

Maternal Ignorance.

During one of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's lecturing tours she had occasion to visit Mt. Vernon, Iowa, which point she reached late one very cold Sunday night.

'One year ago I married a pretty Southern girl, and now we have a baby by a month old, and, poor little thing, it cries all the time, and we feel so sorry for it that sometimes we all cry together.

'Yes,' said I, 'I know all about them. I have read all the authorities, from Dr. Andrew Combe down to Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup, and I have made a practical application of my knowledge on seven of my own children.'

Inspired with confidence in my wonderful attainments in this department of knowledge, he said: 'If I should bring a sleigh to-morrow morning, would you go and see my wife and baby and tell us what to do?'

I sat a long time, telling the young mother how to take care of herself and her baby, and the reason for all my directions. I have asked many mothers why they bandaged their children, and they never yet heard one good reason.

The next day at Cedar Rapids I was relating my Mt. Vernon experience to one of my sons, when I remembered that I had not told the young mother to give her baby water every day.

'Well,' said I, 'you may laugh, but that is one of the most important messages ever sent over the wires for the future peace and happiness of the race.'

'Oh, yes,' he replied. 'It was published in the papers, and I received it from every point of the compass for months afterward. When the operators

at the various stations had nothing else to do they used to send me that telegram. So the water was never forgotten.'

'I have often told mothers wrestling with their children if, instead of shaking and scolding the poor things, they would give them water to drink and a sponge bath, they would save themselves much trouble and their children much suffering.

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'Humph!' he called, as he cut through his buckwheat cake and dropped knife and fork.

'What's the matter?' asked the lady. 'Adulterated!' 'What with?' 'Hairpins!' 'Oh! is that all? When you first spoke I didn't know but the cook had been using some of the extra fine flour along with the buckwheat, though I expressly forbade her doing so.'

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The Printers' Bible, issued before 1702, contained an absurd misstatement of David in the 110th Psalm v. 161 in which he was pathetically made to say that 'praters persecuted him without a cause,' instead of 'princes.'

A string of fine snipe hung outside the kitchen door of a Chico Valley (Cal.) sportsman. A cat tried to reach the snipe but could not. She went away, but soon returned with another cat, and, standing upon his shoulders, they were soon enjoying a genuine game dinner.

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