

The nose can readily be cleaned with a soft cone-shaped piece of cotton, especially if a little cocoanut oil be added to facilitate the process.

After the child has been patted dry it should be gently rubbed all over with the hand until a faint glow is produced, as this modified massage is very good for his muscles and internal organs.

If any child develops a rash see a trained nurse or a doctor without delay.

(To be continued.)

A MAN DAI.

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He was the dearest old man, gentle and quite sure of his vocation and very keen on his job, and he brought a patient to this hospital, as the case was beyond him, so I know there is at least one man dai and am keen to know if others have come across any such.

We got him to talk about his work.

"How many babies have I brought into the world? I cannot say—as many as the hairs of my head perhaps. I cannot read or write: no one has taught me: I have no instruments to help me: but the women are in trouble and they call me and God has blessed my hands. He did that when I was young and knew nothing and He still blesses them. Yes! the mothers and babies live. God has blessed my hands. This woman's bone is sticking out, I have done my best but the baby can't be born: so I have brought her here. We have heard your name even in our Hill village, so we have come. You have great advantages. God has blessed you indeed. You have everything to help you: that is why we have come."

The woman was brought in a wooden sort of dandy, very roughly made, carried on the shoulders of many men turn and turn about for days, escorted by an influential English speaking official and the man dai.

His diagnosis was quite correct. It proved to be a case needing craniotomy and the old man was as delighted as any of us when it was safely over. He had evidently given deep thought and interest to the case, and insisted on being told all about it.

The difference between his keenness and the ordinary indigenous dais' indifference was very marked.