

religion, he says, "I am a Mohammedan, of course, but I worship Christ, of course I do," and according to whether he is a Turk or a Christian, changes his belief.

An account of the hospital would not be complete without the mention of a Turkish medical student who attached himself to us on our arrival, and who has been absolutely invaluable. He has done everything in turn from helping at operations to housekeeping and marketing. His temper remains unruffled under any circumstances; he is ready to help one and all. He interviews the authorities, and writes the Turkish official letters. He argues with the washerwomen, the servants, or the patients, as the case may be. After the war, or when our hospital is no more needed, he will return to the Faculté de Médecine, and hopes in the course of his studies to see us all once again in London.

KATHERINE H. WHEATLEY.

RADIO-ACTIVE FOODS.

At a recent dinner party of the staff of Messrs. Charles Zimmermann & Co., a novel item was a *hors d'œuvre* with Radio-Active biscuits, this radiferous food being the very latest in dietetics. According to the *Lancet*, "the effect of radio-active treatment is simply an improved condition of the processes of nutrition and a consequent relief to disturbances of metabolism." This means that the absorbing and eliminatory power of the body will be increased by radium.

We have received a photograph of the biscuit taken by its own rays.

BOND'S MARKING INK.

Those who began in early life to use John Bond's "Crystal Palace" Marking Ink rarely use any other, but recently the firm has received two specially interesting testimonials to its merits. Engineer Rear-Admiral Geo. A. Haddy, R.N., reports that he used it the whole forty-six years he was in the Navy. It formed part of his first outfit and his last. And Miss Annie B. Harvey sent from South Africa part of a towel marked with the same ink by her grandmother in 1854.

A COMFORTABLE APPLIANCE.

No one knows better than nurses how many persons suffer from hernia, especially among the poorer classes, who are liable to strain, from lifting heavy weights. If an operation is not advised by the medical practitioner, who should always be consulted in such a case, some form of support becomes necessary, and often great discomfort is experienced from an ill-fitting truss. Nurses are advised to acquaint themselves with the advantages of the Rice Adjustable Elastic Appliance, which has always had a reputation for effectiveness and comfort, and for which a new pad has just been patented. The patentees and sole manufacturers are Messrs. W. S. Rice, Ltd., 8 & 9, Stonecutter Street, London, E.C.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

It became suspected in political circles, after keen enquiry into the probable votes to be given for and against the woman suffrage amendments, in the Franchise Bill, that Sir Edward Grey's amendment, omitting the word "male" from the qualification clause, and Mr. Dickinson's "half-way house" amendment, enfranchising six million women, would be passed; and in a panic of terror, the enemy's scribbling leader writers employed by the newspaper trust, and other publications yapping at its heels, flooded their virgin-white sheets with black abuse of womanhood—to the everlasting shame of every woman's son of them.

Then the long-anticipated happened. The Leader of the Opposition contested the legality of incorporating the amendments; the Speaker made a weighty announcement, that if passed, they altered the nature of the Bill, and it must be withdrawn, and re-introduced as a new Bill; the Premier bowed gracefully to this infallible pronouncement, and in the twinkling of an eye, sacred pledges, amendments, and all chance of the enfranchisement of women this session, were swept off the board.

You may take it as you please. As a deep-laid and treacherous plot, or merely as the result of a contemptuous blunder, where precedent is well-established in all things relating to the status of women in this country.

Anyway, women are bitterly indignant at their treatment by politicians, and the promise made by the Premier for "facilities" next session for a private member's Women's Suffrage Bill is contemptuously flouted by every suffragist possessing an ounce of political acumen, or common sense.

Yet, in spite of these unprecedented events in our purblind old Mother of Parliaments, we venture to prophesy that the women have won. They will be enfranchised at an early date; we feel it in our bones.

Two trained nurses were included in the deputation demanding enfranchisement, which waited upon the Chancellor last week; and Sister Townend spoke very eloquently in voicing the needs of her profession. She concluded with the significant words: "For years past we nurses have been struggling to obtain State registration, most necessary to us, to protect our status by enabling us to keep up a decent standard, and to prevent incompetent and untrained persons from imposing on the public, and taking our work; but we now see plainly that we cannot get this until women are enfranchised."

Already militant tactics have again been adopted by Suffrage societies, and much heart-breaking misery will result. When will men realise that it is a struggle of souls, and that its inspiration is of the Spirit?

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