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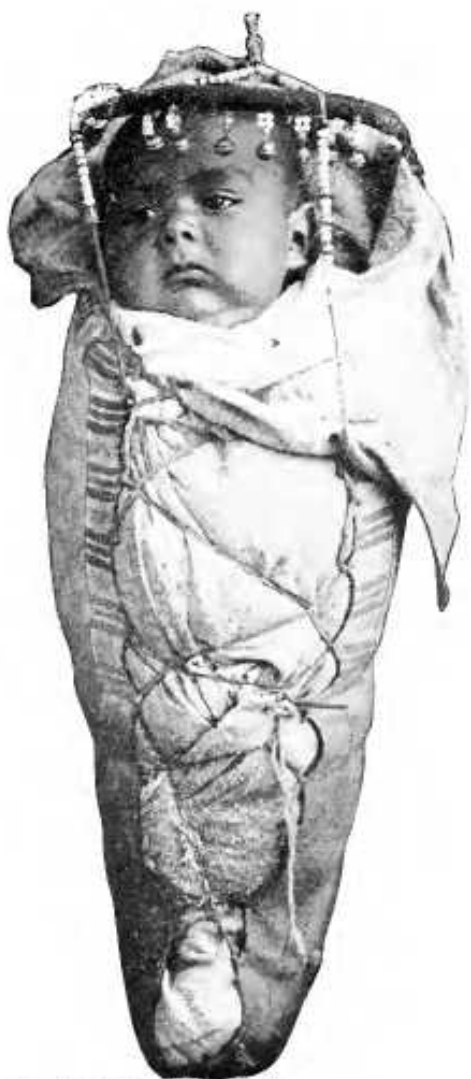
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January 1, 1907.

My dear Madam:

In my private practice I meet so many mothers, well educated otherwise, who are profoundly ignorant of the care of children that it is a pleasure to find one who is willing to study something of the subject in a systematic way.

The feeding of children, especially of bottle babies, calls for the utmost skill of the trained physician, while the responsibility of a sick child is too great for any mother or nurse.

It goes without saying that a subject which oft times taxes the knowledge of experienced physicians cannot be mastered in a few short lessons by the average mother. It is only in the hope that some of the fundamental principles embodied herein may be impressed upon the student mother's mind and lead to a better appreciation of the importance of details in the management of the child that these lessons are offered.

Children are not alike, nor can they be classified according to their peculiarities with a view to successful care or treatment of their varying disorders. Each child has his particular individuality, study and appreciation of which marks the highest type of the successful physician. The name of the disease or disorder is usually of less importance than the individuality or peculiarity of the child.

The dosing of children according to any stereotyped formula for real or imaginary ail-

ments cannot be too vigorously condemned and the wise mother will rarely administer medicines except under the advice of the physician.

Prevention is always much easier than cure and a mother's greatest opportunity comes in so caring for her child that he may seldom require the services of the physician.

I regret that I shall not be able to give the time to look over your answers personally, but my assistant will call upon me freely and I shall be glad to give any personal assistance that I can.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. C. Cotton". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the typed text.