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## PREVENTION OF INFANTILE SUMMER DIARRHŒA AND CHOLERA INFANTUM.

**W**ITHIN the next three months, thousands of the promising little infants on this continent will have been laid away prematurely in their grave—thousands of the darlings of loving parents; the life of whom, with a little knowledge as to their proper care on the part of parents, might be preserved and carried over the trying period. Remember however that it is not the heat in itself that destroys the young life. "Little ones" like much warmth, and if properly clothed and attended would very rarely, in this climate, suffer directly from the high temperature alone.

The exciting cause of the high mortality in early life in the summer is now well known to be chiefly due to microbic life, to bacteria, which develop, grow and multiply in such myriads in the fermenting, putrefying, waste organic matter allowed to accumulate about the dwelling places of the little ones. These germs, for by this name they are commonly known, are not only breathed and so taken into the blood, where they interfere with the natural processes of life, but they are taken into the stomach with the baby food and there they interfere with the digestion already probably weakened by an injudicious diet, and cause such fermenting and irritating processes that digestion and nutrition become impossible and the little one succumbs. A previously erroneous diet acts as a predisposing cause, which while it debilitates by failing to properly nourish, directly paves the way for the readier, easier action of the disease germs.