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**M**y dear doctor,

The idea of publishing your work on "Soothing Syrup" in the form of a tract, is very timely. It is even necessary, as the advertisements are on the road to create a false intellect for our Canadian mothers.

These syrups enjoy in fact, by them, a great popularity. They recognize in them many qualities and do not suspect any defects. These good mothers do not even doubt that said preparations, for the most part, contain mortal poisons as *morphine* and *hyoscyamus* and are much surprised when we tell them.

They sincerely think these syrups "*harmless*".

Well it was necessary to peel from his popular medicament its deceitful mark. You have given yourself the task of educating mothers on this point. You do so in clear and precise terms. I cordially congratulate you.

You have done a fine piece of work. May it produce all the desired effects.

I add that you have a thousand times reason to call these syrups "Infanticides. How many times in the course of my medical career, and especially at the dispensary of des "Gouttes de lait" was I in a position to ascertain the sad effects of these preparations.

We no longer count the sudden deaths occurring after too strong a dose, taken by error or otherwise.

What is now to be said of those poor little ones who, from repeated "dosings" become veritable "morphinomans". They