmeal be used, its preparation takes at least twenty minutes. Thus, not only is the nurse taken away from her nursing duties, but the patient is kept longer than necessary without nourishment, and, consequently, without the sleep and rest which usually follows its administration. This may be avoided by the use of King's Oatmeal, prepared at the Albion Food Mills, Sycamore Street, E.C.

Outside the Gates.**WOMEN.**

Miss Emily Davies, member of the Executive Committee of the Central Society for Women's Suffrage, draws attention to the progress which the movement is making both in and out of Parliament. She refers to the gratifying result of the division on Sir Charles

M'Laren's resolution, when a majority of 114 members of the House of Commons declared in favour of extending the Parliamentary franchise to women. "Those who have worked hitherto," Miss Davies observes, "in the face of much discouragement for the enfranchisement of women are now animated by a fresh stimulus, that of a nearer and more confident hope. The movement is supported by a constantly-increasing body of adherents, new societies or committees springing up all over the country. We look to the Press for its powerful aid in bringing into view new facts, throwing fresh light on the situation, and we trust that a calm and unprejudiced consideration of the case as it now stands will ere long bring about a reform which, while beneficial to all classes of the community, can be injurious to none."

The late Dean Stanley loved to tell of an Easter Sunday forty-one years ago. Stanley was one of the earliest guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales after they had settled down to married life at Sandringham, and he spent Easter Sunday with them. Of this delightful visit he wrote: "On the evening of Easter Eve the Princess came to me in a corner of the drawing-room with her prayer-book, and I went through the Communion Service with her, explaining the peculiarities, and the likenesses and differences to and from the Danish service. She was most simple and fascinating. . . My visit to Sandringham gave me intense pleasure. I was there for three days. I read the whole service, preached, then gave the first English Sacrament to this 'Angel in the Palace.' I saw a great deal of her, and can truly say that she is as charming and beautiful a creature as ever passed through a fairy-tale."

In an anonymous character sketch of the Tsar in the *Fortnightly Review*, the Tsar's passion for peace, which the writer characteristically describes as his "dread of war, which does not increase his popularity with the army," is stated to be derived from "closest association with his mother":—

"The present writer has had the opportunity of hearing the views of the Dowager Empress of Russia on the subject of war. There can be no indiscretion in saying that Her Majesty's loathing and detestation of the method of settling international differences by resort to physical force it is impossible to exaggerate.

"It is not that the Dowager Empress is insensible to the necessity of defending national rights by effective preparations by land and sea, but that the new spirit of humanity, which has already led to a distinct diminution in the military ambitions of France, finds a most powerful friend in the Dowager Empress of Russia."

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