

View of the harbor of Trieste, the capital of Istria, which the Italian artillery has begun to bombard from a point near the mouth of the Isonzo river.

NEAR STARVATION IN MEXICO



Here is a timely picture showing to what measures the civilian population of Mexico has to resort in order to keep itself from actual starvation. Poor Mexican women with empty market baskets are seen thronging about one of the army food supply depots, where they are given barely enough to keep body and soul together.



be used for the baby.

If, as sometimes happens, the mother does not have milk enough for her baby, she will need to add to it by one or more bottle-feedings during the day. In such a case every effort must be made to get clean milk, to keep it cool and prepare it in the right way. In order that the mother may nurse

her baby successfully she should begin about two months before the baby is born to take care of the nipples, washing them every day in warm water and a mild soap, like castile, and, after drying them thoroughly, rub them gently with vaseline, olive oil, or some other softening application.

When the baby is about six hours old he may be put to the breast, and then at six-hour intervals for the first day or two, until the mother's milk "comes." After that he should be nursed every three hours from six o'clock in the morning until nine in the evening, nursing him regularly, by the clock. For the first three months he will need a night feeding, but after four months he should sleep through the night without nursing. When the baby is six months old the mother should begin to lengthen the interval between feedings a quarter of an hour each week until the length of time between nursings is four hours. The baby needs no other food than breast milk, except plenty of good drinking water (which has first been boiled and cooled) for the first eight or nine months.

The nursing mother should have plenty of good food. All good food is milk-making food. What is important is that it should please the mother's taste, tempt her appetite and cause her no headache, coated tongue or gas on the stomach or bowels. If the mother is well, the baby is pretty sure to be well. Among the things that most nursing mothers will digest well and thrive on are fresh vegetaoles, nourishing soups, good breat and butter, milk-sweet milk and buttermilk-eggs, meat, fish, poultry and fruits raw and cooked. Some of the things that may give her indigestion are heavy puddings, underdone cereals, dumplings, too-fresh bread and biscuit. pastries, or a lack of fresh vegetables and fruit from the diet. It is better to cut down the allowance of tea and coffee to one cupful of each a day. Plenty of good drinking water is needed and it is a good plan for the mother to have milk between meals and at bedtime. The nursing mother should have plenty of sleep at night, and should learn to relax and rest whenever the baby nurses throughout the day. As far as possible she should be relieved of Westminster's hospital at Le Tou of the heaviest part of the household work, because if she is tired and worn the baby will not thrive as he should, as the mother's food has had to go to supply her own needs and her milk has been deprived of some of its nourishing qualities.

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