

covered with cotton should be fastened under the band, so that it will press over the navel. The band generally is worn from four to five months to support the abdomen, and after that a knitted woollen band should be worn from five months until two years of age, and even longer, if the child is very thin or has a tendency to diarrhea.

A very light gauze undershirt should be worn all summer, but the rest of the clothing should be thin in the middle of the day, with the addition of a light kimona in the late afternoon.

The flannel petticoat is much more comfortable if cut gored, in the form of a sleeveless slip, hanging from the shoulder. It is not bunched around the waist like the old-fashioned petticoat, and is the same weight over the abdomen. Baby's nightgown should be made rather long, and a drawing string placed in the bottom and drawn up to prevent kicking the coverings off.

Baby's head should never be covered in the house, or perspiration will break out, and it will catch cold. Protect it with a covering when going from room to room; also draw a covering lightly around the head while sleeping to protect from drafts.

For outdoor wear, a long cloak of thin washable woollen goods is the best, as it can be worn over a wadded silk or cheesecloth slip in the winter. The wadded white cloaks are hard to clean.

Napkins should be made in three sizes. For the first month they should be made of old linen eighteen inches square when stitched double. The next should be a twenty-inch diaper, cut forty-four inches long to allow for hems and shrinkage. The next size is twenty-four inches. Napkins should always be warmed slightly in cold weather, and babies should never be left lie in a wet soiled napkin; they are apt to get chafed or chilled.

A lap protector, to be used when changing or washing baby, may be made like a fourteen-inch pillow slip, with buttons and button holes, and into this fit a piece of rubber cloth. One of these laid between baby's clothing and napkin while sleeping saves the baby's clothing.

(To be continued.)

Current Events.

Four thousand people were rendered homeless by the fire at Campbellton, N. B., last week.

The second reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill passed the British House of Commons on July 12th.

The Charlottetown (P. E. I.) Guardian suggests a dirigible Zeppelin airship for crossing the Channel.

Premier Asquith has announced an autumn session of Parliament, the Budget to be retained in all its main features.

An Anglo-German pact is suggested by some of the German papers, as a protest against the Russo-Japanese exclusion treaty in Manchuria.

General Botha's speech, last week, outlining his political programme for South Africa, was enthusiastically received. It has been called a "magnificent Imperial deliverance."

Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, has assured a deputation that a criminal prosecution will follow any attempt to show the Johnson-Jeffries light pictures in Montreal.

In France, measures recently introduced into the French Chamber of Deputies seek to impose additional military service on bachelors over 29 years of age, and to make obligatory the marriage of all State employees of 25 with supplementary salaries, and pensions, and to have more than three children.

Spectacular aeroplane flights were made at Weston during the past week, July 14th. Count de

Lesseps flew from the aviation grounds over a part of the City of Toronto, reaching an elevation of over 3,000 feet. The famous "Le Scarabee," operated by Count de Lesseps, and a Wright biplane by Johnstone, made every successful flight at Weston on July 16th. De Lesseps also ascended in his Bleriot No. 9. Johnstone arose to a height of over 3,200 feet.

Accidents with aeroplanes and dirigibles have been frequent of late. A fortnight ago, at Atlantic City, the gasoline in the machine operated by Walter Brookins ran out high in the air, and the aviator, although successful in landing safely, narrowly missed death. Last week, at Mineola, N. Y., Chas. K. Hamilton's machine was completely wrecked. At Bournemouth, Eng., Hon. Chas. S. Rolls, the hero of the double flight across the English Channel, was killed. At Weston, the Bleriot monoplane, belonging to Mr. Carruthers, of Montreal, was wrecked in a tree; and in Germany five men were killed by the falling of a dirigible. Nevertheless, the trials go steadily on, and the building of a remarkable new racing monoplane, designed by M. Bleriot, at Bordeaux, is exciting much interest.

The Vampire of the Slums

(A Picture of Slum Life in a Big City.)

For ten minutes or so the neighborhood was in a flurry of excitement—it takes so little to cause a flurry of excitement in the slums. This is what had happened. A woman hanging out clothes on a roof had fallen and been killed. Nobody seemed to know which roof; only that it was nearby.

John, the janitor, devoted a moment to exclaiming, then ascended to the top floor. The group of foreigners at the door chattered volubly, as was their wont, employing hands, eyes and teeth in expressing their thoughts and feelings in regard to the accident.

Then something else happened—something is always happening in the slums; and the woman who had fallen from the roof and been killed was forgotten.

Caroline and I talked of her a few minutes longer before we, too, forgot her.

"It's a wonder to me they don't all fall from the roofs and get killed," said Caroline—"the reckless way in which they run across them, dangle from the clothes-lines, and juggle with infinity at the parapet's edge. And why not? It's a pity they don't all fall off. The world would be better without them. It is too full of people, anyway, especially these people down here on the East Side."

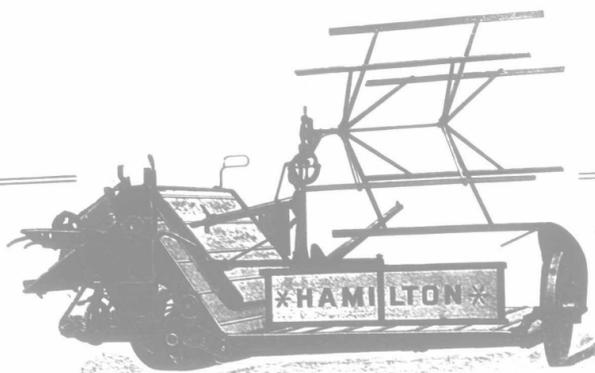
Caroline lived in the rear top flat and I lived in the flat below. I never knew why she lived in the slums, but I had come there in order to get the atmosphere. Before I had been there two days I had it. Garlic it is. But I kept on staying, on account of the cheapness of the rent, I think.

At any rate, a long, wide court intervened between our Fifteenth Street rear flats and the Fourteenth Street buildings across from us, and our windows, opening upon this court, were like opera-boxes. From this point of vantage we looked out on a small but lively world, a foreign world, so typical of the Old Country that it might have been picked out of it bodily and set down here.

Like the negroes of the South, these people delighted to live their lives in sight and hearing of an audience. Their windows swarmed with humanity. So did their fire-escapes.

But most conspicuous of all was the parrot of the court, brightly green in his painted cage, on a fire-escape directly across from my flat window. All day long, as comment upon the happenings in the court, he alternately laughed aloud and yelled, "O Lord!"

"He seems to rejoice in the ridiculous sadness of it all," said Caroline. "He is a fiendish bird. I call him the Vampire of the Slums. He preys upon them, he takes of their best, he eats of their food, and laughs at their sorrows. There is hardly a house in the slums, poor though it be, that hasn't this bright, sleek, well-cared-for idol, this denunciated bird specimen. They waste more money and time on him than they do on their children, and what do they get for it in



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