

MOTHERS DEPARTMENT.

A INFANT'S DIET.

(Continued.)

As a general rule, however, when the child and the mother are tolerably strong, he better without artificial food until he has attained the age of three or four months; then, it can be made a mixture of milk with the Milk-water-and-sugar-of-milk Food twice a day, so gradually to prepare him to be weaned (if possible) and in six months.

When the mother is not able to suckle her infant herself, what ought to be done? It must first be ascertained, beyond all doubt, whether the mother is not able to suckle her own child. Many delicate ladies do suckle their infants with advantage, not only to their offspring, but to themselves.

It is if ascertained, past all doubt, that the mother is not able to suckle her infant, then, if the circumstances of the parents will allow—and they ought to strain a point to accomplish it—healthy wet-nurses should be procured, and the food which nature has supplied is far, very far superior to any invented by art. Never bring up a baby, then, if you can possibly avoid it, on artificial food. Remember, there is in early infancy no real substitute for either a mother or a wet-nurse's milk. It is impossible to imitate the nature of a mother's milk, that a baby, for the first few months of his existence, shall be brought up on the breast of a wet-nurse.

As to the nature of the milk it is necessary to give to a child, in case of severe illness occurring during the first six months of a child's life, what a comfort either the mother's or the wet-nurse's milk is to him; it often determines whether he shall live or die. But if a wet-nurse cannot fill the place of a mother, then asses' milk will be found the best substitute, as it approaches nearer, in composition, than any other kind of milk to human milk; but it is both difficult and expensive to obtain.

The owner of a Boston arborvitae, in order to prove that the arborvitae is not really worthless, has put on the table a small sprig of the tree. He gained the desired information, but the arborvitae was not to be despised. When taken out he was nearly dead.

A daughter of Mayor Prince, of Boston, died of poisoned blood, and an investigation shows that the cause was eating meat tainted by a pipe into a refrigerator. The house of Mayor Prince is on the "made lake" in Massachusetts this winter, and in the oldest sleighs that can be obtained. A wealthy Pittsfield man is reported to have driven over a hundred years old as to body, with the leather wings of the dashboard more ancient by half a century.

Some boys got into a theatre at Bradford, Pa., and, being detected, were ejected. They planned, by way of revenge, to cause an alarm fire in the theatre on the next evening. The plot was thwarted, and the theatre was occupied to disregard any outcry.

The Princess Winemuous is lecturing in the Pacific States on the sorrows of the sea. After the lecture at San Francisco, Nev., near the home of her tribe, of the wrong that the white man had done by introducing firewater among her people, she got highly excited, and finally was fined \$10 for drunkenness.

Chicago has a mystery. Mrs. Gals lies ill of a nervous disorder, and much of time is in a trance state. Her friends are frequently heard around her bed, and she seems to be in a state of conversation. Reporters are at work to discover the cause, but thus far have been unable to get to the bottom of the matter. It is supposed that the woman is in a state of hypnosis, and that she is in a state of conversation with the spirits of the dead.

Mr. Smith was running a catch mid-train at Gallatin, Mo. Watchman Snyder mistook him for a fleeing burglar, and gave chase. "Stop!" cried the watchman. "I don't stop!" replied Mr. Smith. "You are a thief!" cried the watchman. "I am not," replied Mr. Smith. "You are a thief!" cried the watchman. "I am not," replied Mr. Smith.

AGRICULTURAL.

POTATO SUGAR.

Sir,—In France, Germany and other parts of Europe, sugar for the manufacture of wine is now produced at wonderfully low prices from potato starch, and, although until now for half a century, it is superior to the best refined cane sugar for the improvement and production of wines, and otherwise, this "glucose" is identical with that produced from the grape itself, and is termed potato sugar in the dry state, a combination of water, oxygen, and carbon, and five atoms of hydrogen. From the cane sugar it differs by crystallizing (as upon dry raisins) in an irregular form, and is not so sweet as the common sugar, and two and a half ounces of potato sugar will sweeten only one ounce of wine.

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OVER THE SEA.

Matters That Engage Attention in the Mother Land.

THE D'ONOFRIO'S SECESSION.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

CANADIAN.

Mr. J. A. YOUNG was presented at Christmas with a silver clock and an address by his pupils at the Ottawa Central School, of which Mr. Y. is the Principal. Visiting schools are rather common in Ottawa, and yet we gather from exchanges that there are only 657 pupils on the roll, with an average attendance of 363.

Thirteen Millbrook pupils recently presented themselves for the entrance examination of the Ottawa High School. There should be a High School in Millbrook itself. One of the High School Inspectors recently visited the Colborne High School, and expressed himself well pleased with the proficiency of the pupils, and also with the new and improved accommodation of the school.

Mr. Jas. Miller, the successor to Mr. Tilley in the Bowmanville High School, was presented with a valuable piece of silver by his pupils at the Ottawa Central School, of which Mr. Y. is the Principal. Visiting schools are rather common in Ottawa, and yet we gather from exchanges that there are only 657 pupils on the roll, with an average attendance of 363.

The Quebec Council of Public Instruction will in future refuse the superior education which is now being given to the children of the poor, and do not comply with the requirements of law. This refusal seems to have been long in coming.

We are glad to see that Samuel Wood, M.A., of Kingston, editor of several school books, has been appointed interim director of classics in Queen's University, in place of the late Prof. McKenna.

We observe that Mr. H. L. Rice, B.A., has been appointed assistant director of the Great Colborne Institute, and Mr. J. B. Brethour as assistant master of the Colborne High School. Both these appointments are from Victoria College, Cobourg.

The total subscriptions to Queen's College at Kingston to last December last, amount to \$17,562.50. The College has recently had a successful year, and the success of the classical program, the Rev. J. H. McKenna, M.A., a zealous worker both for the College and also in furthering the endowment scheme.

At the recent examination of S. S. No. 4, Wilmet, a clergyman present paid a very high compliment to the ability and energy of Mr. Pearce, County Inspector of Schools for Waterloo. He referred more particularly to the establishment of competitive examinations for the Public Schools in that county, and said it would be for the interests of our country to adopt that course which had proved so successful.

The headmaster of the Berlin High School and the Principal of the Model School are both out of print denying the rumour that Model School pupils had been expelled from the school. They also say that the reports of Inspectors McLennan and Buchan are of an extreme character as to create distrust and suspicion.

The point seems to be that the Minister insisted on "suitable accommodation," the trustees of the school, and the Inspectors reported it was not the case. The Minister closed the school, and the Inspectors reported it was not the case. The Minister closed the school, and the Inspectors reported it was not the case.