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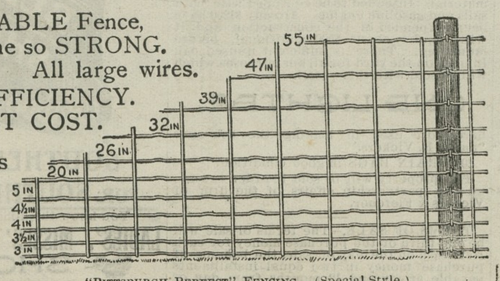

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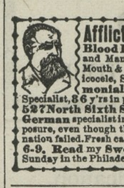

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TREATMENT OF BABIES.

Modern Ideas Not in Accord With Those of Long Ago.

This is a progressive age in every way, but there are two things especially in the treatment of which there has been a very distinct change of late years. These are Lent and babies. To take the last of these first, the baby is a scientific youngster who doesn't have any good time at all. He hasn't any cradle, he hasn't anyone to say coochee-coochee to him, he hasn't anything but a trained nurse and a worthless something known variously as a fascinator, a pacifier and a comfort. To a gloomy baby who is discontented with conditions as they are, the latter is none of these.

Before science became as advanced as it is now, a baby was treated like folks. It had a rockabye bed, where it was placed in its happier moments and stirred up methodically by its mother, who kept a wary foot on the rocker while she mended the other children's clothes. Sometimes, when the rocking was left to a small brother or sister, the baby received a little more shaking up than it bargained for, but it always emerged triumphantly in time to shout lustily at the very moment the family had hoped it had sunk into a comatose condition. Sometimes it was walked then, and always it was cooed to and asked if it wasn't "a pitty 'ittle darlin' sing." The mother who would have allowed her offspring to lie in an unrocked bed and cry would undoubtedly have been mobbed by the other mothers in the neighborhood.

But, bless you, this was all wrong. We learn it now, when most of us have grown up with softened brains from such indiscreet treatment. Why any of us who were infants a generation ago have escaped the home for feeble-minded is one of the mysteries of the age. The cradle, it seems, was a fearful thing which addled brains. That was its chief end. It has been banished to the garrett now, and in its stead is a small iron bed fit for an anchorite. In this the properly brought up baby spends most of its time while it is growing from a vegetable into a Being. If it cries, and it is plain that it is not crying because a pin sticks it or because it is suffering from that gastric disorder known to the elect as colic, but merely from ennui, it is left to cry.

No one goes near it to soothe it nor to say a kind word. That would be very unscientific and hurtful to its disposition. Neither at any time does any one say "pitty little sing" to it, for this would also be softening to its brain, almost as softening as the despised cradle.

The Spartan mother addresses her month-old child somewhat in this fashion: "Do not weep; all that is done for you is done with the best intention. Under this regime, at the age of 21 you will write essays that will beat Emerson to a standstill."

It is considered in polite society a crime to steal, and arson is thought in decidedly bad taste, but neither of these is in it with walking a baby. Only a parent of immoral tendencies and evil instincts would so forget what was fitting as to deliberately take a helpless infant in his arms and promenade up and down the floor with it. It is not averred that this process also injures the brain—its bad effects seem to have some occult one on the morals.

And so the modern youngster spends many tiresome hours in his bed meditating upon the gruesomeness of the world upon whose cold charity he has so suddenly been thrown. That is, he does if his mother has been an apt disciple of modern methods—which mostly she hasn't. In the latter case she will take him up when he is merely strengthening his lungs squealing, and thump him soothingly on the spine until he goes to sleep.

Just how brilliant the next generation of men and women will be, will be interesting to note. But think of the disappointment to the scientific doctors if it doesn't set the Thames on fire after all or turn out to be of a brillancy that is inflammatory.

As to Lent, well the least said about this the better. If only the grandmothers who have gone before, and who would not so much as look at the outside of a theatre during the 40 days of fasting, much less go to a card party, could come back and read the society notes what would they think? Like Mr. Mantilini, probably that their descendants had gone to the "demnition bow-wows."

Dinners, teas and receptions are just as plentiful as ever; theatre parties and bridge-whist parties occur every night, and in between times there is always the fascinating poker. Society, it seems, must be amused, which is all very well, but still it does seem that if we had "evoluted" with our babies we have gone the other way around in the treatment of Lent.

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