

CHAPTER XXVI.

TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN'S DISEASES.

OUT of the 984,000 persons that died during the year of 1890, 227,264 did not reach one year of age, and 400,647 died under five years of age.

What a fearful responsibility therefore rests upon the parents who permit these hundreds of thousands of children to die annually. This terrible mortality among children is undoubtedly largely the result of ignorance regarding the proper care and treatment of sick children.

For very small children it is always best to use homœopathic remedies.

Colic.—Babies often suffer severely with colic. It is not considered dangerous, but causes considerable suffering.

Severe colic is usually the result of derangement of the liver in the mother, or of her insufficient or improper nourishment, and it occurs more frequently when the child is from two to five months old.

Let the mother eat chiefly barley, wheat, and bread, rolled wheat, graham bread, fish, milk, eggs and fruit. The latter may be freely eaten, avoiding that which is very sour.

A rubber bag or bottle filled with hot water put into a crib will keep the child, once quieted, asleep