

**COW AND GATE PRODUCTS.**

Our readers, who are well aware of the value of the Cow and Gate Products supplied by Messrs. Cow & Gate, Ltd., Guildford, Surrey, will be interested to learn that we are informed the Princess Margaret Rose, the baby daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, is being fed on "Cow and Gate"—a sound tribute to its merits.

**Peptalac.**

Recently the firm have introduced a new preparation under the name of Peptalac, "the instant predigested Food," suitable, according to the amount used, for adults, as well as children of all ages, and which has a delicate and delicious flavour. It is prepared from Full Cream Milk and Wheat Flour, each of which is peptonised under optimum conditions and then powdered by the Cow & Gate Improved Roller Process. The simple addition of hot water to the powder gives a milk-food in which the proteins and starch have been sufficiently predigested. Like all the Cow & Gate products it is prepared from pure, rich West of England milk.

**JOHN BOND'S CRYSTAL PALACE MARKING INK.**

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The importance of using a reliable marking ink is apparent, and what better for the purpose than John Bond's "Crystal Palace" Marking Ink, which requires no heating, and is sold in bottles from 6d. upwards, and by the ounce, pint or quart? Insist on having it, and accept no other. That it is used in the Royal Households is proof of its excellence.

**COMING EVENTS.**

*April 15th.*—British College of Nurses. Lecture on Radium by Mr. Stanforth Cade, F.R.C.S. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 5.30 p.m.

*April 18th.*—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting of Council. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.15 p.m.

*April 18th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association. Dance by invitation of Miss Beatrice Cutler. Members of the Association who dance are invited to attend and to acquaint the Secretary if they hope to do so. 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 8 p.m.

*April 24th.*—British College of Nurses. Class on Administration. Visit to Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

*April 24th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*April 25th.*—Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Meeting at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 3 p.m.

*April 27th.*—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee. Board Room of Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W. Tea, 4.15 p.m.; Meeting, 4.30 p.m.

*April 30th.*—British College of Nurses. Tutorial Group "At Home." 5-6.30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, Sister Tutors' League. 6.30 p.m. 39, Portland Place, London, W.

*May 1st.*—Guy's Hospital Nurses' League Dinner. 7 p.m. Annual Meeting. 8 p.m. Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.

*May 2nd.*—Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association. Annual Meeting at Borough Hospital, Cambridge. Visits to Colleges.

*May 9th.*—British College of Nurses. Class on Administration. Visit to University College Hospital, W.C.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

**I HEARTILY THANK YOU.**

*To the Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR EDITOR,—Accept my cordial thanks for the valuable number of the British Journal you so kindly sent me (No. 1950, January, 1931).

Every subject of social welfare, clearly and ably treated is of interest, but to me, personally, the loyalty of my dear sister's friends and fellow-workers is, of course, the most upraising.

I heartily thank you.

I was proud and glad to see Minnie's photograph and her beautiful words included in annals of the State Registration Ceremony, which, I am sure, she would have appreciated most thoroughly.

Please accept my hearty congratulations on the ever-upward trend of your wonderful work.

Yours faithfully,

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Caldera,  
Chile,  
S. America.  
LINA MOLLETT.

**THE NURSING PROFESSION (WAGES AND HOURS) BILL.**

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—May I join in the protest against the proposed Bill to regulate the wages and hours of the Nursing Profession, and in thanking Sir John Ganzoni for his able obstruction to its passing.

What an ignominious position for the Profession to be placed in; having gained what appeared to be a secure standing through "State Registration," it is now assailed by an effort to pass through Parliament a Bill which would neutralise the whole of the good obtained by registration. The hours and remuneration asked for in that Bill would make it impossible for those nurses already registered to obtain employment, and for those studying in Hospitals, the payments proposed are such as to make an appalling increase in their upkeep, whether supported by the State or by voluntary contributions.

The various Insurance schemes are such as to enable all registered nurses to make provision for disablement, and old age.

What about the Clergy with small livings, and Missionaries, are they any better placed? Is the small trader any more secure? Thrift and foresight are required on all hands, if we are to maintain self respect. It is by a vast network of Insurance that the wants of mankind are met.

I think the payments now in vogue in all our large hospitals, with their splendid Homes for Nurses, good cuisine, liberal arrangements for holidays and recreation are most attractive (if only from a mundane point of view) and will compare favourably with most of the employments open to women. An apprenticeship must be served in all callings before a living can be made. A nurse's education is not only free in these days, but she receives a salary in addition.

There is another aspect of nursing for those who have a love for their fellow creatures less fortunate than themselves, and wish to devote themselves to the uplifting of humanity. No sacrifice is asked, but an opportunity given for the satisfying of the best qualities with which woman is blessed.

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