

New Preparations & Inventions.

KLOPFER'S GLIDINE.

This is a food powder recently introduced into this country, though it is stated to have been widely used on the Continent, and certainly is highly spoken of by German physicians. It is officially stated to be a "natural genuine protoplasm albumen extracted from the very centre of the wheat grain, and containing in the dry substance about 96 per cent. albumen, 1 per cent. Lecithin (the principal constituent of the human nerve substance), 1 per cent. salt, and only about 2 per cent. carbohydrates." As our readers know, this Journal does not indiscriminately praise every new food that is placed on the market. We have seen scores of these preparations which were theoretically excellent, but which were commercial failures. With regard to Glidine there is no doubt that while the quantity of Lecithin is too small to have much practical effect, the unusually large proportion of albumen, and the unusually small proportion of starchy matter should make this a very valuable food for diabetics, and for the obese. It is tasteless, and best administered in cocoa, milk, or soup. We have tried it, and find that it is palatable and easily digested, and we propose to give it a further and more extensive trial because of its theoretical value. If the practical results prove to be as good as its chemical composition would lead one to expect, there is no doubt that it will be a very useful addition to the dietary in many cases of disease; and we will publish in due course the observations which one of our staff has kindly promised to make on the matter.

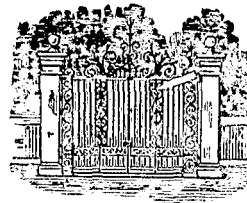
THE CELERIO HOT WATER BOTTLE.

Who that knows the comfort of a hot water bottle on a cold night would willingly be without one? Who that has experienced the relief of certain forms of headache by its application does not regard it as an invaluable friend? But most hot water bottles have their drawbacks. They are apt to leak, and to bubble over when filled, and stoppers are easily lost.

Not so if the "Celerio" is used, for instead of the old-fashioned screw stopper it is fitted with a patent hot water valve, which renders the bottle absolutely unbreakable, and also obviates the danger of bubbling over during filling. Further, this valve is so small that it cannot be felt when laid upon. It is obtainable in four sizes from Southall Bros. and Barclay, Ltd., Bull Street, Birmingham, and of all chemists and dealers. The sole manufacturers are J. B. Brooks & Co., Ltd., Birmingham.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN



Mr. Keir Hardie's bill for granting votes to women, which is backed, among others, by Sir W. Bull, Mr. Enoch Edwards, Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. Leif-Jones, Sir John Randles, and Mr. Franklin Thomasson, consists of the following single

clause: From and after the passing of this Act, in all Acts relating to the qualifications and registration of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election of members of Parliament, wherever words occur which import the masculine gender the same shall be held to include women. Women's Suffrage is to be put in the front rank of the Labour Party's work next Session.

A Parliamentary Paper just issued shows that since 1890 the number of petitions to the House of Commons in favour of women's suffrage was 2,584, and that the number of signatures to such petitions was 193,618.

Mr. Walsh, M.P., presiding recently at a meeting of the '05 Club, said no reforms of real importance were secured by armchair methods. Miss Kilgour, M.A., the speaker of the evening, alluded to the absolute need for women to be elected upon public bodies, citing tales of abuses which had crept into public institutions, especially women's lunatic asylums, through the supervision being confined to the opposite sex.

Mr. Gooch's Bill for the prohibition of barmaids is backed by Mr. Percy Alden, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Maddison, and Mr. T. W. Russell. The Bill will empower licensing justices to forbid the employment of women on any particular licensed premises—a discretion now confined to new premises. There is no suggestion of compulsorily dismissing barmaids already in employment.

"Children," says Mill, "cannot be better taught than they are fed. Education is impossible without sufficient food. We are spending large sums of money upon education, but we are spoiling the ship it is said, for a ha'porth of tar. There are a large number of ill-fed, if not half-starved, children in our schools, and they are a blot on our character as a community, which ought to be removed." Such is the evil put in small compass. To remedy it we have the Education (Provision of Meals) Bill, now before Parliament.

Many of our readers who appreciate the value of Peri-Lusta threads in the execution of fine art needlework, will be glad to learn that a full stock of them is kept by Messrs. James Spence and Co., St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C. The proprietors have been able

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