

an irritable rash came on his face each time he cut a tooth. I found zinc ointment very soothing. When all the teeth were cut, the rash completely disappeared. Other than a cold or two, they have not had any sickness.

I think this is a very interesting "corner" and enjoy reading the letters. Thanking you for this space.—Yours sincerely, Mrs. W. H. Lewis.



Austin Lee Bates

Verwood, Sask., Sept. 26, 1918.

Am sending you a snapshot of our baby, Margaret Amelia Leibrand.

She was five months old when it was taken. She is now seven months old, weighs 22 pounds, height 27 inches, chest measurement 19½ inches, head 7¼ inches. She weighed 7¼ lbs. when born.

She had the colic every day for the first two months, and following the advice of others I tried different teas, but found warm water was the best thing for her and keep her stomach and feet warm. I used to put her over my shoulder and pat her on the back after nursing, which raised the wind and prevented colic.

When she was three months old I taught her to drink water from a cup, and now she can drink real good. At five months I started to give her arrowroot biscuit with hot water, and graham crackers. The graham crackers are good for constipation. Now I give her cow's milk to drink, cream of wheat with a little sugar and milk and crackers. She loves to chew on a crust.

When she was real small and had a little cold in her eyes I would put a little breast milk in her eyes and then wipe it out with a clean cloth. Later I rub her chest, nose, forehead and behind her ears with a little turpentine mixed with sweet oil. About three-parts sweet oil to one part turpentine.

She has never been sick but one day, and then her stomach was out of order. I have her out whenever the weather is fit.—Sincerely, Mrs. S. G. Leibrand.

Hanley, Sask., Sept. 28, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:—I have been very much interested in your dear corner for babies, and the mothers' letters are all very interesting. One never gets too old to learn.

Enclosed you will find a snapshot of my fifth child, a boy, Austin Lee Bates. His birthday is January 25th. He will be two years old. He was a perfect born baby, weighed 9 lbs. and at three weeks old had gained 2½ lbs., and as to his measurements I never took them. But I can say I never had much worry about him, as he has always been a healthy baby.

He was a breast baby. I have nursed all my babies. He walked when he was eleven months old. Never crept only a little while. I weaned him when he was thirteen months old. He never had anything to eat except his nurse until he was weaned, as he never seemed hungry. I had no trouble in weaning him. I wean my babies in zodiacal signs they say an old lady's whim, but see—quite true. I start to wean them when the sign is going down, between the thigh and knee. By the time the sign has got back to the head they will

have forgot all about the nurse. In teething my babies are all very lucky. I never have had a baby with summer complaint. I think one very important thing through teething is to keep the abdomen dressed with a flannel band not tight after six months; but extended with little straps over the shoulders, and keep the bowel's regular. I find a little sack made and filled with tansy leaves are very good in keeping down worms, and a little turpentine on a little sugar, a drop for each year old. A very sure cure for croup, but not a pleasant smelling one to use. But I think any mother would be glad to use it in a case of croup.

My husband catches a skunk every fall, and I take the clear fat and render up and strain, and put this well saturated into a flannel cloth, on the chest and back, letting it reach well around the sides. If necessary give a teaspoonful of the skunk oil, as that will bring on vomiting, which is necessary in severe cases.

I will close, trusting this letter will be a benefit to many mothers. Wishing you all success and happiness.—I am, sincerely, Mrs. Austin Bates.

Carmangay, Alta., Sept. 20, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Hamilton,—I have been watching your baby contest with great interest and have been very much delighted with the pictures and letters. I am enclosing pictures of my boys and beg to enter them in your contest. They are now two years and eight months. Donald weighs 32 lbs., is 36¼ in. in height and has a chest measurement of 20¼ in. Douglas weighs 33¼ lbs., is 37¼ in. in height, and has a chest measurement of 20¼ in. These measurements were taken with their clothes off.

In a few words, their care has been as follows:—

Diet—For the first six months they were fed on Borden's Eagle Brand sweetened milk diluted with boiled water, and then for one year on St. Charles condensed milk also diluted. Since then I have had them on cow's milk; every night and morning they get a cupful just as it comes fresh from the cow, and during the day they each get a cup at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. I always warm it slightly and sweeten it a little. Of course, they dispensed with the use of a bottle at ten months. They have always had plenty of warm water to drink; and since they were three months old I have given them a little orange juice, starting with a teaspoon a day, but at least an hour before or after the milk. They eat very little solid food, mainly coddled or soft boiled eggs, arrowroot biscuit, bread (not fresh), a little rare beef and fruit. They never get pickles, fried foods,



Two budding athletes—Donald and Douglas McAlpine.

doughnuts, rich cakes or pies. Their main food is milk, cream and all, and it satisfies their needs and they enjoy it so much. I have never allowed them to have a soother.

Dress—It is just as necessary that they should be kept cool in summer as it is they should be warm in winter. Especially should the feet and abdomen be kept warm and dry, as thereby many a little ache can be prevented. At night they sleep in a nightdress made very long and of warm material and all their day clothes are put out to air. I

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