

### Inventions, Preparations, &c.

**READ'S TOOTH POWDER.**—Mr. John Read, of Kentish Town, sends us a sample box of his tooth powder, which appears to be a very useful and harmless preparation for cleansing and keeping the teeth in good condition, a combination not always met with in these days of patent preparations of every description. Its price is also very low, ranging from twopence to sixpence per box. Mr. Read informs us that it has a large sale, which we can readily believe.

**MALTO-RICINOL.**—Messrs. Kingsford and Co., Chemists, of Piccadilly, have just introduced a very convenient combination of malt extract and castor oil, blended in such a manner that the oil is scarcely perceptible, and as it is flavoured in addition, the unpleasantness of the oil is still further hidden. It is also claimed for this method of preparation that the unpleasant after-effects of the oil rising again are entirely prevented; it should, therefore, speedily take a foremost place in therapeutics, especially as the retail price is only one shilling per bottle, containing six doses, which can be sent by post when desired (plus the postage over the shilling, of course).

**AS OTHERS SEE US.**—*The Nursing Record*, 11, Ludgate Hill.—We have before us the February number of the above periodical, which should be in the hands of all who are interested in nursing matters. The contents include a paper on the Royal British Nurses' Association, which, since its foundation some four years ago, has attained to a membership of over three thousand, or one-fifth of the total number of Nurses estimated to be at work in the United Kingdom. Princess Christian, the President of the Institution, has promised to do her best to obtain a Royal Charter, an action which has, however, drawn forth the most strenuous opposition from some of the principal Hospitals. Miss Lina Mollett contributes an interesting paper on "Modern Witchcraft," and there are several recipes by Lady Constance Howard for what we fancy must be particularly tempting dishes for the inmates of the sick room. Some useful hints are also given as to how to proceed pending the arrival of a Doctor in cases of sudden illness, the want of such knowledge being often a contributory cause to loss of life. We must not omit to mention an instructive article on "Obstetric Nursing," by Obstetrica, M.R.B.N.A.—*The Mercury*, Hackney, N.E.



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