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Such good-will in another;
You question who?
I'll answer you—
The sweet face of a mother.

Some months ago I told Children's my readers something of a hospital.

The scheme that was being worked out in Winnipeg for the establishment of a children's hospital, especially for the children of the very poor. This hospital will be opened, in a very modest way, in the north end of Winnipeg this month of February, 1909. I have the feeling that there are many women in the country and in the small towns who would like to help a scheme of this kind. The appeal will be strongest to the woman who has children of her own, and strongest of all to the woman, and I fear there are many such in our west, who has suffered the loss of children for want of adequate medical attendance and nursing.

It has been suggested to me that there is one way in which women, so situated, can help, and help materially, at comparatively small cost to themselves. This is to have an egg and butter tea. Now that the weather is milder and the days longer, let some woman in a neighborhood invite all her women friends to come to her house on a certain day, and let each invited guest bring a pound of fresh butter or a few fresh eggs. Possibly this might be more than some could manage conveniently, but if butter is made and poultry kept at all, it ought to be possible for each woman to bring at least half a pound of butter or three eggs. When all the guests have arrived let some very simple refreshment be served. Good hot tea and plenty of thin bread and butter

would be quite sufficient. Then let the guests put in some of their time in packing the butter and eggs. Let me suggest that the butter be packed in one of the wooden butter boxes that can be had at any of the country stores, and the eggs be wrapped in thin paper and packed into one of the Humpty-Dumpty cases. This can also be borrowed, I imagine, from one of the local stores and would be duly returned from Winnipeg. When packed, the whole should be shipped, express, and addressed to Mrs. J. H. Bond, President Children's Hospital Board, 167 Donald St., Winnipeg.

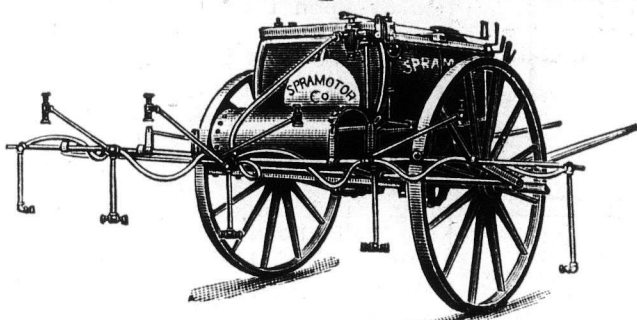
Butter and eggs, that is, strictly fresh butter and eggs, are very dear in Winnipeg and very hard to obtain and a good supply will be very necessary for the children's hospital. In some of the farming districts of the West I know this plan for helping will not be feasible simply because neither poultry nor dairying are carried on upon the farms. But there are also many sections where it could be done; it would be a pleasant entertainment for the women and would be a great help to the hospital. Of course, it goes without saying, that in order to be a benefit the eggs and butter must be fresh and sweet.

Another way in which women in the country might help is with stockings. Please bear in mind that the children that will come to this hospital will nearly all be very poor. It will be part of the scheme to see that they go out with sufficient comfortable clothing to secure their convalescence without danger from cold. Any woman who is quick with her knitting needles and is not overburdened with stocking knitting for her own children might help along that line. Stockings of all sizes are sure to be needed.

May I make still a further suggestion. This is a tender and painful subject I know, but will not the woman whose own little one has been gathered into the Heavenly Father's fold donate any clothing she has stored away to some suffering child in this hospital? Is that asking too much? I hope not; surely it would ease the pain of your own bitter loss to feel that some other child, especially some suffering child, has been helped thereby.

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