

The Care of Infants in France.

In the Rue Perrochel, in Boulogne, Dr. Aigre carries on his interesting "Oeuvre de la goutte du lait" (Work of the drop of milk).

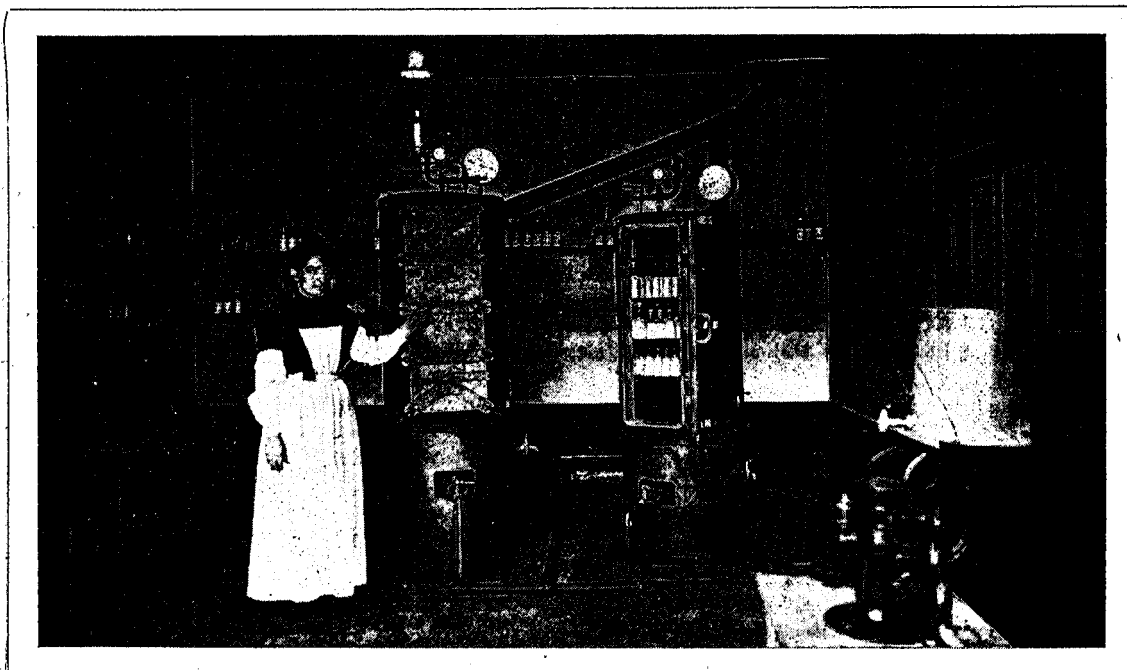
I believe there are similar places in England, but one hears so little of them that I think a short account of this interesting institution will be welcomed by the readers of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Dr. Aigre commenced the work in a very simple way, having only a little shop and back room in a very poor quarter of the town; he has now, by great perseverance and by the help of the townspeople, erected a neat build-

Room No. 2 has a central stove and seats all round. This is the waiting room for the mothers. Here they undress their babies and wrap them in shawls ready for inspection.

Room No. 3 contains two large sterilisers and shelves for the prepared cruets of milk, and in a little bag tied on to the cruet is the sterilised teat which fits the bottles and is sent with the daily supply.

In this room also is a large board with the name and number of the child under the day of the month on which it was born, so that, looking at the 2nd of the month, we find an increase of food for 25, 14, and 60, and so on.



OEUVRE DE LA GOUTTE DU LAIT, BOULOGNE.
THE STERILISING ROOM.

ing consisting of four light and airy rooms.

Room No. 1 is for the use of the doctor and his helpers. This is simply furnished with a large wooden table in the centre, on which are laid out, in order, charts to record the weight of babies under supervision; a second table holds the scales, and is presided over by the assistant or Matron, who personally dilutes and sterilises the milk according to the age and requirement of the baby. She lives on the premises and is there all day, Sundays and week days alike, for which she receives £5 a month and her rooms, without board. She has under her a young girl of 14 or 15 to help clean the premises and wash the bottles.

DATE. 1st.	DATE. 2nd.	DATE. 3rd.
12 John Harvey	25 Fred Hook	21 Sybil Moore
5 May James	14 Jane Hopper	.
10 Anton Frost	60	3 Jack Smith
2 Mabel Jones	.	.

Room No. 4 contains sink with hot and cold water, brushes and draining apparatus, empty cruets, etc.

If the mother is able and willing to bring the child up by the breast, she has two loaves a week given to her, and, at the end of twelve

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