

The Midwife.

THE BABY'S FRIEND.

Is not this a happy, healthy, contented looking baby? She is one who uses the "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve which Messrs. Ingram, of the London India Rubber Works, Hackney Wick, N.E., have placed upon the market, and thereby done good service to thousands of babies.

If it is necessary for a baby to be hand-fed then by all means let the bottle have an "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve. Mothers, nurses and



midwives know only, too well, by sad experience, how many teats of ordinary patterns becomes slack when they have been used for a short time, and, as they have not sufficient grip, slip off, and the milk comes pouring out, the result being disastrous both to the baby's comfort and to the dainty frock.

The "Agrippa" Band Teat obviates the danger we have described, because it has a deep rubber band fitting round the top of the bottle, instead of the narrow rim which is usual. Further, this band has an inner rubber casing, which by a new process has been rendered extremely tough and rigid. The result is that the teat fits absolutely securely.

In addition, owing to the shape of the teat, there is a soft cushion at its base, so that the

shape approximates closely to that of the natural nipple, hence its comfort.

The "Agrippa" Band Valve has equally good points, its object being to regulate perfectly the flow of the food.

The "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve have the further merit that they will fit any shape of feeding bottle. Further, this teat can be kept absolutely clean and safe by boiling as its quality is not thereby deteriorated.

A NURSERY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Women's Industrial Council inaugurated a useful work last week by opening at Hackney a Nursery Training School for girls of the artisan class in the care of babies and the management of a home. The pupils pay 10s. a week for their board, lodging and training, and at the conclusion of this training, which lasts for a year, they will, if approved, receive the first diploma to be granted in this country for working-class girls. The course includes practical training in the living rooms, the nursery, and the kitchen, as well as theoretical instruction. The teaching will be given for the most part by volunteers, and the various departments will be in charge of experienced social workers. The pupils undertake the whole of the housework and cooking in rotation; they are also taught laundry work, how to make their own and the children's clothes, and have special instruction in games and kindergarten work. There should be a great demand for these trained workers. Amongst those interested in the work of the School are the Lady Battersea, Mr. George Cadbury, and Mr. Herbert Burrows.

A MUNICIPAL MATERNITY INSURANCE SCHEME.

A municipal maternity insurance scheme of considerable originality comes, says *The Standard*, from Sebnitz, a town in Saxony, where the infant mortality rate was recently as high as 20 per cent. All the women whose family income amounts to less than £95 a year are allowed to contribute 1s. a week to a municipal fund. On confinement they draw 14s. a week for a stated period if they have been depositing for twelve months, 18s. a week if for two years, 22s. a week for three years, and so on. For twins, 10s. a week is added to this bounty, while to all the mothers who nurse their own children, the burghers promise to give two pints of milk a day, making up the funds for the "additional benefits" by town grants and contributions from employers of labour.

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