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# Nannies and babies

REGISTERS 692-693, YEAR 1837

# CONTEXTUALIZATION

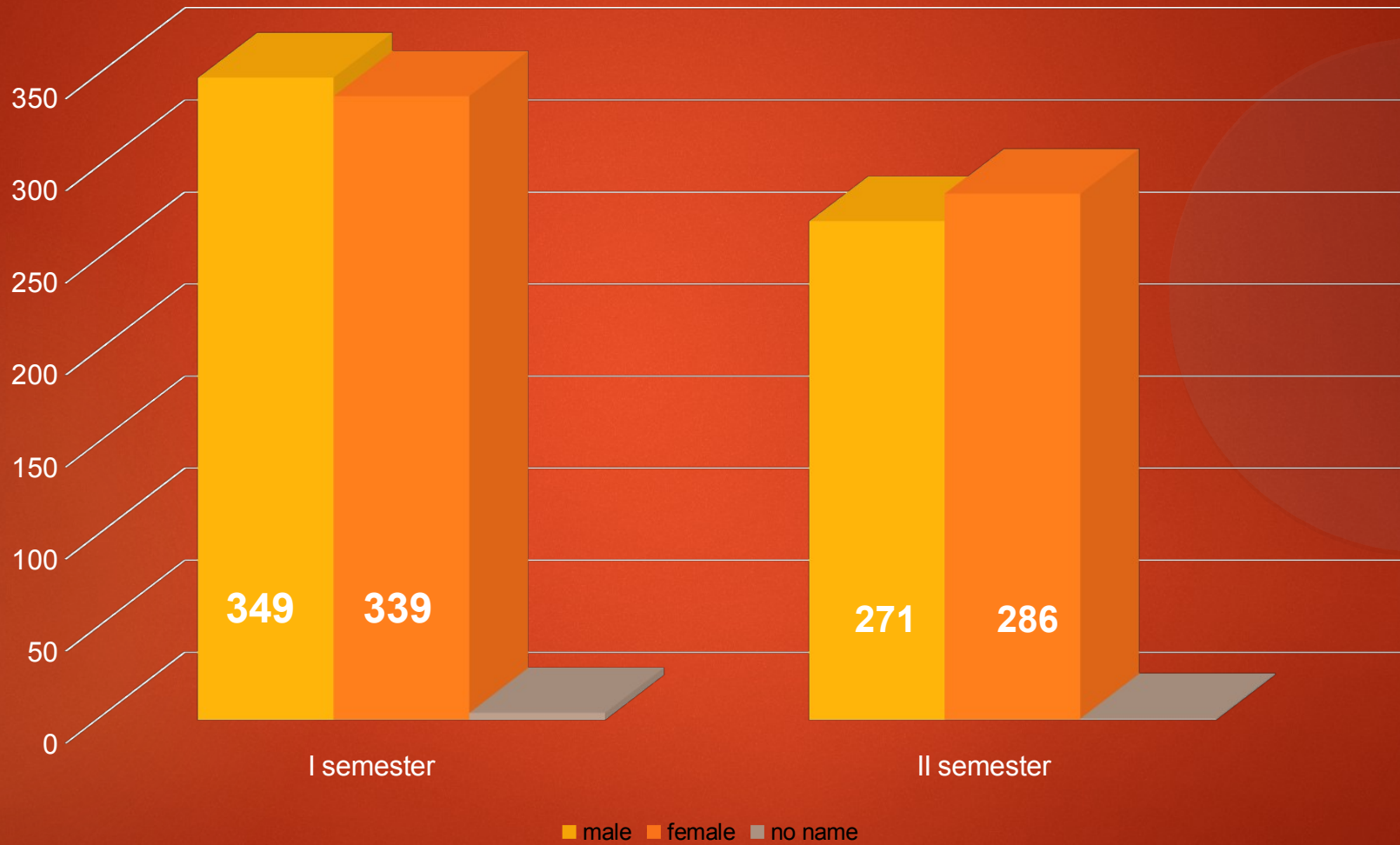
Around 1837, in Florence an epidemic illness, the colera, spread through the city, provoking death, in particular among the babies of the Spedale degli Innocenti

Colera is an infective illness which hit the intestine, causing several damages to the affected individual.

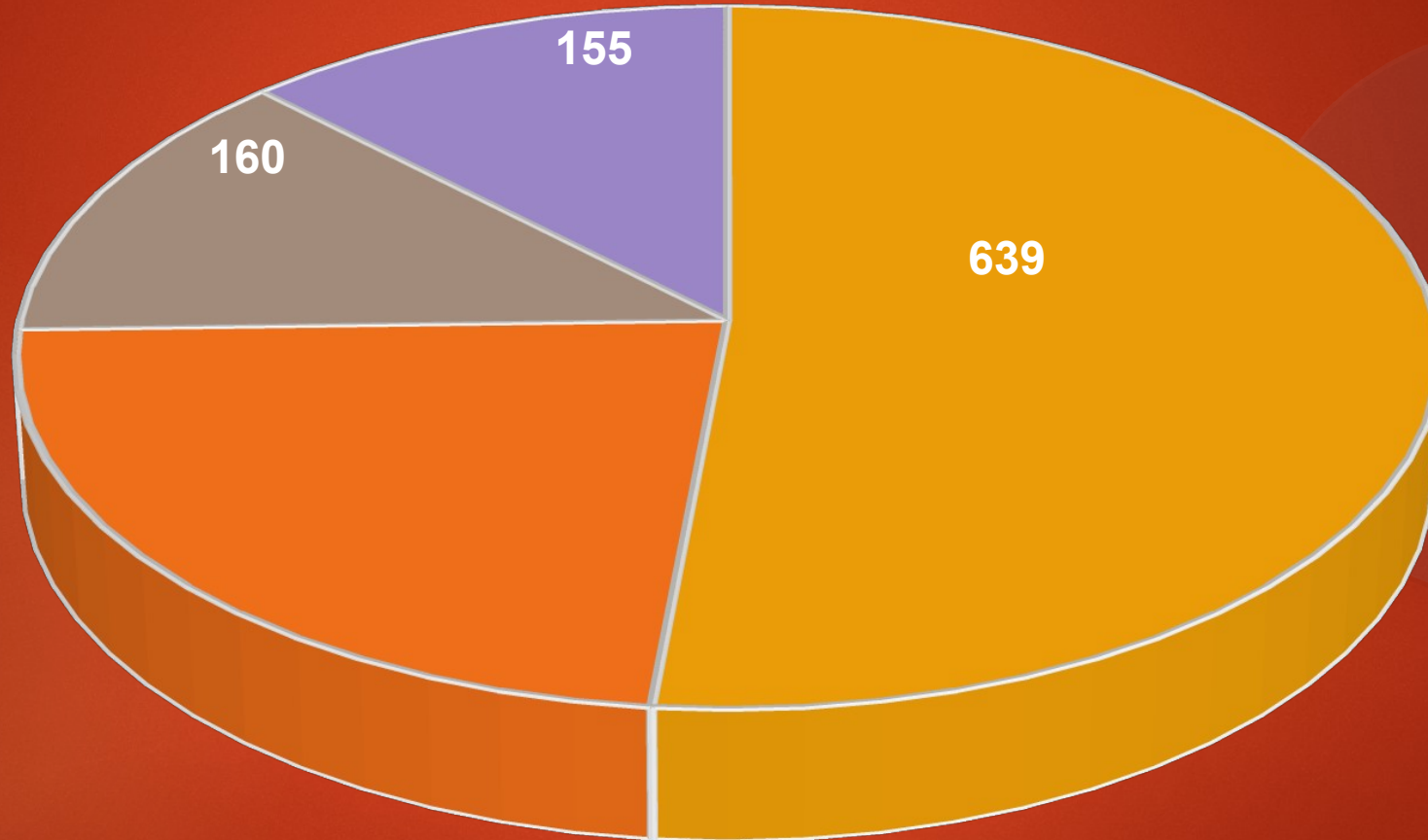
Symptoms can be vomit and diarrhea, that cause dehydration.



# Gender



# Fate



■ dead ■ returned ■ kept ■ married

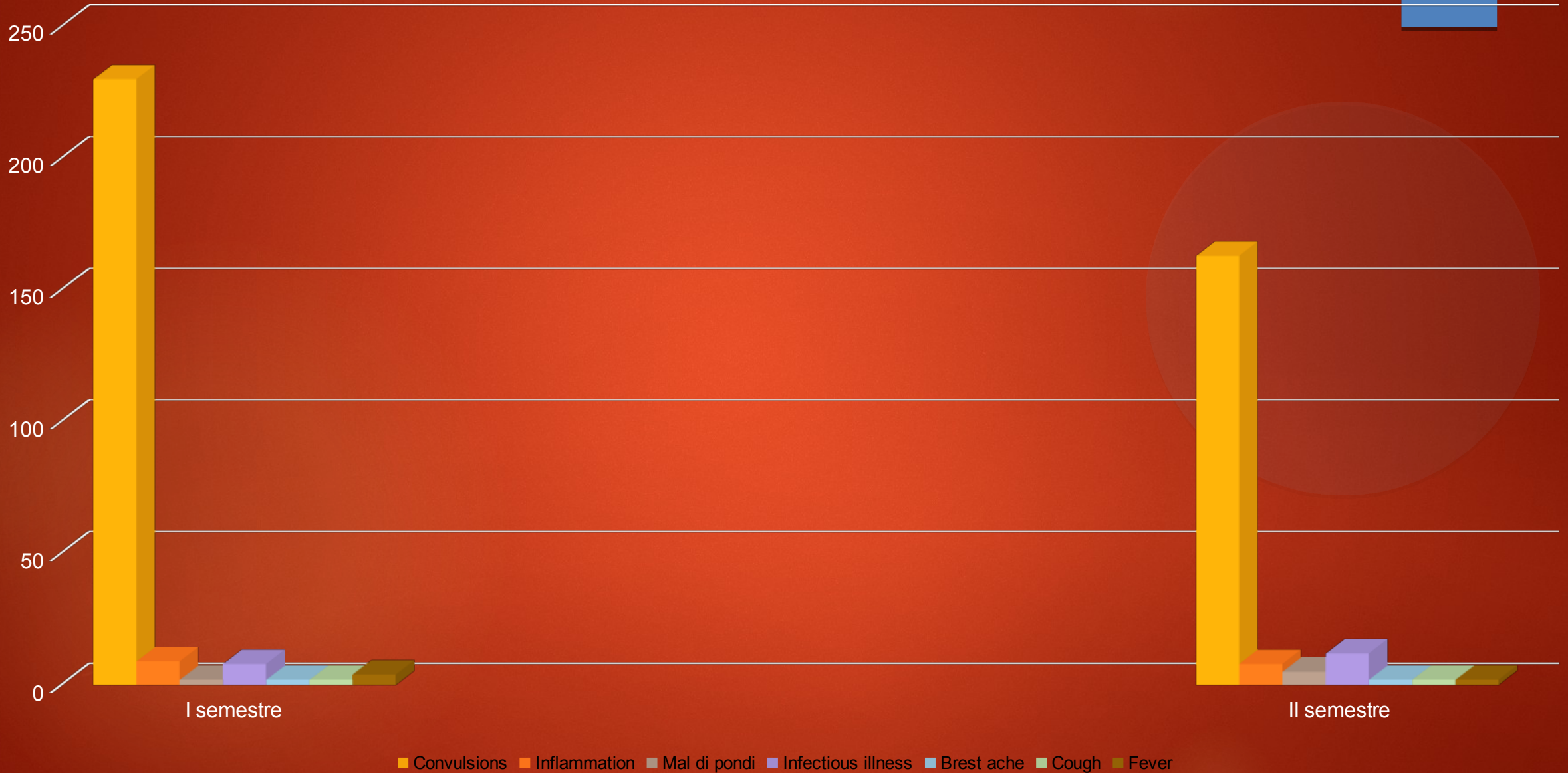


# CHILD MORTALITY

**At the Spedale degli Innocenti, due to an overcrowding of babies, illnesses spread very fast and easily, so the death rate was very high.**

**We have noticed that several dead occurred especially during the first year of life, when the babies had a delicate health.**

# causes of death





# Right to the name

Art. 6 civil Code : everybody has the right to have a name according to the law.

Individuals must have a name and a surname.

Changes, additions and corrections are allowed only if the Law permits it.

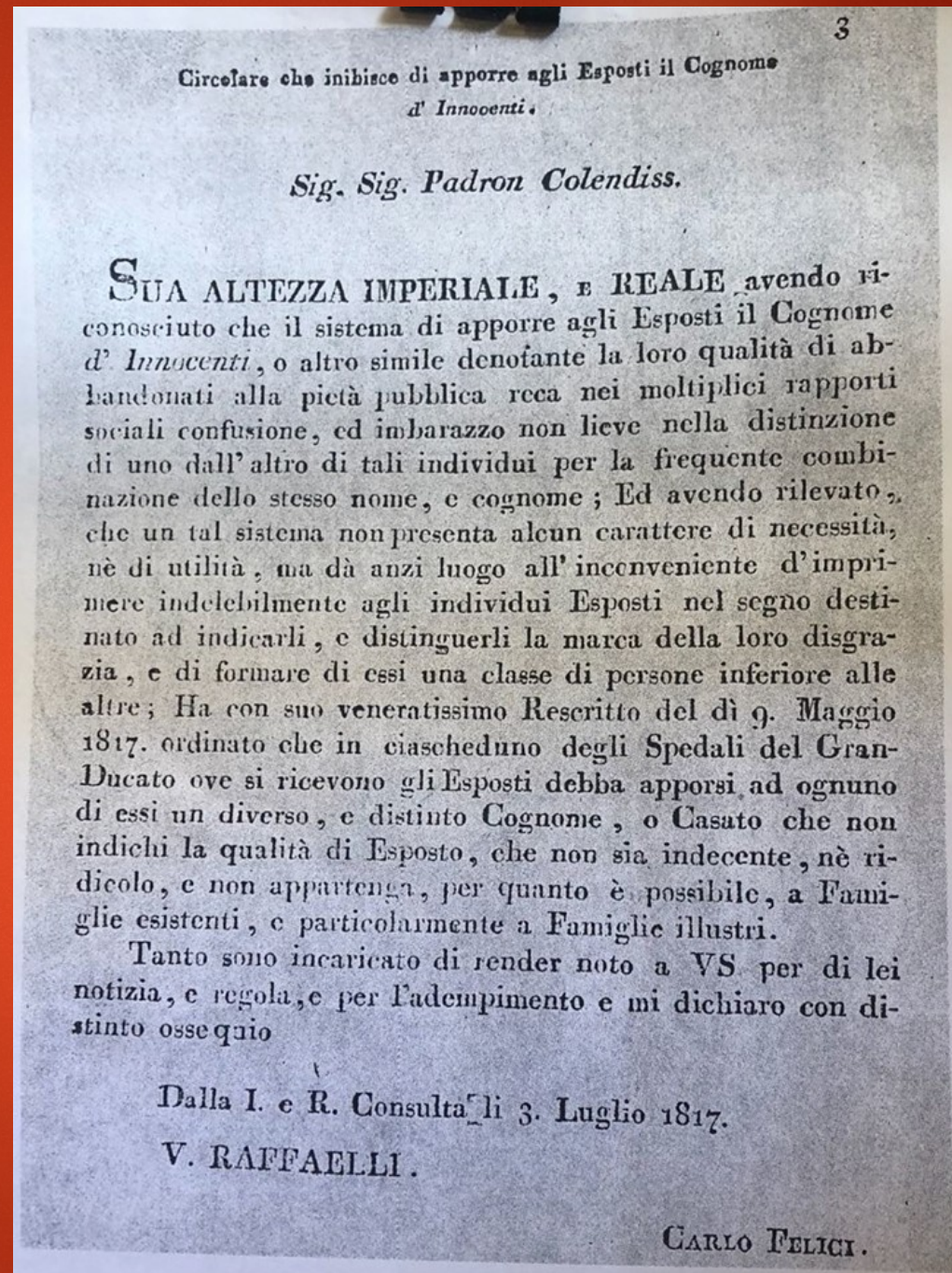


# THE NAME IN THE SPEDALE

In 1817 an important circular had been spread.

This circular forbade to give surnames linked to the Spedale, especially “Innocenti” and its declations.

Despite of this, during our analysis we have found some exceptions, for example a baby whose surname was Degli Innocenti (n. 534; register 1).





After the circular, babies were given the most unusual and funny names :

Here, we're going to show some examples

- Surnames that remind of food :
- Numbers (whether random numbers or linked to the day of the baby's arrival)
- Phrases
- Surnames wishing a good future to the baby
- Surnames regarding information about the baby
- Biblic names