

## STORY.

Near London, at Tunbridge Wells, small London children all under the age of five, are being treated for a disease hitherto associated only with grown men, soldiers of the last war.

The institution at which the London children are being treated is the St. Catherine's Nursing Training College. The college has been in existence for 30 years, but only recently had to appeal to the public for money.

Their job was the training of nurses but, with the blitzing of London, Miss Payne, who is the director of the Institution, learned of children who had become shell-shocked through the bombing. Seventy of these tiny victims were taken in, but their care cost money. In a short time they were in financial hot water, and one of the Government departments (to be exact, the Admiralty), was waiting to take over their building for offices.

In desperation Miss Payne appealed to the American Committee for Air Raid Relief, a group of Americans resident in London set up by the British War Relief Society of America, for help. £3,000 was immediately forthcoming from monies received from the United States, and this not only enabled them to keep their heads above water, but, in addition, to take in one hundred more children. Some of the children look perfectly normal, but they are completely apathetic to everything, and must be tempted even to eat the daintiest of morsels. Others have had their cheeks pierced by shell fragments, while

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others must even be taught to walk again, for they have  
lost their sense of balance.

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