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HOLIDAYS FOR FACTORY GIRLS.

We have received the following letter, signed on behalf of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund by the Countess of Sandwich, Dame Mary Scharlieb, Miss Lilian Blankinthes, Sir Thomas Bartow, the Bishop of London, the Chief Rabbi, the Rev. R. P. Horton, and Mr. J. F. Green: May we ask again for your friendly cooperation in our efforts to help women workers in factories, workshops, and domestic service to obtain a restful and much-needed holiday away from the congested and noisy areas of industrial centres? It is our hope to raise £6,000 this year for the Country Holiday Fund to ask the girls and women themselves to contribute to the expense of their holiday in the best of their own accord, but if they were able to do so, we are sure that those who cannot adequately help themselves. The benefit derived by these women and girls may easily be multiplied if, after a strenuous day or going to stuffy streets and crowded dwellings, is almost inconvertible. The holiday means change of air, change of scene, change of interests. It infuses those who are worn out by their labours with new life; it revives them with new hope; it elevates the body and refreshes the mind. The scene presented week after week at the headquarters of the County Girls' Holiday Fund has been a sight worth seeing, and every day the sight is worth while for the benefit that is derived. The money raised was filled with gratitude to the Fund for its magnanimity and generosity, and to make such holidays possible. Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the honorary treasurer, Miss Slater, or by Miss Canney, 76, Lamb's Conduit Street, London, W.C.1.

FOREIGN BODY IN THE VAGINA.

Mrs. I. Munro (Belfast) writes:—'In a case of insertion of a haunch into a child's vagina (July 26th, p. 163), and reports the case of an unmarried girl, aged 19, who had a feild and blood-stained vaginal discharge, and a wooden object impacted in and ulcerating the walls of the vagina. It was so firmly implanted that her doctor was unable to remove it with difficulty, while in the case recorded, 24 to 25 hours, or in six to eight hours, and is then ready for use. Dr. Campbell Mackie advises also the administration of a preparation—'colactiti'—marketed by E. H. Spicer, Watford, Herts, since this aids the establishment of B. vulgarius in the large intestine.

SOUR MILK.

DR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE (Wigan), replying to "E. W. D.," suggests the use of Grade A milk fortified with lactose tablets, which must be kept carefully corked in their tins. Three or four are soaked and placed in a tablespoonful of the milk; they are then cooled, and when cold, the mixture should be transferred to one or two pints of milk. This is well stirred, and left at room temperature during the summer, or in winter kept at body temperature. Such a mixture is in six to eight hours, and is then ready for use. Dr. Campbell Mackie advises also the administration of a preparation—"colactiti"—marketed by E. H. Spicer, Watford, Herts, since this aids the establishment of B. vulgarius in the large intestine.

DR. G. S. YALVEEN (Tarland, Aberdeen) writes: In reply to "E. W. D.," who asks for advice regarding the artificial scoring of milk, I refer to a Journal of August 5th (p. 238). I may state that this form of milk is very extensively used in the Scandinavian countries as a daily food, and is prepared as follows. The bottom of a deep plate or bowl is smeared with a tablespoonful of sour milk or cream; the dish is then filled with fresh milk and allowed to stand 24 to 26 hours in a warm place, such as a kitchen cupboard, but not on a range. When ready a thick cream should be formed, and the milk below should be fairly firm. Each child is given a spoonful of sour milk with a little sugar and currants, or a piece of soup bread (groat bread) is a delicious summer food, but is in most cases an acquired taste. A little of the top cream should be used for preparing this milk.

R. G. M.

REBATA.

We notice regret that in the Journal of July 26th (p. 135) a line was omitted from the article by Dr. Leonard Colebrooke entitled "Infection by anaerobic streptococci in purpuric fever". The last sentence of the paragraph on this page describing the clinical features of seventeen cases of generalized infection due to anaerobic streptococci should have been as follows: It may be noted that 5 of the 9 cases which developed suppuration gave mixed cultures from the blood, and in 3 of them a septic thrombus was found post mortem.

PROFESSOR HENRY MOORE calls our attention to the fact that in the last line of his article "Lipid nutrition of infants" (Journal of August 16th (p. 242), the name Friedrich was mis-spelled as Friedrich.

Vacancies.

NOTIFICATIONS of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and other professional and official positions, are columns will be found at pages 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, and 43 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenancies at hospitals, will be published in this issue on pages 40 and 41.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the Supplement at page 133.