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many contagious and infectious diseases that afflict mankind from time to time. It is serious in itself. It is particularly serious in its after effects

Na recent visit to a certain Canadian town, I was made the recipient of a story which is sad in the extreme, but the like of which is unfortunately only too common. A young

married couple, in anticipation of the advent of their first baby, were planning to send the mother to the hospital where she might secure the very best of attention and incidentally have some of her ignorance dispelled at the hands of capable and careful were the hands of capable and careful nurses. But the husband's mother steps in, insists that the prospective mother stay at home under her care, and the younger woman meekly acquiesces. At first everything

meekly acquiesces. goes well with the mother and the babe. Nature, some-how, overcomes many apparently insurmountable obstacles, and mothers stacles, and mothers come back from the Valley of the Shadow in spite of ignorant nurses and unfavorable conditions. But from that day, the baby experienced baby experienced that which is most damaging to an infant's constitution, an over-abundance of management from the grand-mother, and the aunt, and from sundry other admiring and interested persons. No attention sons. No attention was paid to its sleeping hours, no regularity was arranged. The mite of humanity was taken up, and fondled, and tossed and dandled as occasion presented. casion presented, and as fond friends

desired. Feeding was irregular and artificial. Within a fortnight of the baby's first sight of the world, the proud aunty was trundling it up town in its new and resplendent of the world, the proud aunty was trunding it up town in its new and resplendent carriage, uncovering its countenance to the eyes of sundry inquisitive pedestrians. What else could the baby do but develop indigestion, become restless and irritable, and instead of thriving, show itself puny and sickly and weak. The worse the baby, the more medicine was poured down its throat and the family was very much surprised when the baby died. Babies require care, but they should be allowed to grow naturally, quietly and according to certain definite fixed and inexorable laws. Mothers need to be trained properly in the care of children and must be very chary about accepting advice from anyone in the neighborhood who chances along with a new suggestion for treatment. I am not so sure that more babies do not die from over-care than from under-care. There may be some excuse for the latter; for the former there is no pardon. is no pardon.

Adenoids and Tonsils

WHEN I was a student in the Faculty of Medicine, I had my first real lesson in the neglect of the health of children by their parents from a fellow student who was totally deaf in one ear. One day as we were conning our books, his father and mother because they had neglected to have adenoids removed from his throat in his boyhood days. If that small operation had been performed he would never have become deaf. My friend had some right to so arraign his parents, but they were not as well informed as fathers and mothers to-day. Enlarged tonsils and an overgrowth of adenoid tissue in the back of the nose and throat interfere markedly with the breathing of boys and girls. They need the very best pair of lungs possible, and if the breath passages are partly closed, there is a tendency for the chest to become deformed. Children who are not getting along well at school may be backward on account of neglected adenoids and tonsils. Many cases of rheumatic fever in girls and boy are caused by diseased tonsils, through which the germ of rheumatism gains an entrance. There is only one remedy for

this condition when it is found to exist—operation. The tonsils and adenoids must be removed and then it is really surprising to see the improvement in the health of a child, who has been anaemic, and far from robust. The improvement is health of a child, who has been anaemic, and far from robust. The improvement is so marked at times, that one wonders how such apparently simple defects could cause so much trouble. Before the school term opens, adenoids and tonsils should be attended to. If your child is not thriving, if there is difficulty in breathing, if there are frequent attacks of ear ache or joint pains, you should seek the advice of your physician at once. Do not have of your physician at once. Do not have your children speak bitter words about your neglect, when they grow to manhood

and womanhood, and learn that pro-per treatment at the proper time would have prevented serious results.

Scarlet Fever

WHENEVER I walk along a street and see the the placard "Scar-let Fever in this house," I feel that I want to congratu-late three people,— the physician for his knowledge of the disease which has come to him through the work and skill of many medical extending extending over many years; the Medical Officer of Health who is carrying out the law as advised by those skilled in pre-vention of disease vention of disease and the house-holder who cheer-

fully complies with the law, knowing that even if he is inconvenienced and that even if he is inconvenienced and suffers loss numer- ous persons are kept from scarlet fever and its complications. One of the things that should be constantly kept in mind is that scarlet fever is always scarlet fever—An attack may be mild for one person, but the disease is just as infectious and the next victim may suffer intensely and have serious after effects. Thus, every case of scarlet fever should be reported at once to the Medical Officer of Health.

Questions and Answers

M. E. G. writes asking what is good for catarrh. First of all I should like her and all my readers to know that this is not a disease, but a symptom, which, of course, is an entirely different thing. Long ago the doctor used to treat symptoms. That day is long past. Nowadays the careful physician and surgeon endeavors to find the cause of the disease and remove it if he can. Now what is commonly known as catarrh or more properly as a catarrhal can. Now what is commonly known as catarrh or more properly as a catarrhal condition may be the result of one of many diseases of the nose and throat. Adenoids, tonsil disease, polypi, growths in the nose, laryngitis, and a dozen others may be the cause of what you call catarrh. It is extremely unsafe to take any so-called catarrh cure. It may relieve temporarily, but it will never cure. If you have any catarrhal symptoms, have your nose and throat examined carefully by a specialist in that department of median by a specialist in that department of medicine. He will tell you the cause of your trouble, and can very often remove it

w. A. S. inquires about a remedy for headaches. Here again we have a symptom and not a disease. There are many, many conditions in which headache is a symptom. One of the commonest of these some trouble with the eye, causing eye train. If you are subject to frequent headaches by all means have your eyes tested first of all. Be sure that this is done by someone competent. Very often headache results from some error of digestion. Be careful of your diet and above all be sure that the waste materials are properly and regularly eliminated. When you have a headache don't treat the headache, find out the cause of it and have remedies applied to that. This is the more reasonable way. the more reasonable way.

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