Washington Standard

MRS. WINSTON'S BABY.

Chicago News.

The Winston baby is being brought up according to the newest ideas in child study. Mrs. Winston is young but firm, and she says that her child is to have all the advantages of the new science. The baby has been bathed, fed and put to sleep on schedule time. No friends have been allowed to kiss or fondle it and the plan was working beautifully until Mrs. Winston's father and mother came to visit her.

The visit was paid primarily to see the new grandchild. As soon as they entered the house, Mr. and Mrs. Cudbright demanded the baby. Mrs. Winston raised her eyebrows. "Baby is just being fed," she said. "You must wait until 2:30."

Her father had heard of her system, but he laughed and said: "Oh, break through the rules for once and bring her down."

"If you don't I'll go over the house till I find her," the grandmother said firmly. Winston smiled.

So the baby was brought down to see them, although this was a direct infraction of rule 16. It is a beautiful baby and its grandparents started toward it with cries of surprise.

"Oo little sweet Tootsey—tome to oor grammuvver," said Mrs. Cubright.

"We don't talk baby talk—it is against rule 27," Mrs. Winston said. "It is irrational to expect a child to learn to speak correctly when you speak gibberish to it."

Meanwhile the grandfather had taken the baby from the reluctant arms of the nurse. Mrs. Winston turned to him. "Father, I don't allow anybody but the nurse and myself to hold baby. It makes it nervous and it is against rule 9."

She attempted to take the baby from his hold, but he resisted. "Oh, see here, Laura, your mother and I raised eight children and I guess I know how to hold a baby at my time of life." He tucked the baby into the crotch of his arm and walked away, singing: "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

His daughter followed him. "Father, I will not allow you to walk the floor with the child. We have never done it. It is against rule 7 and singing to it is against rule 13. What will become of our regimen if you act this way?"

"Oh, blank your regimen, Laura."

Mrs. Cudbright interfered. "Now, don't get mad," she said. "Laura has a right to bring up her own child in her own way. Now you give me that child and I'll sit down on the sofa with it."

"That's against rule 1989," her husband replied grimly, but he handed over the baby. Mrs. Cudbright had hardly closed her arms about it before she said: "Why, the child is getting the colic! Father, you go to my little satchel and get the peppermint bottle and run into the kitchen and get a mite of hot water and sugar."

Her daughter had been talking in the alcove with her husband, but now she returned at the word peppermint.

"Why, Mother Cudbright, would you give that baby peppermint?"

"Of course," the grandmother said, trotting the baby on her knee. "You drank quarts of it before you were a year old."

Mr. Cudbright was delving in the small satchel. "Why, here's paregoric—that's better yet," he said, bringing out a bottle.

"You shan't give the baby that!" Mrs. Winston cried. "And, mother, it's against rule 21 to trot her on your knee. The nurse will take her upstairs. It's better to have a little colic than to give her drugs. I never do it."

Mrs. Cudbright straightened up and Mr. Cudbright set the parogoric bottle down on a marquetry table. "Laura," he said, "you're the most inhuman—"

"Father! Father!" Mrs. Cudbright put in. Mr. Winston looked expectant.

"You are the most inhuman and unnatural mother I ever knew. Your mother and I raised eight children—and you were one of them—and they all turned out well but you. Now, if me'n your mother aren't going to be allowed to look at the child or touch her for fear we'll break rule 78,654, we're going to leave Chicago on the next train. Even grandparents have some rights."

Mrs. Winston broke down and wept. She said that if her father and mother would only stay she would suspend the rules until their departure.

Winston gave his father-in-law a glance of the most poignant gratitude.

Mr. Cudbright took the baby from his wife and hung it over his arm in the old-fashioned way. "Mother," he said, "I guess you'd better show Laura how to mix peppermint and paregoric—it's time she learned."

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the preaching of the first sermon to white people in Spokane was celebrated in that city Wednesday. Father S. G. Havermale, the Methodist elder who preached the sermon on November 14, 1875, was the speaker of the day in the jubilee celebration at the Howard street tabernacle. The celebration continued throughout the week.

There are a few mild cases of smallpox at Sprague among children, Six families are now convalescent. Adults seems to be immune. It is said by those families with the disease that it is only chicken pox.

The drug store of Dr. E. A. Smith, at Latah, was broken into Saturday night and robbed of $50.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Tomato and Eggs.

Place in chafing-dish one pint stewed tomatoes, one small onion chopped very fine, one teaspoonful of parsley chopped fine. Let simmer for 10 minutes, then add six eggs which have been well beaten, and stir constantly. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve at once.

For Washing Dishes.

An old housekeeper says the cleanest and best dishwasher is a round whiskbroom made of the finest and best broomcorn. It is cleaned readily by being held under the spigot and having hot water run through it; after this hang it in the air to be dried. This does away with the annoyance of a discolored and often musty dishcloth.

Spiced Cranberries.

Boil seven pounds of cranberries with three pounds and a half of sugar, one cupful of cranberry juice (extra berries cooked and strained), and two cupfuls of cider vinegar. Cook slowly for half an hour, add two tablespoonfuls of ground cloves and one half tablespoonful of ground allspice. Cook until as thick as marmalade and put in jars for future use.

Sour-milk Biscuit.

One cup of sour milk, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-half teaspoon of soda, one tablespoon of melted butter, one pint of flour, or enough for a dough. Sift the soda and salt into one cupful of the flour and mix thoroughly. Put the milk in the mixing bowl; add the flour mixture, then the melted butter, and enough more flour to make a dough just stiff enough to be handled. Toss it out on a well-floured board, pat it with the rolling-pin until half an inch thick, cut with a small round cutter and bake on a floured pan in a very hot oven.

A Breathing Exercise.

A breathing exercise, which is said to work wonders in the way of filling up the neck, hollows in the cheeks, expanding contracted chests and curing many of the minor ills which flesh is heir to is taken thus: Stand out of doors in the sunshine or by an open window, hold the chest up and inhale through the nose as long as possible. Exhale equally slowly. Fifteen minutes of this exercise twice a day will effect a great improvement in health and appearance. This exercise is as good for men as for women and is sometimes recommended by drill sergeants to young volunteers and others by way of increasing their chest measurement to the requisite number of inches.

Selecting Glassware.

To select glass with discretion it is necessary to understand somewhat of its manufacture, and to recall the properties of the chemicals of which it is composed, says *Harper's Bazar*. These materials are chiefly soda, potash, lime, alumina and oxide of lead. The quality of the glass to be manufactured depends upon the amount of the basic material united with the silica or sand. The best glass is made with lead, which gives to it luster, fusibility and high refractory powers. It is often called flint glass to distinguish it from lime glass, which is much cheaper and of a decidedly greenish tint. Flint glass is that which is most generally used for cutting and polishing. It may be picked out by the clear, bell-like tone which it sends forth when struck. This test may be made without any danger of breaking the glass if it be held firmly in one hand while the upper part, or edge, is sharply struck with a pencil or other instrument, the only care requisite being to see that the glass does not touch any object when it is struck, since if there be room for it to vibrate glass will never break.

Pad and Pencil.

One of the greatest helps to the housekeeper is the pad and pencil to which she has frequent recourse, says the Philadelphia *Inquirer*. The use of this handy aid to the memory can very quickly become a fixed habit, and is a labor-saver as well as a short cut to the possibilities of more work and more play for a busy woman.

A pad and pencil being in the kitchen receives the household necessities of food as they appear, and renders fewer trips to the grocery necessary or the visit of the grocer's cart at a city door more than once a day, which should be all-sufficient for any ordinary home.

A pad and pencil on the bureau may receive the outline of the day's work while the house mistress is going over it in her mind while dressing, and makes sure of the thing which may be easily forgotten when the stress of the day comes on.

A pad and pencil on the bureau may re-keep track of the unwritten letters, the unpaid calls, the general wants of the family and a host of trifles that can be accomplished as well as omitted, and she who learns to work with this faithful friend at her elbow very soon finds it as an indispensable companion.

Elma is making preparations for quick medical service at the many shingle mills and logging camps in that vicinity, by having them connected with a complete telephone system. The expense is being defrayed by the millmen and the medical fraternity.

Owing to the large increase in the vote at Aberdeen this year, before another election the city will have to be divided into four wards, instead of two, as now.

The public schools of Wenatchee are closed on account of scarlet fever.

WELL PLEASED WITH THE SHOW

Bibulous Maine Lumberman was of the Appreciative Kind.

Lewiston Journal.

The leading man of the Wide-Awake theatrical troupe happens to be an acquaintance of mine and he was in town the other day. Said that he had just finished his season up in Aroostook. The troupe had been making week stands in the small towns.

"Funniest thing on the whole trip was this," said the leading man. "I've been saving it to tell you. The hall was so small in one place that we had to unpack on the stage. Had no dressing-rooms. We were busy about 7 o'clock in the evening, when all at once there was a banging on the outside door. The manager went to see what it meant. A man was there pounding with both fists.

"'Let me in; let me in,' shouted he.

"'Who ever heard of you?' asked the manager. 'What do you want?'

"'I'm just down out of the woods, by thunder, and I want to see this show. I'm jest bustin' to see a show. I want to come in.'

"'Well, you can't come in now,' said the manager. 'The show hasn't begun."

"But the man still pounded. 'Open the door,' he yelled.

"'Come back in a little while,' said the manager, and he left the door.

"But the man kept on pounding. 'I've got money and I want to see the show,' he cried. "Open up or I'll kick the door in.'

"Let him in,' said I. 'He'll be less trouble in here than outside there making all that hoorah. Folks will think there's a riot on.'

"'Well, come in,' said the manager, and he took the man's money and gave him a seat down close to the stage. He had a most beautiful Aroostook accumulation on board and had evidently been attending strictly to that business during the day. But after he got into his seat he was quiet as a kitten.

"'You needn't be afraid of me, boys,' said he. 'I've had a few since I struck town, but I won't 'sturb yer show, not for no money, I wouldn't have made as much noise out t' door, but, ye see, I didn't wanter miss zis show.'

"In a minute we had forgotten all about the man. We went on unpacking and whistling and singing. We were feeling pretty gay and had been having a good business, and so we joked with one another and skylarked round more or less.

"At quarter of 8 the manager said: 'Well, boys, pull the curtain and make less noise. I'm going to open the doors.'

"When the curtain had been dropped our friend in front struggled up, and after a great effort got one arm into his overcoat. Then he waved his other arm impressively and said, with the overcoat flopping as he made his gestures:

"'Genklum, zish's goo' show—ish's goo' a show zevver I see in my life. Ish all right an' ish's 'fernal shame ain' a bigger orjence—but zish was allus por show town. Goo' night.'"

Wealthy, but Couldn't Write.

"Hotels entertain a good many people who can't write," said the clerk of a large hotel, "and the bad pen comedy is enacted quite frequently. Of course the clerk has to be very careful not to let the guest suspect that he is on to the dodge, for such folks are very sensitive about their educational infirmities.

"I once knew a man who paid $1,200 a year solely to keep hotel clerks from knowing that he couldn't write his own name. He began life as a day laborer, drifted out west and made a fortune through leasing a supposed worthless mine in Montana. When he accumulated about $150,000, he sold out and started in to travel and have a good time. He was naturally shrewd, but he had never had a particle of schooling, and dodging registers at new hotels became the chief worry of his life.

"At first he used to tie up his hand in a handkerchief and pretend it was hurt, but he realized that the trick was pretty transparent, and at last he employed a young newspaper man at $100 a month to travel with him as his 'secretary.' The ex-miner never sent or received any letters, he didn't care for reading, and the secretary's one and only duty was to sign hotel registers. They would walk in together, and the young chap would say deferentially, 'Shall I do the registering for us both, colonel?' 'If you please,' his boss would reply, and he would thereupon write, 'Col. —— and secretary, Montana.'" — New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mines That Burn For Years.

A number of good sized mines are now on fire in the United States and have been for years. The Vulcan mine on the Green river, opposite Newcastle, in Colorado, has been on fire since the great explosion several years ago, when about 80 persons lost their lives. All efforts to quench it have proved fruitless. In Butte there is a mine which has been afire since 1884. It has been treated with carbonic acid gas generated on a large scale, quicklime and acids and all the stifling devices that genius and experience could devise, but so far without effect.

In Pennsylvania there are several steadily burning mines, and in one place where the outlet of natural gas is very great the spectacle it affords is of surpassing interest. For miles around a great tower of fire may be seen day and night, and the dense black smoke which it gives off settles upon the surrounding country. How a mine gets afire is easily explained, even though the greatest precautions are taken to prevent it. Coal seams exude a gas varying in quantity according to the pressure and the quality of the deposit, which gas when mixed with air in certain proportions is about as explosive as gunpowder.—New York Post.

To Philip Sober.

When a woman who asked Philip of Macedon to do her justice was snubbed by the petulant monarch, she exclaimed, "Philip, I shall appeal against this judgment."

"Appeal!" thundered the enraged king. "And to whom will you appeal?"

"To Philip sober." was her reply.

Funny Freaks of Yvette Guilbert.

Mlle. Yvette Guilbert in the heyday of her American success was in splendid spirits. In crossing a certain district on Sunday she was unable to get a bottle of claret.

"If I give it to you, madame," said the waiter, "I shall have to go to jail."

"Then go," said Mlle. Guilbert cheerfully, "but first get me my claret."

One afternoon in Chicago two blank cards were sent up to her by callers desiring her autograph. On the one she wrote, "Yvette Guilbert is a very good singer," and on the other, "Yvette Guilbert is a very naughty singer."

"Now," she said airily as she dropped them on the tray, "let them choose wheech is wheech."

Her wisdom was of a worldly description. "For who will give me bread when I no longer please by my songs, the dear publeee? No. Therefore I come to America, and I come high."—Saturday Evening Post.

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An Awful Loss.

At a fire in Cambridge, Mass., an occupant of the damaged house was bewailing the loss of her purse. Several firemen joined in a search for the missing pocketbook, but after spending some time in their quest were still unsuccessful. Finally the chief said to the woman:

"How much was in the pocketbook?"

As she answered, "Fifty cents," the look of disgust on the chief's face was too evident to be mistaken.

The Masculine View.

Gentleman—My wife has lost her waterproof, and she wished me to stop in here and order another sent up at once, as it looks like rain.

Dealer—Yes, sir. What sort, sir?

Gentleman—Um—I've forgotten the name, but it's one of those that make a woman look better dressed in wet weather than she is in dry weather.—New York Weekly.

If ever superstition could find excuse, it would be when the expectant mother, calendar in hand, ponders the fortunate days and hopes that the baby's birthday may fall on a lucky time. It is natural to wish the best of fortune for those we love. Why not *will* fortune as well as *wish* it for the child?

The greatest fortune any mother can bestow on her child is a healthy body and a happy mind, and with this great fortune every mother may endow the child if she will. The child's stock of health is what the mother supplies. The weak and worried woman has a very slender stock of health to bestow on the baby.

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