

certainly is false teaching, and needs early correction. Into these mothers' hands are thrust scores of fat babies' pictures, which serve the purpose of exploiting infant commercial dietaries, and by their simplicity of preparation appeal to the laziness of the mother. What a different tale would be told if the victims of this commercial instinct could only be placed side by side in photographic array with their more fortunate brothers. For the sake of the helpless infants who succumb in countless armies every summer, what a pity it is that parents cannot be brought to a proper conception of their duty towards their offspring. The constant and regular supervision of the family physician over these little ones, training the mother in the proper care and feeding of her child, would, we think, go far toward lessening the frightful mortality recorded in all large cities during the summer months; and to that extent a fraternal organization for the infants alone, of a health and sick benefit nature, with a physician attached, making regular and stated visits upon his charges, might go far towards solving this problem of infant feeding, which is intimately associated with that of infant mortality. The state herself cannot afford to have citizens brought up in the world without the "milk of human kindness" which, some one asserts, is to a good extent absent in most bottle-fed babies. What we require for success in this direction is some very simple plan of modifying cows' milk (not cow's milk), as all are agreed that milk taken from a number of cows is better than that from a single cow. So far, we think that this has not been accomplished, as authorities now agree that the vast majority of these modifications have proved failures, and until such times come when we have a plain, simple rule to go by and to instruct mothers with, we may expect that they will not take kindly to our efforts to inculcate proper methods of feeding amongst their numbers.

APPENDICITIS AS A SYMPTOM OF TYPHOID FEVER

We have been long looking for an authoritative pronouncement upon this subject; and in the issue of the *Medical News* of July 21st, H. A. Hare deals with it explicitly, if not exhaustively. One or two of these cases has occurred in our own practice, and they are sufficiently mystifying to demand a careful study of their differential diagnostic features. One of these which we can call to mind occurred in a young woman 22 years of age, who for two or three weeks had been suffering from general malaise and some indefinite abdominal pains. The appendiceal symptoms were so pronounced that the surgeon was called in to operate on the second day. He decided that it was not true appendicitis. Then another