

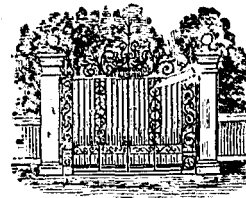
Lemco and Oxo Meeting.

The Forty-First Ordinary General Meeting of the Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, Ltd., was held at Cannon Street Hotel on the 12th inst., Mr. Chas. E. Gunther, the chairman, presiding. After dealing with the figures in the balance sheet, the chairman reported the purchase of several estancias, bringing the acreage of the Company's cattle farms up to 1,074,960 acres, carrying a stock of 185,000 head. He also reported the shipment of a number of pedigree stud cattle, including some Herefords from His Majesty's farms at Windsor. Good increases in the sales of Lemco and Oxo were announced. Fray Bentos Corned Beef and Tongues have been more popular than ever, and the Company have just received a large order for the former from H. M. Government.

Referring to the recent reports which had appeared in the papers regarding alleged irregularities in packing canned meats in Chicago, the Chairman said that he thought that any discussion of the matter would benefit the Company's trade, all their manufacturing departments in the River Plate being carried on under the strictest scientific control. Tuberculosis is almost unknown in the River Plate where the Company's cattle farms are situated, the animals pass expert veterinary examination before entering the factory, and the carcasses are again inspected by a chemist after killing. The process of manufacture from beginning to end is controlled by expert chemists, while as an additional safeguard, every batch of Lemco and Oxo is analysed and tested both at the works and in Europe before it reaches the trade. Their trade, he mentioned, is an international one, and ever since the formation of the Company, they have adopted the policy of working under the control of independent scientists of the highest reputation. This policy was laid down by their founder, the celebrated Baron Justus von Liebig, as an essential condition, and has never been departed from. To-day they have the advantage of the control of Sir Henry Roscoe as chief scientist in the United Kingdom, and of equally eminent gentlemen on the Continent. The Company have the use of an unlimited supply of water, the river at Fray Bentos being about four miles wide, and during the whole time killing is in progress, hoses play upon the tiled floors, and at the conclusion of each day's slaughter, the whole place is thoroughly flushed down and left spotlessly clean. The Chairman mentioned that the President of the Uruguayan Republic and the British Minister to Uruguay have both visited the factory, and he read a letter from Professor Robert Wallace, Professor of Agriculture and Rural Economy in Edinburgh University, speaking in very high terms of the sanitary condition of the factory and the satisfactory manner in which the process of manufacture was carried out. Resolutions were passed agreeing to the increase of the Company's capital by the creation of an additional 20,000 shares of £5. each to be issued within the next twelve months at £20 per share, and the final dividend of 10 per cent. and bonus of 2½ per cent. were declared.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN



Father Vaughan's scathing indictment of modern society would seem to have fallen on deaf ears to judge from a glimpse of the Park last Sunday. Women were literally floating around in ball dresses of the most elaborate and exquisite make and texture, chapeaux composed of plumes, hosiery of real lace, embroidered shoes, endless gloves, and, physiological marvel, all wearing baby pink and white complexions, smiles, and dimples. A wrinkle here or there, or a little grey hair, would have added a touch of variety. One old friend, an emancipated widow, expressed the religion of the age, "Life's only a wee whiff after all. I have already lost years. I'm going to live every little minute of what's left. I was an old woman at twenty; at forty I'm going to skip." A "green-eyed monster" was lounging near by, he was an hungered and in rags. Mental interrogation passed between us: "What doest thou in this *galère*?" I questioned. All tersely his glittering eyes flashed back the answer, "Bombs—they make skip."

It is announced that Mrs. Wilhelmina Paton Fleming, who has achieved remarkable success in the discovery of stars during her work as curator of the astronomical photographs at Harvard University, has been elected a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, an honour never yet bestowed upon an American woman. Mrs. Fleming's native place was Dundee, Scotland. She has been connected with the Harvard Observatory twenty-seven years. She discovered her first star in 1887. A partial list of her discoveries includes eight stars of the type Nova, eleven new variables, and eighty-three stars in a cluster which was supposed to contain fifteen. Mrs. Fleming attributes her success more to the equipment at the observatory than to her own talents.

Newspapers in the States of the frivolous type are having their round of sport over the proposition of Mrs. Julia Goldzier, of Bayonne, N.J., that women be added to the police force. Yet Mrs. Goldzier makes a sensible plea for this innovation. She says, what is perfectly true, that "the care of children, with its multitudinous tasks, is becoming more and more a civic responsibility;" and because it seems to her that this responsibility has police aspects, she proposes that women, as the natural care-takers of children, be appointed to perform such police duty as relates especially to children. If there is anything comical or irrational about this, we confess our inability to see the joke.

For the first time a woman is to act as one of the Presidents of the Eisteddfod, which is to be held at Carnarvon. The lady to whom this honour has fallen is Mrs. A. A. Needham, a gifted Irishwoman.

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