

Correspondence.

POSTURE AFTER CONFINEMENT.

BOSTON, September 14, 1889.

MR. EDITOR, — In confirmation of the rational mode of treatment as given in the paragraph "Position immediately following delivery," in the JOURNAL of the 12th inst., I send you a record of a regular midwife, who has practiced here in Boston since 1851, and whose treatment is just like that one recorded. She has a nurse to her cases only when subsequent illness occurs, otherwise the mother and infant are attended by her once a day, and the remainder of the time by a neighbor or some inmate of the family.

Mrs. Hasenfuss' books record a marvellous success in treatment dating from April 1, 1851, to April 1, 1889, — 7,440 deliveries.

Some of our most renowned men-physicians attended with her to those cases where forceps were needed. All other irregular presentations she manages herself. She

has had child-bed fever occur in regular cases only, between twenty and thirty times; no loss by death.

About twenty deaths are recorded from peritonitis or convulsions, and one from placenta prævia; in all these cases she had the assistance of well-known obstetricians.

She herself has borne seventeen children, of whom the youngest is eighteen years old.

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— A man in Manchester, N. H., has brought suit for one hundred dollars damages against "Dr. Fritz," for failure to cure him of dyspepsia; the contract price for which achievement was to be fifteen dollars. This sum the patient paid down, but he unfortunately remains uncured.

— Dr. J. W. Owen, over eighty years of age, a prominent physician, well-known throughout Virginia and Maryland, died at his residence in Stephens City, Va., the 15th inst.

REPORTED MORTALITY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 1889.

Cities.	Estimated Population for 1889.	Reported Deaths in each.	Deaths under Five Years.	Percentage of Deaths from				
				Infectious Diseases.	Consumption.	Diarrhoeal Diseases.	Typhoid Fever.	Diph. & Croup.
New York	1,571,558	624	261	25.59	16.22	15.11	2.39	5.09
Philadelphia	1,040,245	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicago	830,000	360	195	33.33	6.44	22.68	2.52	6.16
Brooklyn	814,505	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	500,343	164	63	18.91	25.25	7.93	3.66	3.05
St. Louis	450,000	105	66	17.69	6.06	9.15	3.05	4.27
Boston	413,567	204	98	27.93	9.10	19.11	2.94	5.39
New Orleans	250,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cincinnati	225,000	108	—	16.66	18.80	7.36	4.60	1.84
Washington	225,000	101	38	25.74	9.90	8.91	5.94	9.90
Pittsburgh	230,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	215,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Haven	82,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nashville	65,153	17	7	41.16	5.88	29.40	5.88	—
Charleston	60,145	38	14	23.67	13.15	15.78	—	—
Portland	40,000	17	6	35.28	11.76	35.28	—	—
Worcester	78,292	20	17	45.00	5.00	20.00	—	20.00
Lowell	71,518	32	12	31.25	15.65	21.91	3.13	6.26
Cambridge	65,652	28	13	21.42	10.71	17.85	3.57	—
Fall River	62,647	35	19	28.57	5.72	20.00	5.72	—
Lynn	53,334	17	—	17.64	11.76	17.64	—	—
Springfield	40,731	16	4	25.00	12.50	6.25	12.50	6.25
Lawrence	40,619	16	9	50.00	—	12.50	6.25	31.25
New Bedford	37,253	29	17	29.20	6.90	20.70	6.90	—
Holyoke	35,872	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Somerville	34,418	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salem	29,011	6	2	16.66	—	16.66	—	—
Brockton	28,813	7	4	71.40	—	28.56	—	14.28
Chelsea	28,167	11	1	18.18	18.18	9.09	9.09	—
Haverhill	26,058	4	2	50.00	—	50.00	—	—
Taunton	25,170	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gloucester	24,263	5	1	20.00	—	20.00	—	—
Newton	21,553	6	2	—	33.33	—	—	—
Malden	19,774	6	3	16.66	16.16	16.16	—	—
Fitchburg	17,534	7	4	42.84	—	14.28	14.28	14.28
Waltham	17,332	3	1	—	33.33	—	—	—
Pittsfield	15,502	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attleborough	15,425	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newburyport	13,875	4	2	—	—	—	—	—
Quincy	13,728	9	8	11.11	—	11.11	—	—

Deaths reported 2,059; under five years of age 869; principal infectious diseases (small-pox, measles, diphtheria, and croup, diarrhoeal diseases, whooping-cough, erysipelas and fevers) 528, consumption 239, acute lung diseases 129, diarrhoeal diseases 322, diphtheria and croup 92, typhoid fever 64, whooping-cough 15, malarial fever 14, scarlet fever 9, cerebro-spinal meningitis 8, measles 3, erysipelas 1. From whooping-cough, New York 8, Chicago 4, Baltimore 2, Fall River 1. From malarial fever, New York 8, Baltimore 4, Charleston 2. From scarlet fever, New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati 2 each, Baltimore 1. From cerebro-spinal meningitis, Cincinnati 2, Boston, Washington, Nashville, Charleston, Worcester, and

Brockton 1 each. From measles, New York, Cincinnati and Brockton 1 each. From erysipelas, Chicago 1.

In the twenty-eight greater towns of England and Wales with an estimated population of 9,555,406, for the week ending September 7th, the death-rate was 16.2. Deaths reported 2972: Infants under one year 839, diarrhoea 255, fever 63, scarlet fever 59, whooping-cough 58, measles 40, diphtheria 37.

The death-rates ranged from 13.2 in Leicester to 26.9 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Birmingham 17.3, Bradford 18.2, Hull 17.6, Leeds 18.8, Liverpool 18.2, London 14.0, Manchester 20.7, Nottingham 16.9, Sheffield 14.8, Sunderland 20.6.

In Edinburgh 12.7, Glasgow 21.2, Dublin 18.6.