

meals but serves them and changes all dishes at the same time. A certain amount of servant help is good but to turn the entire responsibility of the home over to one is not good. Jorge respects the servants but not his mother & father. Their little baby is always sick and is continually attended by some young squirt just back from getting his B.S. degree in Switzerland. She vomits continually and has bulging eyes. They keep her in a nearly dark room in a crib that she cannot see out of, and, except for the attention given by the maid - seldom has human contact. Mrs Ibarra was the Queen of Chiquiremela Departamento in the pre-nuptial days! Don't get me wrong - she's a good mother.

My health has been good except for one siege of food poisoning which reduced my weight from 190 to 165 lbs. The blow was hard and the recovery slow. It seemed like it got my haemoglobin as I had not capacity for activity without forced breathing. For two days my intestine churned continually. I am now taking vitamin tablets ^{which} may help the situation. I think that the poisoning came from a powdered soap that had eggs and milk and other ingredients which could have been spoiled. The soap comes in tin foil packages (made in Germany). I imagine the powdered eggs might have been ptomained.

I cannot understand how the Catholics could have been in Guat. for 500 years but have had no influence of the sanitating of the country. The children still play in the yard with the pigs and cattle. The dogs are nothing but disease carriers and keep the children infected. A clean face & hands is the exception. Toilet sanitation is unknown. There are many eye diseases and defects which indicate the poor sanitary conditions under which they live. Dust and smoky huts are contributing to the upper respiratory diseases. Cancer runs unchecked, as do other open type wounds. Little children to 8 years of age are much like our children but after that age they turn into old men & women! At Robinal I met a man leading a horse which had a beautiful little girl about 4 years of age. She had a open wound on her nose and running wounds on her legs where she had continually scratched her legs from fly bites. I have the same trouble with the pesky flies. He was taking her to some home doctor for cure. I gave them a dinner, water and 50¢ for medicines which the papa will spend on whiskey in the next pueblo. According to Berchard, there is only one doctor for something like 180,000 people in Peten - other areas are without medical help. Why don't you come on down and we will set up business - be sure to bring the meat saw down. Speaking of flies - that has them. Each time a group of natives come to the saw,