

New Preparations, &c.

MIOL.

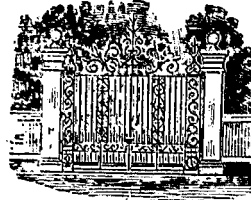
This is a new preparation which analysis proves to be composed of Iodine, Phosphorus, Oil, and Maltine. It is stated to be made from the finest olive oil, seaweed, malt extract, and Jordan almonds. Theoretically, the preparation should be a very valuable one for tuberculous patients, and it is for these cases that it has been found practically most useful. We have been favoured with a report from a hospital physician, who has tried the preparation somewhat extensively, and who writes as follows: "Miol is undoubtedly a valuable preparation. I have prescribed it for a number of children suffering from various exhausting diseases, such as strumous disease of the glands and joints, and after Scarlet Fever and Measles. In every instance, I have found the preparation well taken, and that there was no disturbance either of the appetite or of the digestion. Moreover, a great advantage is that the preparation can be taken in warm weather as well as in cold. I am inclined, therefore, to think that Miol will prove to be a very valuable substitute for cod-liver oil, and that bulk for bulk it is considerably more efficacious. I should add that I have also prescribed Miol in cases of bronchitis and neurasthenia amongst adults, in each case the beneficial results of its use were very marked and encouraging."

TILIA.

Messrs. Peek, Frean, and Co., the well-known Biscuit manufacturers, have recently introduced a new and valuable preparation, to which they have given the trade name of "Tilia." In brief, this is milk albumen in its most soluble and digestive form. As all our readers are aware, albumen is the essential constituent necessary for the building up of the human frame, and, therefore, theoretically speaking, perfectly pure albuminous preparations are the best concentrated nourishment which the body can be given. The preparation has been introduced in three forms, Tilia Powder, Cocoa, and Biscuits. The Powder contains about 80 per cent. of pure milk albumen, and is, therefore, a very valuable addition to soups and gravies. The Tilia Cocoa and Biscuits, of course, contain a smaller quantity of Tilia, but add its nutritive qualities to the Cocoa Powder or the Wholemeal or Wheat with which it is combined in the above productions. We have tried all these preparations and find them most palatable, nourishing, and digestible, and we recommend them to the notice of trained nurses.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Miss M. Llewellyn Davies, in a letter addressed to the press on the House of Lords' Amendment to the Qualification of Women (County and Borough Councils) Bill, which provided that women might not be elected as Mayors, or Chairmen of County Councils, writes: "Certainly, from one point of view, this action of the Lords is a tribute to the capacity of women and the excellent sense of local authorities. For the restriction implies that unless legally forbidden women would prove themselves such valued public servants that they would be elected to these much-coveted posts. But the clause is in effect a slight on women and an interference with the democratic rights of popularly-elected bodies. It is difficult to treat with respect or tolerance the prejudice and timidity which inspire such prohibitions. Surprise is sometimes expressed by men when they see work which they have hitherto undertaken admirably done by women. They cannot realise that all that women need is the chance of showing their capacity." She then draws attention to the Chairmanship of the late Miss Flora Stevenson, of the Edinburgh School Board, and of Lady O'Hagan, of the Burnley School Board. She thinks it safe to assume that "women would not be chosen by their colleagues for administrative positions unless they possessed administrative power in a marked degree. . . . Women's demand is for freedom, for the removal of the barriers which debar them from their rights as citizens."

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Burns moved the second reading of the Qualification of Women (County and Borough Councils) Bill, to enable women to sit and vote as members of borough and county councils while not qualifying them to act as justices of the peace. Mr. Burns said that the House of Lords had amended the Bill to preclude women from serving as mayors of boroughs or as chairmen of county councils. The Government proposed to disagree with the Lords in that amendment.

There were a few inevitable objectors to the Bill, and one grave flaw was evident when Mr. A. Henderson, who asked whether, if the Bill if passed in its present form, married women outside London would be able to sit on a county or borough council, received an answer in the negative. But the large majority of the House was in favour of the most important principle of allowing women to serve on the Councils, and there voted for the second reading 132, and against only 13, and the Bill was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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