

# Margaret Sangster's Talks On Home Circle Questions.



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## DUTY OF ISOLATION IN CASE OF ILLNESS

Quarantine of Family Should Be Maintained When Disease Is Contagious.

No Man Obligated to Mingle With Fellow Men Should Nurse Sick Children.

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IF we could successfully put our children, as the reefs and shoals of what we call children's diseases, they would start in adult life with a finer capital stock of unimpaired vitality than they do. Measles, mumps, and scarlet fever are so many foes in ambush who spring out and pounce on their victims, and even if routed, leave them the worse for the tussle. As for diphtheria and the various maladies born of foul air and unhygienic living, they are to be dreaded for their poison in the present and their train of evil consequences, just as we dread scarlet fever or smallpox.

A householder can do much in these days of sanitary plumbing to protect the family from contagion. The health boards do good service in their vigilant surveillance of the schools. Yet, from time to time, into some sweet and guarded home creeps a deadly plague, and carries on a dear child who is the pride of the parental heart. We have known a whole community startled by the deaths in quick succession of several children in one household or one neighborhood. We say with dismay that an epidemic prevails, and, if we can, we flee from the infected region, haze and baggage, horse, foot, and artillery.

A plain duty is obvious. Whenever illness makes itself apparent in a house the first thing to be done, if there is the slightest suspicion of contagion in the malady, is to isolate the patient. This is important for the sake of others under the roof, and it is also needful for the sake of those beyond the doors. In certain maladies dreaded by all, a sign of quarantine is affixed by the municipal authorities upon the door or wall of the house, or the victim is hurried off to a specially appointed hospital. But this is an extreme measure, resorted to only in those sicknesses that by common consent are regarded with horror and fright.

### THOUGHTLESS OF THE PERIL HE SCATTERS BROADCAST.

Often there is illness in a home and no quarantine worth mentioning is established or maintained. The bright-eyed darling of the family is raving with fever and covered with an eruption. Her mother cares for her day by day; her father ministers to her half the night. He carries the sufferer in his strong, tender arms, pillows her head against his breast, her little hot hands stroke his cheek and pull at his beard. Toward morning he snatches a little sleep, and anxious and distressed, after breakfast, he goes downtown, kissing his little one first for goodby. That man, utterly thoughtless of the peril he may be scattering broadcast, sits beside other men, or in a crowd of them hangs on to a strap in a street car, handles goods all day, meets hundreds of people, and goes home at night with a clear conscience. If somebody else's child takes scarlet fever through the medium of his unintentional conveyance of the germ, he will never know it, and should the child die, he will not suffer any pang of remorse. His misfortune has been to blunder, and his blunder has been very near being a criminal offense. No man, obliged to mingle with men and women, should take any share in nursing his sick child, or should so much as approach the closed door of the room where she lies.



He Carries The Sufferer In His Strong Tender Arms

Parents sometimes thoughtlessly conceal the presence of illness in their homes, and though this is increasingly difficult, owing to the reports made by medical men, evasions are not unfamiliar. Thus, a child will continue to go to school, when a brother or sister is ill, the first and well child being transferred to the home of a relative, but not altogether forbidden to come home for a brief visit toward nightfall.

Servants are peculiarly untrustworthy in this regard, not understanding the risk they incur, and the danger they bring to a house wherein they are employed when they spend their weekly afternoon out in a house where their friends are ill. Undoubtedly disease often breaks forth in the nurseries of the wealthy, which has had for its breeding-ground the crowded quarters of the slums. We attribute a great deal to God's providence which should be laid at the door of human negligence and ignorance of the relations of cause and effect.

### A HOUSE SHOULD HAVE A HOSPITAL ROOM.

When the house is large enough, as it may be when it is a real house, and not a mere slice of a house named an apartment, there should be in it a hospital room. This room should be sunny and well ventilated, have a bare floor, and two beds, one for the patient and the other for the nurse. It should be kept for seasons of illness, and so ordered that when desirable it may be isolated from the rest of the house. In cases of dangerous contagion food and medicine should be sent to it by means of a cord and pulley, manipulated from the window.

We are bound together in one bundle. Every home is to some extent dependent upon every other home, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, foreign or native-born, we are of one great world-family. There can be suffering nowhere in this great country that does not somehow touch every corner of the whole land. And this is repeated around the globe, and will be, so long as the ships of the world sail the seas of the world and cast anchor in the world's harbors.

It is only in recent years that we have learned that consumption is as fearful a disease as cholera, as fatal and far more cruel because it kills by slow sige, and not by a forced march. Tuberculosis in any form must be rigidly quarantined, and if it exists in a home, the part of human kindness is not to let it spread from there. Time was that consumption swept off families, one by one, swept off hale and vigorous caretakers of the sick, and swept down through generations, so that it was said to be in certain families as a curse or a doom from which they could not escape.

### HUMANITY GETS UPPER HAND OF SELFISHNESS.

Strong preventive measures and a very strict quarantining of the smitten ones have diminished these dangers. One need not now die of consumption, because her father or her mother did; a sister need not take it from a sister, nor a wife from a husband. The purification by fire, the destruction by that swift agent of any article in which germs might lurk, and the thorough disinfection of premises after disease has run its course, all belong to that merciful quarantining which looks to the good of the whole. This may involve occasional suffering to the individual. A woman cannot see clothing and bedding destroyed by fire without wishing that there were some less costly method of insuring immunity and safety. But as we advance in the knowledge of what we owe to our fellows, humanity gets the upper hand and selfishness goes down. Few people in these days hesitate at making any sacrifice if convinced that making it is right.

## THERE IS FLIRTING THAT IS LEGITIMATE

Pretty, Coy, Elusive Flirting Is Very Different From a Coquette's Wiles.

Those Who Have Been Butterflies May Make Tenderest and Sweetest Wives.

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A GRAY afternoon on a gray day, with snow coming before night by all the signs in the almanac. But in our living room the glow of a bright fire on the hearth, and, for a wonder, at 4 o'clock, everybody there, from the judge to the child playing with her doll in the corner. One of the silences that fall into intimate talk was broken by the mother, who said, casually, to no one in particular: "So Julie P. is engaged. I received the announcement this morning."

"Ah," said Aunt Jane, looking up with interest. "I am glad to hear it. She is a finished flirt, but she will probably marry and settle down as her mother did before her. For my part," the old maid went on, with a charming smile, "I approve of girls' flirting, to a certain extent."

"I have no doubt, Aunt Jane," ventured the young fellow from Harvard, "that you yourself know all about it. Father and Uncle Edward can tell tales." "Aunt Jane is frankly an old maid. She glories in the title, and wears it like a decoration. There is a tradition in our family that she and a friend who pays semi-annual visits at our house have carried on a flirtation for the last thirty years. Whenever the old doctor calls, he lays his heart and his fortune at Aunt Jane's feet, and she as regularly declines them, but they remain fast friends. Lately Aunt Jane has been growing handsomer; her mourning put on two years ago for her father, the general, who was a helpless invalid so long, has been softened and exchanged for lavender and gray. May-be she'll accept the doctor yet. His niece, however, have had the immense advantage of living with an unmarried woman who has not despised what may be called airs and graces."

"Julie P. was a finished flirt, you said, Jane; by that did you mean a heartless flirt? I cannot endure a girl who goes through life carried away by a desire for admiration, and parading her triumphs." The speaker was a woman older than our beautiful aunt—her half-sister.

"Do you mean such a girl as Rosamond Vincy, in 'Middlemarch,' or Eustacia, in 'The Return of the Native?'" inquired the Harvard boy, "or perhaps one of those fascinating creatures that Kipling tells about at Simla, girls like cats, with the feline nature, and the stealthy ways, and the purring sweetness—regular deceivers?"

### GIRL WHO FLIRTS NATURALLY IS NOT HEARTLESS.

Dear me!" said Aunt Jane, looking speculatively at the young collegian. "You read something besides Greek at Cambridge, don't you, Fred? No, I don't mean any heroine out of any book when I say Julie has known how to flirt, nor, for an instant, sister Patience," addressing the older lady, "do I intend to call a girl heartless who flirts prettily and naturally, as a bird sings, or a rose blooms. In your day, sister, and mine, we were taught to flirt."

"Meaning precisely what? The grave voice was that of Jane's brother-in-law, the judge, father of the Harvard man.

"Meaning this, Louis, begging your pardon, that we girls were shown that lowliness was a rare and exquisite thing in a maiden; that we held ourselves proudly and had to be courted, and were not too easily won; that we were never, never anxious to have a man call on us, nor designed to wonder why he stayed away, nor thought it possible we could be slighted by anyone who belonged to your arrogant sex. Until a girl had actually said 'yes' to a very persistent and humble suitor, he never felt quite sure that she wouldn't say 'no.' Julie P. is that sort of girl. She had not been too lightly won. It has taken much trouble and pains to secure her love. I have only contempt for a ficklehearted coquette, as you well know. But I consider a certain amount of pretty, coy, elusive flirting to be legitimate. It is a girl's chain armor. Over in Japan they teach the little maiden in school how to do it. They put a value, you see, on the graceful by-play which a woman ought to have at her command. I don't care very much about those downright girls who are solid and substantial, but never understand how to take compliments or to give them. They are like people who have large bills in their pocketbooks but never a single bit of small change. Worthy girls, no doubt, but not fascinating."

Aunt Jane left the room. She had noticed a poor pensioner of hers stepping in at the area gate, and for all such, on her tongue was the law of kindness, and in her pantry shelves a store of bread and meat. When she was gone, her brother-in-law took up the strain and talked on.

### SWEETHEART OF WIVES MAY HAVE BEEN BUTTERFLIES.

"You girls and boys," he said, "may have your doubts, but trust me, the truest, tenderest, best women I ever knew, and the most domestic, the sweetest wives, the most loyal friends, have been in girlhood just such butterflies as Julie. They have flirted through the teens and the early twenties, and have then given their whole lives up to making the fortunate man of their choice supremely happy."

A neighbor, plump, rosy, and well-dressed, in the height of fashion, was crossing the street. Her tall son of fourteen, talking eagerly, was carrying her bundles. Her little daughter of eleven was hanging on her arm. Two children, younger, were frolicking before her.

"Mrs. D.," said the collegian, "is a good specimen of the woman you mean, isn't she, pater?"

"Yes, indeed, a remarkably good specimen. "She is a daughter of my old friend J. Senator G. As a girl she saw a great deal of the best society, the society that looks down on the smart set from lofty heights. Of course, Fanny was a flirt, if by that you mean what I do, a beautiful, radiant girl, who had a train of suitors ready to obey her nod, and who was like a princess in her own right; not heartless, either. Jane would tell you that, but one of those girls as hard to capture as a bird on a bough. When she married, lo, and behold, a miracle! She walked out of church Edwin D.'s wife, and presently there came to her all the sweetness and serenity of the bird that has folded her wings. Bow to her, Fred, she is looking over this way."

"Bless my soul, pater, you expected you to be so poetical?" The lady below looked up and smiled almost as if she had divined that they were talking about her. Aunt Jane came bustling in, with the tea tray in her wake. "I see Julie P. and her fiance strolling up the street," she remarked. "They are probably intending to drop in here for 5 o'clock tea."

It is worth while for girls now and then to get the point of view of their elders. If one wants a lenient opinion of girls in their teens, one would better go to a lady or gentleman of the old school. Provided a girl is a lady, the woman who has had her own day and enjoyed it, will be her staunchest advocate.

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## TRYING TO STOP SALE OF NOTES

Shoemaker Sues Trust Company and Others.

### TROUBLE OVER INTEREST

Complainant Alleges That Proper Credits Have Not Been Given. Hubbard Estate Involved.

Proceedings in equity were instituted in the Supreme Court of the District yesterday by Louis P. Shoemaker against the American Security and Trust Company, Charles J. Bell, personally, and as executor with Gertrude M. Hubbard, of the estate of Gardiner G. Hubbard, deceased; Charles R. Newman, John H. Stout, and Mathias Buckley, for the purpose of having an injunction issued to restrain a sale of notes secured upon lot 12, in block 5, and lot 12, in block 3, of Belair Heights. The bill, which is filed by Attorneys Lambert & Baker, on behalf of complainant, sets forth that in October, 1891, the defendant, Newman, gave two collateral notes to secure the American Security and Trust Company, in the sum of \$15,000, and another collateral note to secure the same company in the sum of \$714.28.

### Credits of Payment.

It is also said that as collateral security for the payment of these notes there was deposited three notes aggregating the same amount, made by Mathias Buckley, secured upon the property referred to, and that on the collateral notes the complainant and the defendant became liable at one time as indorsers.

The complainant asserts that while interests have been kept up on both the deed of trust notes and the collateral notes, it is averred credits have only been made of the payment of interest upon the collateral notes.

It is further set forth that the deed of trust notes were made to the order of the late Gardiner G. Hubbard, and their payment was guaranteed by him. The complainant avers that he has recently been called upon by the defendant, Bell, to pay the collateral notes referred to, under penalty of having the deed of trust notes sold, and being held for whatever deficiency may be shown to exist.

### Asks for Action.

The complainant says that he is entitled to a third interest in the equity existing in the property in Belair Heights, the other two-thirds being held equally by the defendants, and he declares that he is entitled to have the property itself sold and the notes, at a reasonable time of the year, in order to obtain the best returns possible for the payment of the collateral notes, and the realization of some equity for the holders of the title to the property, and he further states that inasmuch as the defendant Bell is now involved in a bankruptcy proceeding, no adjustment can be had without the action of the Bankruptcy Court.

The court is also asked to determine the status of the liability of the Hubbard estate, for the payment of the notes referred to, or any deficiency that may be subsequently shown to exist, and that the rights and liabilities of all parties may be ascertained and fixed by proper decree.

## USE SHORT MEASURES AND PAY TWO FINES

Hucksters Forfeit Collateral on Charges of Violating the District Law as to Seals and Inspections.

W. C. Haskell, Sealer of Weights and Measures, has reported to the Commissioners the arrest and conviction of Oscar Walker, a coal huckster, for using a short measure that had not been inspected and sealed, and also of John Coleman, meat huckster, for using short-weight scales. Each man forfeited \$10 collateral in Police Court.

The arrest and conviction of Alexander Walker, another meat huckster, for using short-weight scales, is also reported.

## SECOND JURY DISAGREES IN THE TAYLOR CASE

NEWARK, Feb. 4.—Twice now juries in the case of Mrs. Charlotte Taylor against the North Jersey Traction Company, after having been out all night, have been discharged without agreement.

Mrs. Taylor asserts she was injured permanently by the starting of a car from which she was alighting a year ago. She asks \$20,000 damages.

## ATTORNEY VICTOR O'SHEA CONVICTED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Attorney Victor R. O'Shea has been convicted of manslaughter. The penalty is imprisonment from one year to life, at the discretion of the court.

At a previous trial the jury disagreed. After killing his wife O'Shea attempted suicide. Insanity was the defense offered. Motion for a third trial has been made.

### HOW TO BURY STATE SECRETS.

Secretary Taft has hit upon a scheme for keeping important state secrets out of the newspapers. At least he thinks he knows a way of fooling the newspaper men. He told Secretary Morton about it the other day.

"A reporter came up to me a few minutes ago," said Secretary Taft, "and in the most confidential manner possible asked me if I had decided to make any recommendation about a governmental guarantee on money invested in railroads in the Philippines. I lowered my voice and whispered to him, 'Yes, you will find out all about it in my last annual report.'"

"If you want to bury important matters, you had better get them out of the newspapers, Morton, just put 'em in your annual report."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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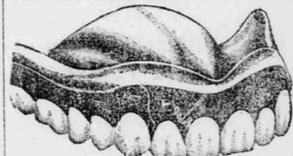
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### THE PROFESSOR.

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He handed them back.  
"What's the matter with them?" asked the conductor.  
"I want money that talks."  
"That talks?"  
"Yes—at the telephone booth."  
The conductor gave him four nickels, flared at him, and passed on. He thinks he'll know him next time.—Chicago Tribune.

### NOTHING NEW.

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich was traveling from Providence to his summer place at Warwick a while ago, and as the train was crowded he sat down beside a bright little girl of about eight years, who went to and from school on the line five times a week. She was a pretty, blue eyed, fair haired little thing, and the Senator, by way of pleasant conversation, remarked: "What pretty eyes you have."  
The small Tamsel looked at him calmly and responded: "So I've been told before." The conversation stopped right there.—New York Times.

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