

AMERICAN MOTHER IS THE GRANDEST ON THIS EARTH

None Ever Better Equipped for Her Task, Says Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

CRITICISMS ANSWERED. Improvement in the Physical Condition of the Women of the Day.

"The average American mother of the day is able to devote, and is devoting, more of her time, more of her thought, and more of her society to her children than any other mother in the civilized world. There never was a time when motherhood was more devoted and unselfish, and fatherhood more anxious to give and sacrifice everything to make the rising generation happy and successful as now, and there certainly never was a time when they were one-half so intelligent or one-quarter so well equipped for their task."

In these days of doleful sermons over the lack of true domesticity in our womanhood, Dr. Woods Hutchinson's encouraging words will be especially pleasant for the American mother. She has a whole chapter devoted to her in Dr. Hutchinson's newest book, "We and Our Children," just brought out by Doubleday, Page & Co. The writer takes up and dismisses one by one five specific complaints against the lady she champions. The common but unjust charges, he says, are physical incompetence, selfishness, neglect of home duties, unjustus disciplines, and injury to race stamina by permitting children to grow up under unwholesome conditions.

AMERICAN WOMEN IMPROVING PHYSICALLY. "There never was a time in the recorded history of the world when women were as well abreast of men physically as they are to-day," Dr. Hutchinson sets opposite objection No. 1. "The American woman is not deteriorating physically, but distinctly improving. When, in any previous age, could you pick out in any community, or in any assembly, such scores of tall, graceful, fresh-colored, vigorous, young Ednas and Bachelorettes capable of taking their part and of making it interesting for the average man with the racket, the golf club, the paddle, or in swimming, cross-country tramping, mountain climbing and dancing all night long?"

"Nor is this improvement confined simply to the tennis playing and society club supporting classes of society who are producing the athletic types of girl in such increasing numbers. It is almost equally true of the great middle class and wage earning eightieths of the community, as is shown in the fact that the sizes of ready-made clothing, including shoes and gloves, are steadily increasing all over the United States. The numbers of twenty years ago are almost a size too small for girls of a corresponding age or for adults too."

EXHIBITION OF THE LOOKING GIRLS CONVINCING. "Any one who will walk through the retail districts of one of our large cities just after the closing hour, and note the flood of tall, well grown, happy faced young girls, in their bright, clean, and fresh color, that sweeps past him, and can continue to believe that American womanhood is degenerating, is a pessimist whose reason is closed to the evidence of his senses."

"From a physical point of view, no mother of history ever was better equipped for her task than is the American mother of to-day." "And Dr. Hutchinson has a ready answer to the second charge against American motherhood, selfishness. "Material self-interest," he says, "should be balanced by a good wholesome share of intelligent selfishness in order to develop the best type of children. The best mother, both in beginning and in the long run, is the one who takes the best care of her own health, of her good looks, and keeps up an intelligent interest in life, so that she may remain the delightful claim and the valued adviser of her children all their lives long."

HARBESON IN A SANITARIUM. Alleged Bread Thief's Mother Arranges Transfer from Lockup. Matthew Harbeson, under sentence of thirty days in prison last Friday on the charge of having stolen a five-cent loaf of bread from a grocer, was removed yesterday from the lockup in North Bergen, N. J., to a sanitarium at White Plains, N. Y. The six-foot prisoner said he was willing to be kept under observation three months to determine his mental condition. His mother, Mrs. Martin Harbeson, widow of the brick Trust millionaire, who lives at No. 41 West Sixty-ninth street, this city, motored to North Bergen yesterday accompanied by Dr. G. S. Youngling of No. 43 West Thirty-fourth street and Mason Schwab. They got the consent of Recorder Medina to the transfer of Harbeson to the sanitarium.

Suggestion to Brand Bachelors Discussed by New York Women

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LEAP YEAR WOULD MAKE IT DANGEROUS FOR BACHELORS WEARING THEIR BUTTONS



Unmarried Man Might Wear a Pin in Lapel of the Coat, or a Diamond Ring on One of His Little Fingers and Get Mobbed.

Black Neckties Proposed, but It Is Easy to Tell a Single Man by Noticing Whether He Is Shy in the Matter of Buttons.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall. Button, button, who's got my button? Before long we may hear that frenzied wail arising alike from the University Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, in fact from wherever our youthful benefactors live and have their being. Would-be social reformers have sought in vain to induce the married man to sport the badge of his servitude, the wedding ring. Now, however, an earnest, apologetic, nervous with the courage of despair, has trained his guns on that free and untamed spirit, the bachelor.

"Let our single men be labelled!" declares Assistant District-Attorney Joseph Rogers of Philadelphia. "Let each and every one of them be provided a bachelor's button. Then not only will the married first receive a knockout, but the poor girl in search of a husband will know just where to find him."

And this is leap year, too, Mr. Rogers! HOW SOME OF THE NEW YORK WOMEN VIEW IT.

An interview with a New York man on the topic in hand would certainly be "a picture no artist could paint" or family newspaper print. But views grave and gay from several women I did obtain—and here they are.

"The club-jointing, committee-belonging, movement-promoting mother of to-day is simply endeavoring to organize and apply organization to the problem of extending her care, and the care of humanity over her children. The direct result in public affairs is an increasing interest in woman affairs, and to stimulate her intelligence and to increase her breadth of view so to make her not less efficient in the care and management of her children and her home, but that for more so."

RAP FOR THE MARRIED FLIRT, CONTENTIBLE MORTAL.

Miss Beale Clayton, the well known dancer, said: "I think it would be an excellent idea for a bachelor to wear some distinguishing mark. It is perfectly true that really nice girls are often deceived by that most contemptible of mortals, the married flirt. One doesn't have to be a district-attorney to know that. Even in the divorce cases which fill the newspapers it is often shown that the co-respondent is some trustful young woman, ignorant almost to the very end of her lover's duplicity. "One could never induce this type of man to wear a wedding ring. Even if there were a law requiring it he would find some means of evasion. That is the weak spot in all the arguments advocating the wedding ring for husbands."



HOW CAN THEY STOP THIS?

Those who ought to wear it never would. "But a sign of bachelorhood would be different. No man would have any reason for objecting to it, and most of them would stand proudly against any possible cheats among the married men who might try to procure 'frat pins.'" "That is the badge I should recommend, a neat, pretty, dignified looking pin, to be worn on the coat lapel, and similar to a college fraternity pin. It might indeed bear the Greek letters Omicron Upsilon Mu, standing for 'Order of Unmarried Men.' And when the man became engaged he should give it to the girl instead of a ring, as college men give their frat pins."

WOMAN LAWYER THINKS THE BUTTON PLAN RIDICULOUS.

Miss Mary Coleman, lawyer, said: "The idea Mr. Rogers has is all right, but his suggestion of a bachelor's button is perfectly ridiculous. A man would have twenty excuses for evading such a law. He'd come into court and swear that his button had been stolen or that his valet had mislaid it or that he'd forgotten to take it out of the suit of clothes that had gone to the cleaners."

"The distinguishing mark I'd suggest for bachelors is a black necktie. They should be in perpetual mourning because they are so foolish as to stay unmarried and deprive themselves of the comforts of a wife and a home. There would be no danger of forgetting to put the tie on, because a man simply doesn't consider himself dressed without one. And if it were the law that he could only wear a black tie until he married, why a black tie he'd wear rather than go without."

"Incidentally, I don't think there'd be any spinsters in the country if such a law were passed. All the men I know are simply crazy about having a large stock of neckties of every shade and variety. To release himself from constrained black ties a man would do anything. A wedding would then mean a trousseau for him, too, for he could exult in a perfect orgie of ties of every hue. In fact, it would be a general tie-up!"

BRAND THE BACHELOR BY ALL MEANS.

Mrs. Sofia M. Loebinger, editor of the American Suffragette, said: "Of course a bachelor ought to be labelled. It has always seemed to me perfectly unfair that married women should have to wear wedding rings while married men escaped. This plan of branding the bachelor quite solves the difficulty."

"As a matter of fact, there often is a bachelor's button to mark an unmarried man by its absence. The empty buttonhole at top or bottom of coat or vest is a sure sign. Even suffragettes view sew on their husbands' buttons; it's only the unmarried man who goes buttonless."

"But of course there should be some more definite indication of his fate. A little pin in the shape of a small red enamel lobster would be at once noticeable and symbolic. Or another pin plainly lettered 'Not Yet'—with space underneath to add 'But Soon'—after the engagement has been announced. Or some one might devise a bachelor coat-of-arms, a pipe and latched key rampant over a baby carriage couchant. Raised on a gold or silver background that would make a realistic and effective bachelor's button."

DESIGN SUGGESTED FOR BACHELOR BUTTONS

never to indulge in flirtations and affairs with men whom they meet unconventionally and about whom they do not know. If the girl is willing to take chances did not exist, the married flirt would perish of inanition. Anyway, branding the bachelor is absolutely silly."

APPROPRIATE RINGS OF DIFFERENT PATTERNS SUGGESTED.

Mrs. Arthur Alfred Brooks, president of the Gotham Club, said: "I think it would be a good plan to have bachelors identified, but I suggest a ring instead of a pin or button. Many men never wish to wear the latter articles, and they would be particularly out of place with evening dress. "But a special ring on the little finger would always be appropriate. It might be a twisted rope of gold, to signify that the man was waiting to be roped. Or it might have a little gold heart welded to it on a tiny chain and symbolic of a heart still attached to the owner. Or it might simply be a diamond ring worn in that special place. "That is the badge I should recommend, a neat, pretty, dignified looking pin, to be worn on the coat lapel, and similar to a college fraternity pin. It might indeed bear the Greek letters Omicron Upsilon Mu, standing for 'Order of Unmarried Men.' And when the man became engaged he should give it to the girl instead of a ring, as college men give their frat pins."

GIRLS ARE BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Tenants Rush From West 41st Street House When Place Catches Afire.

Ruth Mason, eighteen years old, and her companion, Edna Wilder, twenty-two, were severely burned early today by the explosion of a gas stove, which they had lighted to warm their room in the rear of No. 243 West Forty-first street. Patrolman James F. Maloney of the West Thirty-seventh street station, saw several tenants rushing from the house. Flames were sweeping down the stairway. The patrolman and Sgt. Robert Fisher found the two young women screaming on the floor. The policeman carried them out, turned in an alarm and summoned an ambulance from the New York Hospital.

BRONX ELKS TO ENTERTAIN. Sixth Annual Ball Will Be Held Friday Evening.

The sixth annual entertainment and ball of Bronx Lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 81, for the benefit of the Charity Hospital Room Fund, will be held Friday evening at Terrace Garden. Vaudeville artists, most of them Elks, have offered their services and a strong bill will be presented.

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MILLIONAIRE SAVES HIS FAMILY FROM FLAMING VILLA

W. J. Butfield, Stock Exchange Member, Wakes to Find Home Ablaze.

W. J. Butfield, member of the New York Stock Exchange and millionaire tea merchant, with his wife and three children and all their servants, had a narrow escape from being burned to death at 1.30 o'clock this morning when they awoke in the broker's magnificent home on Rockview Terrace, North Plainfield, and found themselves in a furnace of flame.

The chief staircase was afire and all the big rooms below the bedrooms were ablaze. When the dwellers were aroused they had no time to put on anything over their night clothes but loose wraps which they picked up as they fled.

Mr. Butfield shouted the alarm to the servants and led the way through the smoke-filled halls to a back staircase which the fire had not reached. A safe exit was made by this staircase out into the almost zero cold and the fifty-mile northwesterly gale.

By the time the local fire companies reached the scene there was no possibility of checking the flames. The house was burned to the ground and the loss is estimated at more than \$100,000.

FINES OF \$50 TO \$250 FOR HAVING BAD FOOD. Heaviest Penalties Are Imposed by Court at Request of Assistant Corporation Counsel.

It was Blue Monday for violators of the sanitary code who were brought before Justice Zeller, Molnery and Foker in Special Sessions today for sentence. The fines, which were the heaviest ever imposed in this court, ranged from \$50 to \$250. Assistant Corporation Counsel Herman S. Stiefel asked that the maximum penalties be given because during the two years' fight since the sanitary code, light fines had resulted in boldness.

All of the fines were imposed on pleas of guilty by the defendants. They were as follows:

- Antonio Sotkowski, butcher, No. 67 Morris avenue, offering spoiled meats for sale, fined \$250.
- Sam Somerspit, baker, No. 123 East One Hundred and Tenth street, having rotten eggs in his store, fined \$50.
- Carl Burkel, grocer, No. 6721 Tenth avenue, spoiled meats, fined \$50.
- Leo Baskewitz, restaurant, No. 22 South street, spoiled meat, fined \$50.
- John Callendo, butcher, No. 2607 First avenue, spoiled meat, fined \$150.
- Rudolph Harowitz, butcher, No. 27 Eighth avenue, spoiled meat, fined \$100.

The fines imposed were paid with the exception of Sotkowski, who was taken to the Tombs in default of the payment of \$250.

Hyman Bailey, No. 67 Forsyth street, baker, thirty days' imprisonment for having rotten eggs in his possession. Health Department inspectors said the condition of his shop was intolerable and asked that he be sent to prison rather than fined.

TELL OF WEDDING AS MAMA LAUGHS OVER A PLAY

Mrs. Crager Reveals Long Kept Secret and Mrs. Seelman Says, 'Bless You.'

Ever since May 2 of last year Charles J. Crager of No. 208 West One Hundred and Eightieth street has been calling formally twice a week on his wife and shaking hands with her while her mother didn't suspect a thing.

Crager is forty-one years old and the son of Joseph Crager, a silk manufacturer. His wife has been known as Marion Seelman, nineteen of No. 35 West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

"Nobody even knew we were engaged," says Crager. "I met my wife three years ago. When she was graduated from the Wadleigh High School I spoke to Mrs. Seelman about an engagement, but she said we were both too young. "So we arranged a secret engagement and last May we got the license and went up to the home of the Rev. Edward Liseman, at No. 125 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and got married. "My, the joke's been on me! Mother-in-law kept us chaperoned to the queen's taste!"

Mrs. Crager broke the news to her mother Saturday, after Mrs. Seelman came home from a play laughing over the troubles the girl had in the show.

"When I told her," says Mrs. Crager, "first she cried and then she laughed. But it's all right now, and Charlie and I are going South on a honeymoon."

WOMAN HURT IN SUBWAY. Caught by Side Door, Mrs. Gardiner's Leg Is Broken.

Caught in the jam of frenzied subway patrons during the early rush hour today, Mrs. Mary Gardiner, fifty-eight years old, of No. 214 Pacific street, was forced partly through the side door of a train at the Atlantic avenue station. The train guard slammed the door, pinning Mrs. Gardiner, and rang the bell to go ahead.

The pushing, struggling crowd saw the woman's danger and yelled to the guards to hold the train. Hells clangled just in time to halt the train and the guard swung the door open and released the elderly woman. Mrs. Gardiner fell to the platform. She was picked up and taken to the waiting room and an ambulance summoned from Brooklyn Hospital. Dr. Weger found the woman's left leg fractured. She was taken to the hospital.

CARUSO BANDIT SKIPS BAIL. One of Blackmailers Under \$10,000 Bonds Vanishes When Conviction Is Admitted.

The police to-day, looking for Antonio Misiano, one of the two men indicted for attempting to extort \$5,000 from Caruso, the great tenor, in March, 1910, say the man has jumped his bail. A search was made for him a few days ago when the Court of Appeals handed down a decision affirming his conviction by the lower court in Brooklyn. He was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from five to fifteen years. An appeal was taken and his counsel obtained his release in \$10,000 bail pending the decision of the higher court.

Antonio Cinocto, the other alleged blackmailier, is now seriously ill at his home, No. 63 Sackett street. He has not been tried.

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- Hudson Seal Coats 125.00 Formerly 195.00
- Baby Caracul Coats 225.00 Formerly 375.00
- Broadtail Caracul Coats 395.00 Formerly 850.00
- Eastern Mink Coat 1200.00 Formerly 2000.00

- Chinchilla Ulsters 15.00 Formerly 29.50
- Chinchilla Travelling Coats 22.50 Formerly 39.50
- Black Broadcloth Coats 22.50 Formerly 35.00
- Black Broadcloth Coats 27.50 Formerly 39.50
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