

**The Cradle Oce More.**

The revival of the cradle seems a protest against many of the lately accepted theories of bringing up babies, and as such will be received with joy by many a mother who, realizing herself to be perfect in health and mental force, and knowing that she was rocked to sleep every night during the first two years of her life, has been bewildered by the information that she was imperiling her baby's life and reason by the same indulgence, and has even felt guilty when "Sleepy-time" made the long, easy swing in the big rocking chair, with little soft, warm bundle in her arms, seem the most delightful motion on earth. Of course the quick, jerky motion of a carelessly rocked cradle is bad. Any uneven motion is inadvisable for a child, but after dismissing all cradles from our arsenals, specialists have apparently reconsidered the matter and ordered them back, arguing that the motion, properly controlled, is excellent exercise for the infant.—*Truth.*

**Of Arbitration.**

A fortunate instance of the settlement of a serious difficulty by arbitration has just now been afforded by the two progressive republics of Argentina and Chile. They were in the very verge of war; but in September they concluded negotiations for arbitrating the points of difference. It required a good deal of self-restraint to arbitrate a boundary question that both sides considered almost vital. The United States legation at Buenos Ayres has made the meeting-place for the international conference, the work of which was concluded with an award given on March 24. The award as decided upon gives each country a part of what it claimed.

The London Saturday Review censures French and English cooking. It concludes that the French are the worst governed and the best fed people in the world, and that the English are the best governed and worst fed people on earth. It blames the ladies in part, for it says an English woman would rather have a poor dinner in a gorgeously gotten-up room than a good dinner in a plain room. It says that imported French chefs in little while are no good, because they are not being appreciated, cease to try to excel. There might be plumes written on the cooking of almost any country, but we suspect that the truth is that the rich of all countries except France waste more than they eat, and what they do eat is not, as a rule, cooked in the most palatable way.

Honolulu has few French chefs, but we have Japanese cooks with a number, good, bad and indifferent, mostly the latter. With such

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a summary of the two greatest continental European nations in the matter of cookery, it would seem apparent that the ladies of Honolulu who recently advocated the Cooking School, are advancing along the proper lines, and we trust the results will prove of such efficacy as to place Hawaii upon such a plane that the Saturday Review will pronounce Hawaii "The best governed and the best fed of all countries."

"Hello, Central!" "What number, please?" "One thousand two hundred and sixty-four." "I don't catch that." "One thousand two hundred and sixty-four." "Try it once more, please." "Twelve hundred and sixty-four." "Seven hundred and sixty-four?" "No; twelve hundred and sixty-four—one thousand two hundred and sixty-four." "I can't give you two numbers at once. Which do you want first?" "I was giving you the same number two different ways." "A little louder, please. I can't quite make you out." "I said I was giving you the same number two different ways." "Oh, yes. Well, what number do you want?" "Twelve hundred and sixty-four." "Suppose you give me each figure separately, like one, two, three, for instance." "All right. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve. Got that?" "Yes." "One, two, three, four, five, six. Got that?" "Yes." "One, two, three, four. Got that?" "Yes." "You want twelve, six, four, do you?" "Yes, twelve hundred and sixty-four. Do you understand now?" "Yes. I understand. Twelve sixty-four is busy now. Ring off, please."—*Harper's Bazar.*

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