

MANY CHILDREN VS. ONE OR TWO

Large Families a Luxury Demanding Large Means - Childless Couples Long for Missing Companionship in Decline of Life - Selfishness Chief Obstacle to Large Families.

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At a woman's lunch the other day the question arose as to what would be the special luxury in which each person present would indulge had she unlimited means. The answers were various, some saying travel, others entertaining, others numerous pictures, books and bric-a-brac. One woman who had said little during the controversy was at last addressed, and replied by saying that she had not spoken before, as she knew none of those present would agree with her. "For," she said, flushing shyly, "my desire would be to have a large family of children whom I could have finely educated and to whom I could give all the advantages I would want my boys and girls to have."

not pay. But, when parents can buy luxuries that are not necessities, and can indulge their personal whims and wishes, surely children have a right to be. To bear and rear children is one of the chief aims of woman's existence, and until she has born a child she has not lived up to the purpose of her being, and hers is not a full, round life.

The obstacle that stands in the way of large families to-day is the bugbear that we may as well call by its right name—selfishness. And it is the woman's selfishness. Surely, she pleads—and with reason on her side—she is the one to be considered, as it is upon her, not upon the husband, that the burden of bearing, nursing and caring for the children comes. And the husband, noted over the world for his consideration for his wife's wishes, declares that she shall have her own way in this matter.

It is to be doubted if there lives a true, manly husband who does not, in the depths of his soul, wish for a child. If, then, the wife loves him, she should try to lay her selfish wishes aside to some extent for his sake. If she does not love her husband, surely the one thing that could make life tolerable would be the love of a child.

Viewed from a practical standpoint, few other investments pay as do children. It is also true that four children are little more actual trouble than two, and that the additional pleasure they bring by their companionship in their childhood, and their protection as well as companionship in the years to come—when the parents begin to feel that they need strong young arms about them. If you would know what a childless home means—imagine the Christmas season without the little ones. And look for just one sad moment at the home from which an only child has been taken, and then ask if one child is more a blessing than many. That one gone, what is left but years in which the arms must be empty and the hearts must ache?

Yes, there is something worse—infinitely worse to those who know what is really worth while, than a family of many little ones—and that is a family without any children. It is not less pitiable because the parents are ignorant of what they miss. When old age and loneliness approach, they will know. If God has denied them offspring, may he comfort them; if they blindly deny themselves God's greatest blessings—may He still pity them, for they know not what they do!

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

"Say, Dutchy, if yer'll cut me hair fer nutthin' I'll let yer sell de locks ter dese ladies at yer own price."

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CHAPTER VII. A Miserable Pair and a Miserable Night. Sempland's mind was in a fearful turmoil. It had all come so suddenly and unexpectedly upon him that as yet he hardly realized the gravity of his situation, altho it could scarcely be worse. He was under arrest and in confinement, and without being given a chance to learn anything about her condition he had been hurried to headquarters and heavily guarded in the room where he was to be held pending Beauregard's further pleasure. As for Fanny Glen, altho Sempland could not know it, the surgeon who had been present had speedily revived that young woman, and she had been taken home under the escort of one of the staff officers.

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE FASHIONS

A Daily Hint of Practical Value to Journal Readers of the Fair Sex.

The fashion pictures given daily in this department are eminently practical, and the garments pictured can be reproduced easily from the paper patterns, which may be obtained at trifling cost thru The Journal. The models are all in good style, pretty and original in effect and not to detract from the ambitious amateur to reproduce.

SECTIONAL PETTICOAT 4635.

The petticoat made with detachable flounce has many advantages. It allows the use of clinging materials above the knees, where such are desirable, and of silk or any preferred fabric below. It makes possible the snug habit back in combination with generously flared flounce. Withal it is economical as one upper portion can be made to serve for several flounces, so allowing change of color and appearance with the minimum of cost, or of several washable flounces to one skirt, the flounces always being the fabric to be changed.



4635 Sectional Petticoat, 22 to 24 waist.

perishable portion. This very excellent model comes stocked with taffeta, but various combinations can be made or silk, mohair, cambrie or any other skirting material can be used; or, the skirt may be made suitable for the thinnest gowns by the addition of a straight flounce of plisse silk or net over the circular one of silk.

The petticoat consists of skirt, flounce and band. The skirt is cut in five gores and is without fullness at the back. The petticoat is made at the left front seam and the upper edge can be finished with a belt or cut in dip outline and underfaced as preferred. Both the band and flounce are circular, the former slightly larger than the latter and at the edge of the flounce is a narrow gathered frill.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is for flounce and band, 6 1/2 yards 21 or 34 inches wide; for skirt, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34-inch waist measure.

In ordering pattern fill in this coupon.

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WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR THE NORTHWEST

For Minneapolis and Vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; continued cold. Weather Now and Then—Minimum temperature to-day, -34 degrees; a year ago, 26 degrees.

Minnesota and Wisconsin—Fair to-night and Tuesday; continued cold; northerly winds.

Iowa—Generally fair to-night and Tuesday, except snow flurries in southeast portion to-night; fresh, northerly winds.

North and South Dakota—Generally fair to-night and Tuesday; probably moderating Tuesday; variable winds.

Montana—Generally fair to-night and Tuesday; warmer in east portion Tuesday; variable winds.

Upper Michigan—Generally fair to-night and Tuesday; continued cold, with colder in east portion to-night; brisk northwest winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

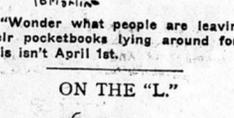
The temperatures continue very low in the region between the lakes and the Rocky mountains, this morning's temperatures being below 30 degrees below in most of Minnesota, eastern and central North Dakota, Manitoba and the eastern portions of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan. Yesterday's minimum temperature of 33.2 degrees below was the lowest temperature recorded at this point since Nov. 1, 1891. Many reports in the east, south and west are missing.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES.

Observations taken at 8 a. m., seventy-fifth meridian time. Minimum temperatures in last twenty-four hours:

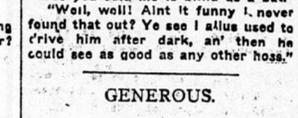
Table with 2 columns: Location and Minimum Temperature. Locations include La Crosse, Minneapolis, St. Paul, etc.

AHEAD OF TIME.



"Wonder what people are leaving their pocketbooks lying around for? This isn't April yet."

NATURALLY.



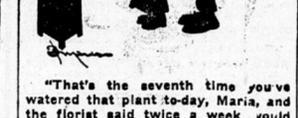
"Look here, you old fraud; that nurse you sold me is blind as a bat!" "Well, well! Ain't it funny I never found that out? Ye see I alius used to 'rive him after dark, an' then he could see as good as any other hoss."

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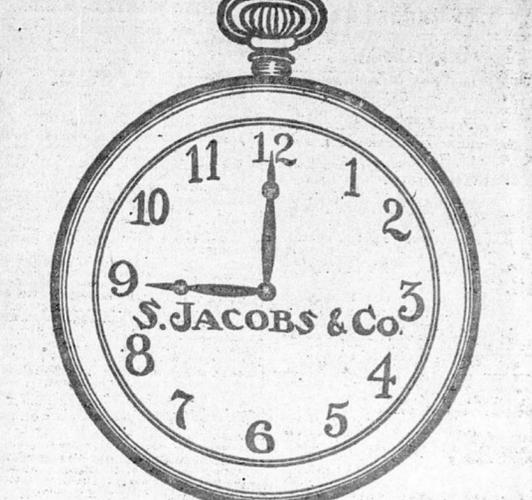
"What's the fare, mister?" "Five cents. Buy your ticket at the window and drop it in the box."

GENEROUS.



"Yes, but where do I get my baggage checked?"

When Will It Stop?



In response to many requests The Journal announces a watch contest for this week exclusively for ladies.

The prize is a lady's gold watch and pin with a fine American movement, with the latest art nouveau finish, a watch that any lady can be proud of. It is on exhibition in the show windows of S. Jacobs & Co., Jewelers, 518-520 Nicollet avenue.

The watch will be wound and started at 9 a. m., Thursday, Jan. 28, and allowed to run down. Now, the question is, "When will it stop?"

The ladies who wish to try for the watch will only have to send in an estimate of the time the watch will stop. The lady who comes nearest to the time the watch stops will get the watch. In case of ties the first estimate received will get the watch.

The announcement of the result will appear on The Journal's Want Page Saturday evening. Estimates must state time of stopping of watch in hours and minutes. For example: "8:11 p. m., on Sunday," "3:01 a. m., on Saturday," etc. All estimates must be in the office of The Journal by 8:30 o'clock, Friday morning.

No payment or condition of any kind is attached to this matter, except only one estimate from a person will be allowed. Use this coupon and mail or send to Watch Editor, The Journal.

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I estimate the watch will stop at.....a. m. or.....p. m.....day. Name..... Address.....

In the event of war Russia is prepared to place 220 out of every 1,000 of her population in the field. Japan 416, France 370, Germany 310, the United States 115. The latter number can be wonderfully augmented in a mighty short time. Just try it.

We eat 20 per cent more bread in winter than we do in summer. In Finland thunder storms are wholly unknown.

A LITTLE TRAITOR TO THE SOUTH

A War Time Comedy With a Tragic Interlude.

BY CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY

Author of "The Bishop," "The Southerners," "Woven With the Ship," "Hohenzollern," "Border Fights and Fighters," "A Doctor of Philosophy," "Sir Henry Morgan, Buccaneer," Etc.

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bash, she knew that she loved him. When he had held her in his arms, in that bold and successful effort to escape, when he had strained her to his breast, when he had kissed her, when that kiss—the consciousness of her passion overwhelmed her. The recollection of it even filled her with passionate tenderness. She had not been afraid when he had threatened her with the pistol. She could have died easily then in his arms, with his kiss upon her lips, his heart beating against her own. He loved her! Nothing else mattered for the moment.

She had endeavored to keep him a prisoner, partly for his own sake, but principally for another and greater reason. She had not thought of disgrace, she had not thought of dishonor, she had not thought of dishonor. She had not thought of dishonor. She had not thought of dishonor. She had not thought of dishonor.

Incidentally he learned, with some additional satisfaction, that Admiral Vernon was to be relieved of his command on account of illness and was going north with his flagship in a few days. The admiral had shown himself so intensely enterprising and so magnificently successful in eliminating the Houatonic from the force blockading them.

CHAPTER VIII. A Stubborn Proposition. The general was always on the alert and usually began his work with the sun, and rarely did he stop until the setting of it, either. The next morning, therefore, he was at his headquarters at an unusually early hour. Fortune had favored him in that

"I do not believe your failure to take out the David arose from any fear." "This was a great concession indeed, and Sempland was intensely relieved, and an immense load was lifted from his breast by the general's reassuring words.

"I thank you. I could have borne anything that you said, but you, sir, by all that is good and true, by everything holy, that it was not my fault that I was not here—I was detained." "Detained? By whom?"

"Sempland only bit his lip and looked dumbly at the general. "Come, my boy, I want to help you, and the veteran officer persistently. "Who, or what, detained you? Where were you detained? It must have been some man—or was it a woman? Tell me, and by heavens, I'll make such an example of the traitor as will never be forgotten in South Carolina or the confederacy!"

"I cannot, sir." "Think! Your rank, your honor, it may be your life, all depend upon your answer! You are concealing something from me. You do not answer," continued Beauregard keenly scanning the face of the young man standing before him in stubborn silence. "I see that you are shielding some one, sheltering some unworthy person. Who is it?"