

of which Herod might have been proud. It is always in the baby-waggon and the crib, in hot sun or close air. The child falls asleep with the nipple in its mouth. The mouth is usually never washed; the bottle and tube are, 'with scalding water and soda,' so the mothers say, if you ask. Smell, it and see what you think."

HYGIENE AND PHTHISIS.—Dr. Austin Flint in his work on Phthisis, gives the history of over 670 cases of consumption. His conclusions drawn from the hygienic treatment are as follows: Benefits derived in a large proportion of cases from change of residence, and is due more to incidental circumstances than to any climatic agency. Change of habits from the indoor and sedentary to out-door and active is more favourable than any hygienic measure. To this last the benefit derivable from a change of occupation is generally due. Sea voyages are very often productive of good. The author has seen many cases in which alcohol in large quantities seemed to do good, and he says he has seen no instances of bad moral effects from the habitual use of stimulants in phthisis. He has seen cases where as much as a pint of whisky has been taken with benefit daily by a girl of 18. One notable fact is that in many of the instances in which arrest of the disease, partial or complete, took place, there was no medicinal treatment to speak of.

INTERNATIONAL HYGIENE.—"There is a universal language which lends itself to our aspirations and to our relations with each other; it is the language of the heart. National barriers are lowered before our fraternal legions, for the work of hygienic life saving, and social economy extend to a federation of peoples, which is called humanity, and humanity recognizes no frontiers." Such were the words of the President of the International Hygienic Congress in his opening address at the recent meeting at Brussels.

PRESERVING LIFE AT SEA.—An American, named Nash, has, according to the *Furniture Gazette*, conceived the excellent idea of converting the ordinary furniture of a ship into life-preservers, which he effects by simply providing stools with cork seats. Two discs of cork are fastened upon a base board, another board is placed over them, and the whole is bolted together. There is no air-chamber to become punctured, and therefore useless, and the cork will always float and support persons clinging to the stool.

IN LEBANON county, Penn., two hundred cases of small-pox were traced to the funeral of a man who had died of small-pox. The funeral was public and largely attended.