

## THE NESTLÉ PRODUCTS.

The products prepared and marketed by the Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, 6 and 8, Eastcheap, London, E.C.3, are so widely known, and so readily obtainable, that it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the merits, from the popular standpoint, of the principal varieties, which are Nestlé's Sweetened Condensed Milk, Nestlé's Milk Food, "Ideal" Brand Unsweetened Condensed Milk, and Nestlé's Pure Thick Cream.

But nurses and midwives seek for something more than popularity in the products which command their confidence, and of special interest to them is a booklet prepared by the firm, the object of which is, primarily, to furnish members of the Medical Profession with a brief description of the process of manufacture and points of scientific interest relative to these products, which is well worth careful study. From this we learn, from a report from the Laboratories of the Royal Institute of Public Health, how carefully every step in the manufacture of these products is safeguarded, and how the supplies of milk from each farmer are sampled at frequent intervals, and examined both bacteriologically and chemically in the Condensery laboratory. In the event of the examination proving in any way unsatisfactory, the germ-inspector is immediately instructed to pay a special visit to the farm in question with the object of discovering and eliminating the source of the trouble. If the farmer does not take the necessary action to secure the desired improvement his contract is cancelled.

Study of this report goes to prove that the Nestlé Products can be employed with confidence.

An attractive booklet, published by the firm, "offered to mothers in the hope that it may be the means of making motherhood more joyous and babyhood more healthy," contains much useful information.

## THE APPLICATION OF HOT-WATER BOTTLES.

The coroner at a Stepney inquest, on November 29th commented on the necessity for care in the application of hot-water bottles, in relation to the case of a 74 year old man who received an extensive burn on the thigh while in hospital, and said: "I think the hospital authorities had better tighten up their procedure as regards the application of hot-water bottles to unconscious patients. This must not happen again, or it might be a serious matter indeed."

Evidence was given by a nurse that, after the admission of the man, who died from bronchitis, altogether six hot-water bottles were placed in the bed, in woollen coverings.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

A solicitor who appeared for the L.C.C., said he would bring the question to the notice of the hospital authorities.

From time to time, the occurrence of burns, with more or less serious results, from the application to patients of hot-water bottles is commented upon in this journal. Senior officers cannot be too insistent in impressing upon nurses the importance of the adequate protection of hot water bottles and of the securing of screws, having regard to the susceptibility of the skin in patients suffering from many diseases, as well as when they are unconscious.

Another point which must not be overlooked is the condition of the bottle itself. Rubber bottles are now so commonly used that it is important to obtain them from a reliable firm. Nurses should insist on having Ingram's "Eclipse" Rubber Hot-Water Bottle, which is of rubber of proved reliability and of British make, with a specially safe screw top. If inferior rubber is used, appalling accidents may and do happen. Be well advised and insist on "Ingram's."

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

It is officially announced that on Christmas Day, at 3 o'clock, the King will broadcast a message to the Empire from Sandringham for the third year in succession.

At 2 p.m., "Big Ben" will sound the hour, and after Christmas greetings from London communication will be established with citizens of the Empire in all parts of the world.

The laurel wreath from the King, which the Duke of Gloucester placed on the Rock of Remembrance at the Victorian War memorial on Armistice Day is to remain on the Rock until Anzac Day (April 25th). Thereafter the wreath will be preserved in perpetuity as a memento of the Duke of Gloucester's dedication of the memorial.

The Queen has sent to the Doll's House City in Bethnal Green Museum, of which Mr. A. K. Sabin is curator, a miniature bazaar stall to be added to the street of little shops. Out of the Queen's parcel came a rosy-cheeked doll dressed in the frills and founces of 1866, who is in charge of the stall, which is furnished with many delightful gifts.

By unanimous vote the Grand National Assembly in Angora has altered Articles X and XI of the Constitution so as to permit all Turkish men and women to vote in legislative elections at the age of 23 and to become Deputies at the age of 31.

## WHAT TO READ.

## BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "The Authorised Life Story of Princess Marina." Grace Ellison.
- "The Downfall of Three Dynasties: Hapsburgs—Romanoffs—Hohenzollerns." Count Egon Corti.
- "India: Minto and Morley, 1905–1910." Mary, Countess of Minto.
- "Victoria Regina," Laurence Housman.
- "Sir Robert Morant." Bernard M. Allen.

## FICTION.

- "Storm in Shanghai." Andre Malraut.
- "The Balcony." Adrian Bell.
- "Lost Shepherd." Roland Lushington.
- "Heavens My Destination." Thornton Wilder.
- "Hornets' Nest." Helen Ashton.
- "Private Worlds." Phyllis Bottome.

## HISTORY.

- "The England of Charles II." Arthur Bryant.
- "Francis I." Francis Hackett.
- "The New America." Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.

## COMING EVENTS.

1934.

*December 14th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*December 15th.*—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting 2.30 p.m. Celebration of Registration Day, 4.30 p.m. Address on "A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth," by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Vice-President, followed by the ceremony of cutting the Registration Cake.

*December 25th.*—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.

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*January 1st.*—New Year's Day.

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