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THE MOTHERCRAFT SECTION

Articles for this section will be welcomed by the Editor,
Miss Diana Hartley.

Mixed Feeding from Six to Twelve months.

In India, climate, conditions, food and children vary so much, that feeding must be carefully modified for each individual baby, but unless this is done from a well tried, scientific working basis it is difficult to obtain good results. The menus in this article are virtually those recommended by the Mothercraft Training Society, Highgate, and further information can be found in Miss Liddiard’s book, ‘The Mothercraft Manual,’ published by Churchill.

It has been found beneficial to give raw yolk of egg and vegetable purées to artificially fed babies from six months, but where the full amount of Cod Liver Oil Emulsion cannot be given and the quality of the cow’s milk is poor, it is often necessary to give,—(a) Less water in the milk mixture, pushing on to the recipes for older babies, rather more quickly, (b) A little barley jelly. This is less heating than oat jelly and is better than adding barley water to the milk mixture, unless the baby is very backward. It may be given as for nine months.

In some cases it has been found advisable to push on the mixed feeding but great care must be taken to watch the babies' condition, weight and motions, and to add all new foods in very small quantities increasing them slowly, especially fats and eggs against which some babies have an unfortunate idiosyncrasy.

A strong forward baby will enjoy a baked crust at seven months.

Ragi, sago and other suitable cereals may be used according to the district and means of the family.

When breast milk is scanty and cow’s or goat’s milk unobtainable, barley water and other cereal foods have to be resorted to, but modified, unsweetened condensed milk is most useful for complementary feeding, if it can be obtained.

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Menus from Six to Twelve Months

At Six Months

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Marmite, ¾ level teaspoon in the whole day’s milk mixture, or brewer’s yeast may be given and this may be slowly increased to two teaspoonfuls at 12 months.

Raisin pulp, spinach or lettuce purée, ½ a teaspoonful increasing up to three a day.

At Eight Months. (In addition to above.) A baked crust, ten minutes before the 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. feeds.

At Nine Months. (In addition to above.) Barley or Oat Jelly (sieved). Begin with 2 teaspoonfuls after the crust at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. before giving the milk mixture, a little of which should be poured over it without stirring it in.

If the baby is naturally fed and in the process of being weaned, a little expressed milk should be used if a breast feed is due.

Lettuce or Spinach purées should be continued daily, working up to about four teaspoonfuls at 12 months.

From Ten Months. (In addition to above.) Dinner at 2 p.m. any of the following (sieved), beginning with two teaspoonfuls increasing to about three tablespoonfuls at twelve months.

Soups.—Vegetable bone, mutton, chicken broth, lentil (dahl) soup, thickened to make them semisolid with baked breadcrumbs and a little potato baked or boiled in its skin.

Gratins.—From meat stew or pudding, meat, red from underdone meat, thickened with baked breadcrumbs, potatoes and sieved green or root vegetables.

Marmite.—Thickened with vegetables.

Egg.—Give half three times a week until 12 months (unless eggs are very small). Instead of adding it to the milk mixture, it should be codl and thickened with green vegetables or breadcrumbs or given as a steamed custard flavoured with salt.

Purées.—Any vegetables except onions, garlic and leeks may be used, mixed with breadcrumbs and served with white sauce, water from the vegetables or marmite.

At Eleven Months. (In addition to above.) Two teaspoonfuls of sieved milk pudding should be given after the crust, and preceding the 2 p.m. Milk mixture, some of which should be poured over, but not mixed with it. The amount should be increased to about three tablespoonfuls at 12 months.

Variations.—Rice in any form or ragi, sago, semolina, barley, tapioca (or egg custard may be given once a week). Small quantities of raisin or prune pulp or sieved baked apple should be added each day if they are available. Failing these a little sieved banana may be given, but care should be taken as it does not suit all babies.

New foods should be introduced in small quantities until it is certain that they suit the baby. Only two teaspoonfuls of potato should be given to begin with, plenty of cool boiled water should be given between meals and orange or tomato juice must never be omitted,
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