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—C. W. Bardeen of Syracuse sends us a small pamphlet entitled "Tiedemann's Record of Infant Life." It is from the French translation of a German work, with a commentary interwoven by M. Michelan, the English version being by Bernard Perez. The original author, who lived about a century ago, records in this work his observations of his own son in the first two years of his life, noting down many points that will be interesting to those who are engaged in similar researches. The phenomena of childhood, as thus recorded by him, differ in many respects from those noticed by Darwin and other recent observers,—a fact which

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