

DON'T KISS YOUR LITTLE YOUNGSTER ON THE LIPS



A Kiss That Won't Hurt Baby.

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Never kiss your baby on the mouth. Behind its tiny ear or on the back of its softly creased neck are adorable places upon which to press one's lips. Its dear little toes seem made for kisses, as does the center of its tiny hands.

The idea of a tobacco-smoking uncle or a gum-chewing aunt swooping down upon the mouth of a poor little unoffending and defenseless baby is not pleasant.

Keep your microbes for older people if you feel that you must kiss some one.

Transmit your million or so of germs to some one your own size.

Baby's mouth should be washed out daily with a weak solution

of boracic acid. This will, perhaps, counteract the trouble made by some one who kisses the baby when you are not looking.

There is no telling how many children have contracted disease, had their lives wrecked and possibly died through the mouth to mouth kiss. It is one of the greatest dangers besetting a baby.

No baby has ever said it liked to be kissed. Indeed, one sees more babies cry than smile at the salutation. Most of us kiss a baby from the purely selfish desire to feel its soft, sweet-smelling flesh against our lips.

If we must succumb to this desire let's remember the poor