

# SPINSTER BABY FACT NOW, SAYS WOMAN DOCTOR

### Are Mainly Responsible for Low Mortality, Claim

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### Infant Death Largely Traceable to Ignorance of Mothers

SYRACUSE, April 14.—"The spinster's baby of the proverb has materialized. It has arrived. The ideal of the proverb has become real."

So today declares Dr. Theresa Bannon, one of the best-known women physicians in the State, veteran of the World War, writer and attache of the Syracuse City Bureau of Health. Dr. Bannon continues:

"The parent long ago was found wanting in some things, and the community, the school and the church have taken over some of the care of offsprings.

"The baby, however, was left in its mother's arms, but now even she has been adjudged inefficient in its care, and the spinster public health worker claims the baby. She goes further and seeks to supervise the child from its conception and thus mitigate the burdens of Eve.

"From the medical profession the spinster brings instruction and advice and warning based on the death record of babies who too soon returned to the angelhood whence they came.

"Public attention focussed on this mortality record found the cause to be chiefly lack of knowledge on the part of the mother of her own need and that of her unborn baby.

#### Nature Not at Fault

"Nature herself is not at fault, for women the world over safely bring forth and rear their young. Poverty, the cause of most social evils, is also here acquitted, for the highest infant mortality is not among the poor.

"The spinster asks for her baby just a few simple things. She asks its expectant mother to observe a few rules in diet and work and rest. She asks her to consult a physician early, especially before the coming of her first-born, which, more than any subsequent birth, imperils the mother.

"The firstborn, too, incurs greater risks than any other.

"It is asserted that 75 per cent of accidents is preventable by prenatal supervision.

"The arrival of a normal baby into the world of individual existence is a triumph, a victory over the powers of evil. Called from high heaven, it found parents reconciled at least to the burden of its coming.

"It is now the spinster's charge.

#### Spinster Teaches Mother

"Many dangers surround the newborn, most of which are avoided when the baby has its natural food from its mother's breast. The spinster must often persuade a mother to nurse her baby.

"After a dominance of many years the artificial feeding of babies is passing.

"The spinster knows from the vital statistics of her community that four babies artificially fed die to one breast-fed, that the babe at the breast develops normally with health and strength, while the other bears the handicap of diminished vitality all its life long.

"It is obvious that the deaths under one week of age are from prenatal causes or conditions at birth. Such conditions have long prevailed, unaffected by the general advance of medical service, but now attention and study of these conditions give quick results in diminished mortality.

"Prenatal care is, of course, maternal care, and thereby the death rate of women at childbirth is reduced to the minimum. Supervision is, after all, possible only for the few who consent to consultation. It is a private matter, in spite of secretarial treatise and State claims. It is a physiological process and not a surgical or medical case for a specialist.

"Its dangers are common to all women of all races, but these dangers are incidental, not inevitable.

"Still there is too much needless suffering and death among women and their babies, and it is the spinster's care to prevent them by preaching simplicity of life for its greater security and enjoyment and reward."

The time to hustle for business is now and the Daily Times is the proper medium.

## Daily News Letter

General News and Gossip  
From Abroad.

TODAY—Roland Krebs, Chicago correspondent, writes of popular stampgrounds frequented by followers of night life in the mid-West metropolis.

CHICAGO, April 14.—There is an expensive waffle shop on the fashionable North Shore of Chicago where at certain hours of the early morning one finds nearly all the patrons either just plain drunk or else slightly lathered.

They bring no liquor with them, nor is it served to them there, yet the phenomenon persists.

Here's how it is: After an all-night party it's considered the smart thing to do to drop in at this shop for breakfast just before sunrise. No matter if the brave men and fair women have been disporting themselves in alcoholic aquariums downtown the party's a flop if it doesn't begin to taper off over the bacon and eggs in this establishment.

So 5 a. m. finds the merry-makers speech-making, wearing tissue caps, singing and passing back and forth song and quip, with not a drop in sight.

It's an all-night place and, strangely, male waiters do not succeed the waitresses at a late hour, as is the case in most places employing women for that purpose in daylight hours. However, the management has its prettiest girls on duty in the afternoon and early evening, but after the midnight hours waitresses whom rounders call lady blacksmiths because of their proportions and hostile demeanor hand out black Java for shaky heads. They permit no one to get "fresh."

The younger element of Chicago has introduced other innovations. Just now its favorite dance rendezvous is in a place called "The Stables," situated on the Chicago River's banks and sandwiched in between factories, tenements and warehouses. It just teems with atmosphere.

"The Stables" is another place at which elaborate parties get their second start of the evening, or rather, early morning.

Taxicabs ply through a goosy mire in the unkempt streets and draw up to a shabby roose of a building before which parades an archaic negro with silk hat, red muffler, wine-hued greatcoat, plastered with pewter buttons, and carrying a red lantern.

Inside there is a stall, festively decorated with prongs, halters, and the like, and a sign: "Check your harness, here." It's the cloak room. Upstairs a negro jazz-band holds forth. The lights all are shaded, and candles, dripping with chilled wax and stuck into greasy old bottles, dimly illuminate the tables. The walls are smoked and chalked with the initials of guests. Broken windows are stuffed with red flannel. Oh, yes, it's atmosphere enough! However, evening dress is the custom. Prices are accordingly adjusted.

No one thinks of going before dawn. The patronage is of the heaviest, as a string of taxicabs waiting in the streets at late hours indicates.

People who dance, dance all night in Chicago. Quite the opposite of "The Stables" is the "Bal" given each Saturday night in a downtown hotel. It's a very elaborate affair and is frequented by local and national celebrities. The "Bal" is a favorite haunt for aristocrats of the theatrical world. It is conducted much like a supper club. Memberships must be obtained as in a club. Invitations are restricted. Music is furnished from midnight until daybreak by an orchestra famous for its phonograph records.

This city is so dance-made that money once invested in theaters now is put into ballrooms all over the town. North Side and South Side alike have many of these places. Each tries to outdo the other in furnishings, luxuries and entertainment. There are only a few down-town and in the near-downtown. Most of them draw their patronage from surrounding neighborhood sections. Their popularity is so great that lamentations from downtown theatrical producers fill pages in national weeklies devoted to the show business. It is notable that all season Chicago has not had a play or musical show that could be called a "Wow." Those that New York called "Wows" came here full of giddy hope and turned out to be "Oonks." The city is too busy dancing.

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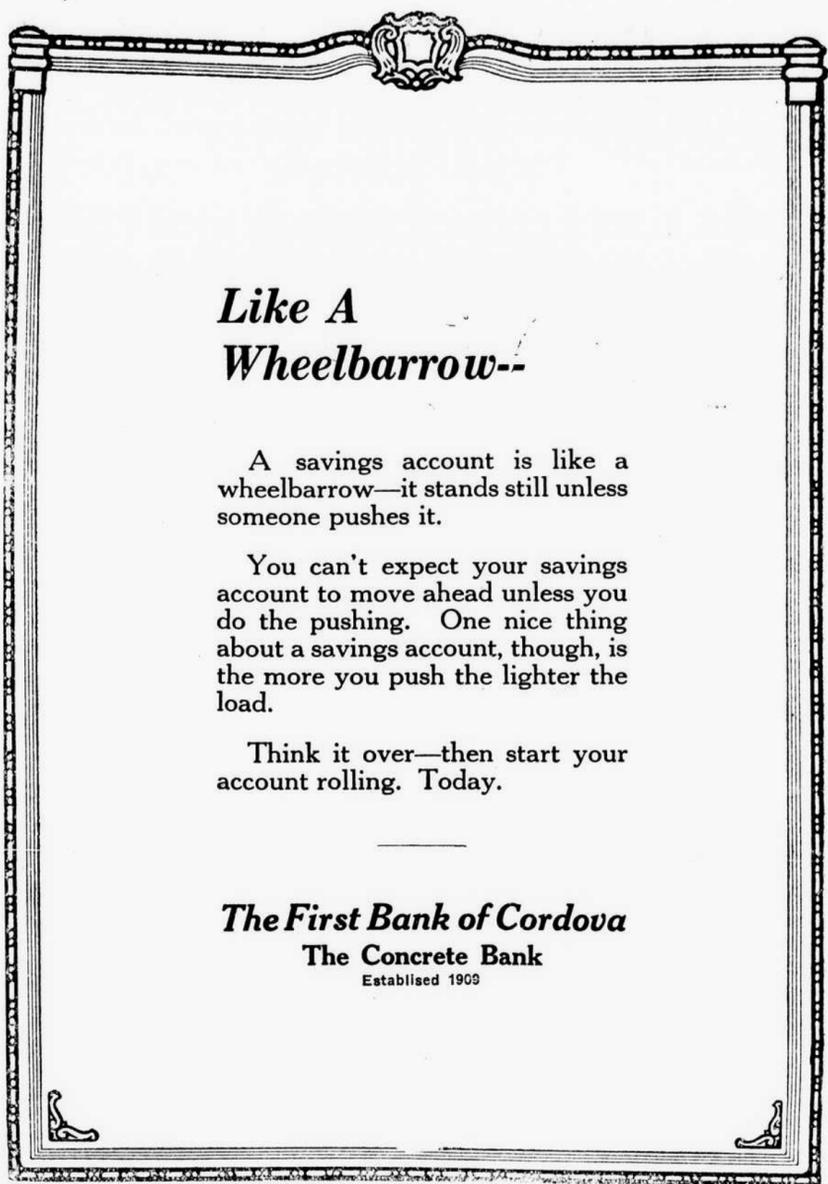
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