purna for 24 hours with reluctance to feed and the passage of one loose stool. During the previous three weeks he had been fed undiluted, unmodified cows' milk ("milkman's milk") with an added protein-rich cereal. He was desperately thin but recovered, only to be left with evidence of severe brain damage. It seems likely that this high-solute feeding regimen was the major factor in the production of this hypernatremia. His mother's explanation for such an unusual feeding regimen in a young infant that she could not afford the prepared dried milk powders.

I believe that a major campaign is required to alert mothers to dangerous feeding practices and this could be part of a national drive to encourage breast-feeding. There may also be a case for further subsidies on low-solute milk powders when breast-feeding is impracticable.—I am, etc.,

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