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INVIGORATING THE BABIES.

We find in the *Sanitary News* of recent date a remarkable article under the title of "Artificial Child Incubation." At first the idea conveyed to the ordinary mind is that the subject is to be burlesqued, but a careful reading of the article leaves the impression that the matter is not only no joke but a most interesting and important reality. It must be understood, in the first place, that there is no principle involved in this so-called "child incubation" that can in any manner disturb or interfere with certain ancient and satisfactory rules governing the increase of the human family, as one might suppose. The idea, is that, after birth, the child is capable of wonderful development by a proper application of artificial heat. The experiments that have given rise to the discussion of the subject are said, by the *Glasgow Mail*, to have occurred in France, under the supervision of Dr. Traverrier, who imbibed the idea from artificial chicken incubation. This physician was attached to a hospital for foundlings, and was annoyed at the large number of puny infants that died on his hands before they were six months old. The majority of the children received at the hospital were weak and sickly, and he resolved to try what artificial incubation could do for them. He constructed an incubator after his own notion and began a series of experiments the result of which was indeed remarkable. The incubator was a box covered with a glass slide, furnished with a soft woolen bed, and kept at the temperature of 86 degrees, Fahrenheit, by the aid of hot water. He selected as the object of his first experiment a miserably-made infant, one that had come into the world at an injudiciously early period. This infant was placed in the incubator, provided with a nursing bottle, and kept in a dark room. To the surprise of the doctor it ceased to cry on the second day after it was placed in the incubator, and although it had previously been a preternaturally sleepless child, it sank into a deep and quiet sleep. The child remained in the incubator about eight weeks, during which time it never once cried, and never remained awake except when taking nourishment. It grew rapidly, and when at the expiration of sixty days, it was removed from the incubator, it presented the appearance of a healthy infant of at least a year old. Delighted with the success of the experiment Dr. Traverrier next selected an ordinary six-months-old infant addicted to the usual pains and colic, and exhibiting the usual fretfulness of French infants. This child conducted itself while in the incubator precisely as its predecessor had done. It never cried; it spent its whole time in sleep, and it grew as if had made up its mind to embrace the career of a professional giant. After a six weeks' stay in the incubator it was removed and weighed; during this brief period it had doubled its weight. It had become so strong and healthy that it resembled a child three years old, and it could actually walk when holding on to a convenient piece of furniture.

So convinced was Dr. Traverrier of the advantages of child incubation, that he proceeded to construct an incubator of the capacity of 400 infants, in which he placed all of the 360 babes who were then in the hospital. One of these died from a constitutional disease and another was taken away. The others were kept continually in the incubator for six months, when they had to be removed because they had outgrown their narrow beds. The result will, says the *Glasgow Mail*, seem almost incredible to persons who are unfamiliar with the reputation of Dr. Traverrier and have not seen the report made to the French government by a select committee of twelve physicians. When the children were placed in the large

incubator their average ages were eight months and three days, the youngest being less than twelve hours old and the eldest not more than eleven months. The average weight was sixteen pounds, but at the end of six months the average weight was twenty-four pounds, "and,"—says the paper quoted—"there was not one that would not have been supposed by a casual observer to be at least three years old."

In other words, six months of Dr. Traverrier's artificial incubation did as much in the way of developing the foundlings as three years of ordinary life would have accomplished. Within one week after leaving their hothouse we are told, these children were big and strong enough to walk. Here, indeed, is something for people to contemplate; and in these days, while prize fighters are in such demand, somebody might with profit go into the business of breeding and "incubating" giants in comparison with whom Mace's Maori and the Salt Lake slogger would be as infants.

The Origin of the Name Texas.

On a subsequent visit Houston told me the legend of the origin of the name "Texas," as he had it from an Indian chief. I wish I could give his very words instead of my memory of them. A long time ago, when the Spaniards overran and plundered Mexico, some of the red men left them and came towards the rising sun. They crossed the Rio Grande, and not knowing what lay before them entered upon the great salt marshes. They traveled many days and found but little sweet water or game. The weather grew hot and the little streams dried up and the grass withered, and many old men and women and children died of thirst. One day, after many weeks of weary walking, a party of young braves, who had been sent ahead to reconnoiter, came running back and said, "We have found water come; on!" This good news put new life into their veins, and although nothing could be seen but a dry, flat, bald prairie, the scouts were standing still, calling and beckoning to them and pointing toward something apparently at their feet.

At length they reached the spot where the braves are standing. Fifty feet below them the humid waters of the Colorado sang a melody to Heaven. Beyond, far as even an Indian vision could reach, stretched a great expanse. The tall mosquito grass, yielding to the breath of the gentle south wind, rolled in vast billows of verdure under the ardent summer sun. Little "islands" of mesquite trees dotted this grassy sea, and herds of buffalo and deer grazed in peaceful ignorance of an enemy's approach. Forgetting hunger, fatigue and even thirst in this delicious vision the red men fall upon their knees and cry out "Tehas! Tehas!"

"Tehas" is the nearest approach I can make in English to the correct pronunciation of Texas, and means—as the narrator explained to me—Paradise.—A. H. M., in *Philadelphia Times*.

The lapse of a very few years will show that the western plains cannot be depended on to make meat cheap forever. Cattle ranges are no longer illimitable. The day when an indefinite increase in the size and number of herds was possible has already passed. Stock men will have to begin very soon filling up little chinks of territory, instead of ranging at will over whole counties and states. The limit of the ability of the country to support beaves has not been reached, but new and more careful methods of ranching must gradually be introduced. These will certainly not be less expensive than the methods now in vogue, so that the average annual price of fat cattle must tend upward.

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"Take \$10 to boot." "All right. I'll fine you \$10. That makes us even."

From the Blue mountains, near Weston, to the Columbia river forty miles on the west, says the *Leader*, there is an almost unbroken stretch of wheat fields, which never in extent or promise approached its present hopeful condition.

A preacher, whose congregation had begun to fall off somewhat, had it intimated that he would discuss a family scandal the following Sunday. As a consequence the church was crowded. The minister's subject was Adam vs. Eve.

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SYMPTOMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.

Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is on the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are costive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. A slight, dry cough is sometimes attendant. The patient complains of weakness and debility; he is easily startled; his feet are cold or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low, and although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.

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