

THE TIMES DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE

This Is The Day We Print Contributions

In Fact We Print Contributions Almost Every Day, But We Had To Say Something in That Head, So We Started With What You Have Read—Unconscious Rhyme There We Assure—But Honestly It Comes Natural—Cheer Up, You Are Almost Up to the Reading Matter. Hold Your Breath Now!

TODAY, regardless of the encroaching spring, which reminds that the old fur coat and the winter undergarments are getting past their usefulness, we are cheerful, and as a testimonial of such, have weeded, waded, and several other things beginning with double you, through our correspondence.

Today this column is three weeks old, and is as yet unnamed. More suggestions are solicited. The gentleman whose unobtainable impulse to play jokes resulted in the retention of the writer on this paper says that none of the hundreds of names suggested so far please him.

So we must throw everything away and begin all over again. In view of which, the latest suggestion seems to make a good beginning as anything. Criticism on names suggested is solicited.

There's many a person who can't think of anything original himself, but who is a perfect genius at showing why other people's suggestions are poor.

Editor New Times Column: Why don't you call it the China Shop? There used to be a club we belonged to named that. Our motto was: Tie your belt outside.

Or would "The Grindstone" be nearer to it? The idea will be to put a new edge on old saws, won't it?

Like: If your husband was sitting on the fire-escape with Mrs. New Floor maid, how much would the window screen? Answer: All but four feet.

Well, so long. But if you want to know why so many of us answered your ad. for a name, you can tell 'em it was sympathy that made us MINERVA.

M. E. B. suggests that we move out entirely, call this here the Cheery Column, and will our space to Winifred Black for all time. Because "as articles had made us many, and I think we all love her."

Anybody else think anything? To the Editor of the Column: As a respectable middle-aged bachelor, I want to protest against your recent remarks about the use of powder by the male of the species.

You will notice that I addressed this to the editor. I know you aren't an editor, because you don't understand the art of the male toilet.

I use powder, and I'm not ashamed of it. I don't use it to imitate you, dear lady. You couldn't possibly use it for the same reason. I apply the powder after shaving, and see if Kipling and me aren't right.

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You didn't need to tell that you waxed your moustache, Pax Vobiscum.

For why, because we know our Kipling.

What we want to know is whether you did it in hope that somebody would try, or because you had to do it to retain the limousine ones who had tried?

Preparedness. I bought a pair of skating boots. That reached up to my knees; I bought a leather suit to match. And waited for a free.

The folks all said I took their word—that I looked nice; and I waited four straight months.

No sign of ice. I've only one more hope in life. Do you suppose That Ford will want to pacify The Esquimos?

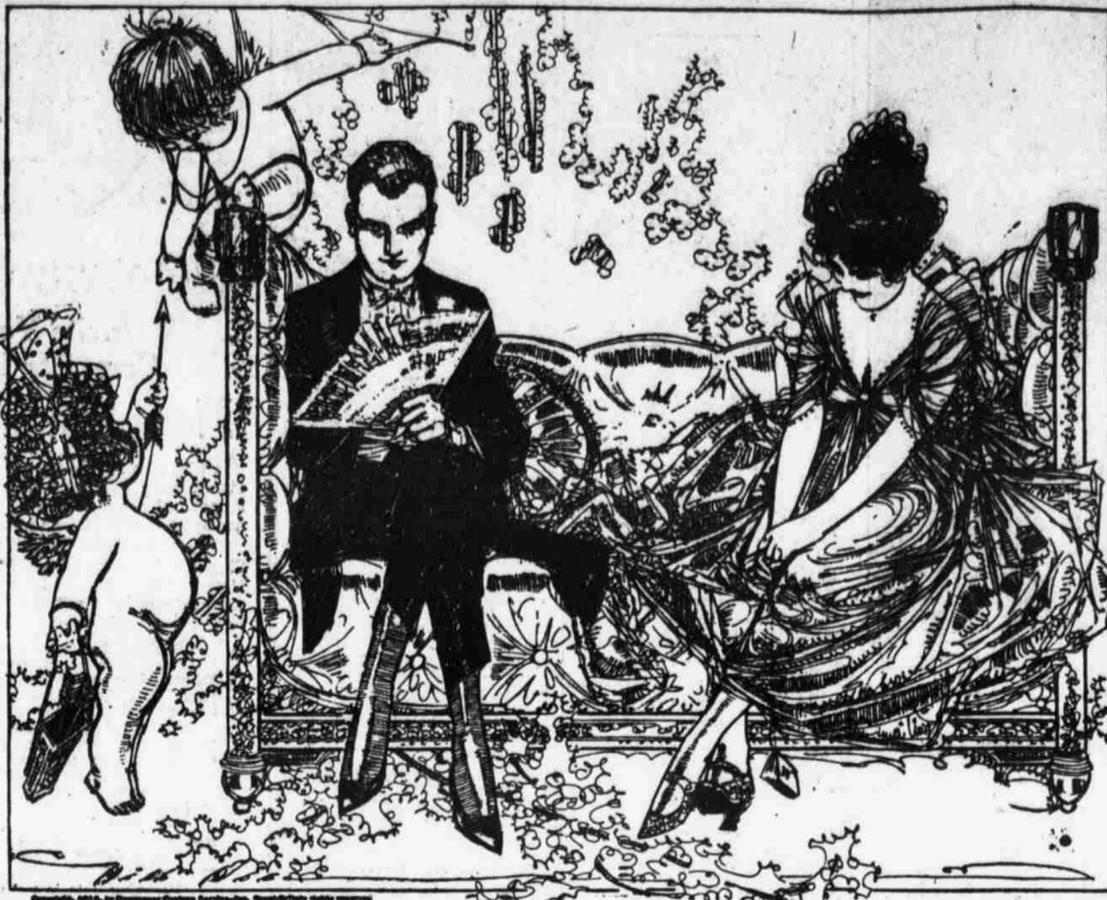
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IS MRS. CUPID HELPING OUT THIS YEAR?

By Will Nies



Do We Plan Too Much For Children?

Mothers Declared to Give Too Much Thought to Future of Their Offspring.

By LAURA CLAWSON.

I HAVE a charming friend, the mother of four children, all of whom are bright and intelligent. But I am watching with some misgiving one point in their upbringing.

My friend has deliberately—and the youngest girl is but eight—laid out the future of each child. Graham is to follow in his father's profession as a matter of course, the second boy is to be an architect, Elida is to be a social service worker, and Tina the musician of the family.

To this end, their education is being bent. It may turn out all right. But suppose the perfectly normal thing—that Graham finds the law uninteresting, and foregoes the most absorbing thing in the world?

One of two things is bound to happen; either he will hesitate to disappoint his parents who have spent money and energy on his law education, and the preparation for it, and become a second rate member of the bar, or he will risk the disappointment of those who love him best and forge for himself a career without their interest and support, perhaps with the reproaches of his mother ringing in his ears.

The vocational training of children is a burning question in the world where subjects of that nature are being discussed. Many well-known authorities contend that very early in the mental life of a child the signs appear by which the trained teacher can decide what his real work in the world is to be.

I should be the first one to decry such a statement or belittle such effort. There are too many round pegs in square holes already.

But the point about my friend's attitude is that it isn't scientific in the least. Her decisions are arbitrary. There has always been a lawyer in her husband's family, a musician in hers; ergo, her children are to continue the line, whether their talents point that way or not.

I think it is perfectly possible that even as early as seven, in a normal child, a mother can observe a decided bent, a talent, perhaps inheritance, which make her hopes and dreams for her child very sweet and beautiful things.

But dreams have a most disconcerting way of being dispelled as the children grow out of short frocks and knickerbockers; the companionship at school, the influence of another mature mind, the hero worship which is a part of the life of every boy or girl in their teens for some one outside their immediate family circle, all may combine to shape their lives.

So let us be patient, do our day-dreaming if we must, but be practical enough to face disappointment if it comes.

For this much we owe our children: the best start in life we can give them, our ready sympathy in their own striving to find themselves. And one of the saddest things which can happen to a mother is the realization that these shy consciences are being given to a teacher or an older friend, because "mother doesn't understand."

Let us talk frankly of the future. No matter what the financial status of the family, I am an ardent advocate of vocational training for every member of it. Changes in America are so sudden, that we owe it to the children, girls as well as boys, that they go from their homes perfectly equipped to earn their livelihood.

Time was when a young woman left penniless had no refuge but in the home of the next of kin. If she were able she taught the young children of the particular kindfolk who had given her food and shelter, was household drudge generally. But that day is past, and the professions which are open to women today are many and interesting.

So let us plan for our children, rather not for them with WITH them.

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Consistency.

"A woman's place is home," she said. "This voting will not do!" And then she went abroad, we read. And stayed a year or two.

"No woman wants to vote!" she cried; "But, somewhat later on, She had a fit and almost died, Because the wrong man won."

"My housework must come first," said she. "Why leave it for the polls?" Then she went out and stayed to tea, And left the kids, poor souls!

"Hub represents me with his vote," said she. "That would suffice." But what she said I will not quote— When "hubby" voted twice.

(Lurana Sheldon in Judge.)

with soap. Can you suggest any remedy?

It is possible that the soap you use does this. Wash with a good soap. Even inherited weakness of the skin may do so. Fish skin disease is one who disorders. A grain of thyring gland after meals and the rubbing in of cottonseed oil and glycerine may improve the condition.

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Sickness and Senility May Both Be Prevented By Proper Kind of Play

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG.

NO profit grows where no pleasure is taken." True and sweet words! To frown at play is an error. Only frauds fly from pleasure. While it is not a rule of a well regulated life to make recreation, diversion and play the business of the daily round, yet he who sleeps, eats, attends to his labors, and then retires again, cannot be a whole man in any honest sense of the word.

Better fast to build the soul a lordly pleasure house, "wharvest at ease for pleasure hours," than to play and grind and point the finger of scandal at others who find enjoyment in play.

Much of his written nowadays about "strenuous modern life" and "twentieth century excitement." Prof. G. Stanley Hall indites these sad words: "Our age, ity, suffers from ever-increasing nervous and brain strain and overstimulation. Our schoolboys are told that they may possibly become president or millionaires."

How like the ancient lamentations of Jeremiah! From the inscriptions on recently excavated Babylonian bricks, translated by Prof. G. Stanley Hall and other Semitic language scholars, you can learn what the ancients thought about the "strenuous modern life," "the emotional strain of aggressive business conditions," and "speculation in corn and wheat that drove men to suicide."

These ancient words are translations made from records 4,000 years old, discovered among the ruins of Ninevah and Tyre.

Human Nature the Same. "Get-rich-quick" schemes, hard work and the "pace that kills" have been recognized since the days when the memory of man ran not to the contrary. Working men rebelled, slaves became freemen, and dromes and rakes rode around in chariots, the taxicabs of those days. Life was relatively as much of a physical, social, mental, and emotional struggle then as now.

Human nature, intellect and the human attributes were the same 50,000 years ago—or longer if Adam and Eve lived before that—as they are in the days of newspapers, aerograms, automobiles, aeroplanes, railroads, and telephones. Men and women live as much in crowds and mobs as in the logic and reason at this minute as in the Paleozoic era.

There are those who wall and gnash their "store" teeth over "the ever increasing nerve and brain strain and overstimulation." Words, words, words! What are the facts? Simply that nerves cannot be strained—neither can the brain. Nor can they be "overstimulated," whatever that may mean.

Thought does not disturb the brain and nerves any more than it does the muscles and the ears. It is as much the parcel of one as it is the part of the other.

Seriousness May Invite Disaster. Hard work, physical and mental concentration, like any excesses, may, in some indirect fashion, play high jinks with all your physical structures. To blame this on steamships, mail order frauds, speed mania, or "the strain of modern life" is much the same as crediting parents, locomotor ataxia and pneumonia, with the evil eye instead of the specific germs which cause these ailments.

The statement that any human malady with emotional complications is reminiscent of childhood, because mental habits, wrongly called "thinking," may at times be revealed by dreams and reveries, cannot be supported by facts.

Anxiety, loss of courage and the emotion of pessimism and failure are very often exhaustions of the glands which impair the blood currents. There can be no denial that bacteria, poisons, depletion, injury, irritation or loss of thyroid, thymus, parathyroid, pituitary, adrenal, and other gland substances cause the signs and symptoms which some people falsely acclaim as the price of modern life.

One of the things provocative of beautiful glands is pleasure and play. On the other hand, prudish dignity and a serious outlook—the absence of humor and laughter—invites disaster to these delicate structures.

When a child breaks up its toys or digs inquisitively into the "inwards" of a drum or a sawdust doll, it stirs within its glandular anatomy an invigorating impulse that whips up those tissues and makes for general health.

Advice To Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE.

My Dear Annie Laurie—What is your opinion regarding two or three girls attending together, without escorts, properly conducted public dances? I know some very nice girls who do so.

READER. I think this means that the girls would dance with men to whom they have never been introduced.

At these public affairs, they will be open to criticism. No matter how carefully conducted, the dance may be. Even though there will be men friends present, the girls will risk adverse comment by the evening unescorted, and chaperoned. As a general thing, then, I would advise against it.

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Health Queries of Times Readers Answered

By DR. L. K. HIRSHBERG.

D. E. A.—Does Fowler's solution affect the heart? Will it turn the hair to a reddish shade? Is there any remedy for small eyes? Is belladonna harmful to the eyes? 4. What will make the hair black and curly?

Not if taken in two or three-drop doses. 2. Wear eyeglasses and bathe the eyes in warm boric acid water. 3. Yes. 4. Burnt cork and vaseline sometimes does.

M. C. A.—Will you please give me a remedy for varicose veins? The only remedy for varicose veins is to have them stretched up by a surgeon. They may, however, be relieved by elastic bandages or a rubber stocking. You should keep off your feet as much as possible.

Mrs. K.—I have nervous exhaustion or neurasthenia. I have taken all kinds of medicines, but find no relief therein. Cannot you offer some suggestion? You should take a trip, if you can afford it, by way of water. Take a deep interest in the wants of others; help them all you can. Take an interest in music, concerts, literature societies and social meetings in general. Try to forget yourself in trying to help others.

A. W. F.—I noticed in one of your articles where you advocated the use of iron for gray hair. How often should this be taken? Ten drops of tincture of chloride of iron in a wineglass of water should be taken through a tube after meals three times a day. Make a paste of carbonate of iron, one dram, to an ounce of white vaseline and apply to the scalp at night, alternating with sulphur ointments. Continue until the gray hairs have disappeared.

Beckle—My ears peel terribly. I wash

He should eat lots of good nourishing foods, as potatoes, spinach, fresh fish, meats, cereals, fruits and drink plenty of distilled water, sweet milk, buttermilk and cream. He should be outdoors more in the sunlight and fresh air and sleep twelve hours in the twenty-four.

Mrs. R. F. L.—My daughter is thirteen years of age. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. Will you kindly state the average height and weight for a child of said age? (2) Will cold baths every morning hurt her? The average weight for a girl thirteen is about 75 or 80 pounds, and height about 5 feet. (3) A cold, one-minute plunge is beneficial.

Mrs. E. L. R.—Will you kindly advise me in the columns what to do for large brown patches on the back of the hands? I have been told these are liver marks.

So-called "liver spots" are on the order of freckles, and usually have nothing to do with the liver, intestines, stomach, or intestines. They are, however, especially in the genital sex, traceable to internal complaints. Try a little of the following several times a day on them: Glycerine, 1 ounce; violet water, 2 ounces; ammonium chloride, 1 dram; sodium sulphate, 2 drams; borax 2

It is advisable that you drink three quart of distilled water and a pure carbonate water daily, lots of olive oil, whey, buttermilk, and fluids, and eat green vegetables without much starch, unseasoned foods, greens, cereals, and fresh fruits. Take a Bulgaria tablet with your meals. Avoid tea, coffee, seasonings, soft foods, constipation, and inactivity. Take from five to ten grains of either ox-bile, ox-gall, or bile salts after meals, and several hours exercise daily.

PERSONAL ADVICE. Readers desiring advice should remember: 1. To address inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirschberg, care of The Times. 2. To enclose a stamped and addressed envelope if a personal reply is desired.

Daily Fashion Suggestion



Seen In The Shops. BY THE SHOPPER. VIVID in their peacock colorings are some of the new combs and jeweled hairpins. One rather large pin priced at 50 cents was set with green and blue stones that sparkled alluringly. The pin itself could be had in either green or amber.

For 5 cents, handkerchiefs with buttonholed edges in color and a bit of embroidery at one corner. One can really afford to have a cold, even a "sniffly" affair.

Vestees of gaudy show some of the most remarkable color combinations! Deep rose and purple platings, rose, and old blue platings—these are two bits of neckwear that speak for themselves in no uncertain tones.

Lighter colors—flesh, orchid, pale leaf green and rose—are embossed in white silk dots. Some of the collars are high and pleated at the back. The sleeves are short and corded at the armhole. The rounded shawl collar supplies the popular cape effect.

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