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Baby's Whim Should Not Rule Family

Too Often Infantile Tyrant, Abetted By Indulgent Mother, Destroys Pleasure of Big Brother or Sister; Task of Caring For Youngster Ought To Be Shared By All.

By LAURA CLAWSON. I WATCHED a little scene the other day in which the unconscious actors were portraying an incident which takes place in almost every household where there is a large family of children.

The oldest girl, who was on her way to keep an engagement, was halted by a request from the "baby," a stalwart boy of three, to be taken along. The big sister patiently explained that tennis games were not for little boys; that there would be no one for him to play with while she was enjoying her game.

Thereupon loud wails filled the air, and the harassed mother, rushing into the scene of action, demanded fretfully why the big sister couldn't have been unselfish enough to have taken "baby" anywhere.

Didn't she know how the child longed to get out—and wouldn't it be possible for her to take him along? He was always so good when he was with her, etc., etc., until big sister fled after a decided refusal which bordered so closely on disobedience that I trembled for her afternoon of freedom.

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No, the real perpetual fance could never be that constant. He knows not the meaning of the word fidelity! He is the person who can remain engaged on the average of three months at a time. Nevertheless, he is the sort that manages to stay in which he proposed. It may be that he has a standard form of proposal, which has been proved tried and true, like a New England recipe.

Can't you realize that in a month or two he will be off pursuing another girl? Mutual Protection Society. The frankness of the ex-fiancees is almost amusing. Each girl is apparently anxious that you should know what a rascal he is. I give them credit, however, for wanting you to realize what sort of a man holds your interest so successfully. It is generous of them.

How fine it would be if their mutual protection! Then, if a girl became interested in a man, she could summon to her aid the other girls who had ever known well and conduct a symposium of ideas and opinions. But there, all this isn't helping you with your problem, is it? You undoubtedly suppose that your mother is treating you unjustly, in not allowing the perpetual fance to call.

Confess! Now, don't you feel that she is behaving unreasonably? How do you know that the things she has been told about the aforesaid excellent youth are the "lies" you so unqualifiedly term them? How do you know they are not the truth and that

What They Say About Us. Red Wall Paper Scarce. This is a time of troubles; indeed, troubles will never cease from troubling, and each day brings its new load of worry. Let everybody think of all the public troubles which now oppress; next add the list of his own private woes and then consider this latest threat of fate, to wit: Red wall paper is scarce.

The wall paper manufacturers have just opened their "fall styles"; this trade opening is recognized as one of the most notable functions of the commercial year. For to use last year's wall paper is a lapse from decency of which few New York householders are guilty; since they have been trained so diligently by the dealers; indeed it is seldom in recent years that any dealer is affronted by a request for a few rolls of last year's paper to make repairs with.

But the real trouble this year is about red wall paper. Owing to the rise in price of most dyes and other materials the manufacturers are confronted with the hideous fact of a higher cost for their product, and no certainty of being able to raise the price of all wall paper. So they have been driven to the bitter expedient of not showing any samples of red or other dark colored papers. All persons requiring red wall paper for "bedroom" (such as a New York hotel once proposed) or for other apartments where light is to be swallowed up in an internal crepuscule, will kindly wait a year.

Paralysis Panic. A New York newspaper remarked the other day that more persons had died from measles in the metropolis during the month of May than had fallen victims to that paralysis in July. A famous physician is authority for the statement that infant paralysis is only one-twelfth as contagious as scarlet fever. There is no excuse for panic, but the comprehensive plans for combating the epidemic and preventing its spread are fully warranted, and with the coming of cooler weather there is hope that they will be entirely successful.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Beware the Perpetual Fiance; He Who Is Perennially Engaged

When a Man Has Been Engaged So Often That His Ex-Fiancees Can Meet and Discuss Him Frankly Before His "Latest," He Is Surely a Master At the Gentle Craft of Proposing.

Nevertheless, Skilled As He May Be In the Arts of Courtship, He Is Likely To Be a Poor Matrimonial Bargain, and Mother's Unrelenting Attitude of Disapproval Is Right.

By THE CHAPERON. To the Chaperon: Owing to some falsehoods which were told to my mother by a young man she refused to allow a certain other man to call any more to see me. I have met him several times secretly and he has asked me to marry him. I have been told by several of his former sweethearts that he has also asked them to do the same.

I have reminded him of this, but he vows that he loves me truly and only me. I am very much in love with the young man. And I would like to know if it would be dangerous for me to take the chance.

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WE SING THE PERPETUAL FIANCE

Oh, he was engaged to a maiden named Rose And avowed that his joy was immense, But he left her so quickly he trod on her toes To run off and make love to Hortense.

Now she was a girl who was winsome and gay, And he thought he was telling the truth When he swore he would love her until he was gray— Then he happened to see little Ruth.

To Ruth he proposed when the moon shone above And for flirting professed great abhorrence; He declared that no other he ever could love— Then he happened to spy pretty Florence.

But he found his maneuvering had to be stopped, For the girl was much wiser than he, And his hopes and his plans were quite suddenly cropped After Florence had Ruthie to tea.

And Rose and Hortense were invited to come, Oh they came, and they talked, you can bet, When he heard it, the lover was stricken quite dumb And that speechlessness clings to him yet.

your mother is not absolutely right? There may be parents who deny their children pleasure deliberately, who take a fiendish delight in denying them what they desire. These parents are so rare as to be abnormal. The instinct of the mother is first and foremost, to protect. Why should you suspect your mother when she is but acting naturally?

I do not think the other young man would have told her untruths. If he considered the matter important enough to consult her about it, there must have been some basis for his actions.

Mother May Be Right. Personally, I believe that the would-be fiance's behavior in the face of the situation has gone to prove the stories related to your mother. It is a thing neither honorable nor

praiseworthy to meet a girl away from home when he is not allowed to call in the usual way. It is entirely in keeping with the character of a perpetual fance.

I would not go so far as to advise you to have nothing whatsoever to do with the young man. I do think that for your future happiness it would be best to terminate the friendship as quickly and as gracefully as you can.

There is nothing in at least funny or clever about these clandestine meetings, however much they appeal to your sense of the romantic.

If you are tempted to accept the man, just think of that rank of former lady-friends—none of whom he married.

And you will notice that the man isn't married yet—neither are the girls.

Water, When Taken At Mealtime, Is an Aid To Proper Digestion

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG. bulk of the food and allowing the vital force to continue its work. The normal tone of the fundus as well as of the whole organ causes the food to be gently forced down into the main body and pyloric region of the stomach, as is required by orderly digestive progress.

The cavity of the stomach is only as large as its contents, so that the first portion of food entirely fills it. The successive portions find the wall layer occupied and are received into the interior. An atonic stomach would probably be somewhat unhelpfully affected by the ingestion of much liquid but not so in a stomach of normal tone.

Effects of Mixed Meal. When liquid food is taken alone it requires but a few minutes for it to be forced into the duodenum. When a mixed meal is eaten the liquid part is first expelled, then the larger part of sugars and starches, and lastly the fat. The latter remain long in the stomach when taken alone, and when combined with other foodstuffs are much delayed. The food first taken has the position of advantage. If it is starch or sugar it is ejected into the intestine before the other foodstuffs.

Water Flashes System. Most persons who suffer from constipation, poor nutrition, intestinal troubles and other disorders of the digestive organs are those who drink no water with their meals, or, if at all, very sparingly.

Some say that an abundance of water taken with meals is necessary for mastication and salivation. Dr. Niles contends that the careless or hurried eater will be careless or hurried whether he takes water or not, while the one who masticates his food sufficiently will not be deterred by drinking a liberal quantity of water.

Dr. Niles favors adequate mastication, but you must remember that a part of the legitimate functions of the stomach and its juices is to reduce the semi-solid contents to a liquid, soupy mass. When the stomach is robbed of its proper duty, it becomes weakened, just as the active part of the body would be impaired by disease.

The organs concerned require an increased amount of force for the digestion of every meal. This should be done promptly and get out of the way of the next meal.

Besides its cleansing and solvent properties, an abundance of water ejected into the blood stream during this busy period increases the intestinal secretion and peristalsis.

For sanitation's sake the human body needs an abundance of water in order to perform well the manifold duties of its constructive housekeeping. The very tissues of the body are aquatic in their habits. (Copyright, 1916, by the Press Publishing Co.)

RECIPES

Grape Catsup. 5 pints of grapes. 1 pound of sugar. 1/2 pint of vinegar. 1/4 ounce each of cinnamon, cloves, and mace. Sugar and vinegar are boiled together for fifteen minutes. Grapes are heated, allowed to cool, and then rubbed through a colander, after which they are added to vinegar and sugar, cooking twenty minutes.

Egg and Sardine Salad. 2 large heads of celery. 3 hard-boiled eggs. 4 sardines. Salt and pepper. Cream to make a paste. Cut in narrow strips two large heads of celery. Mix with the shredded whites of three hard-boiled eggs. Mash the yolks with four sardines, salt and pepper to taste, and stir in cream enough to make a thick paste, then add a little vinegar. Then add salt and pepper to celery, and pour egg and sardine combination over it.

Sayings of Mrs. Solomon

By HELEN ROWLAND.

CONSIDER the Vanity of Woman, my Daughter, how K leadeth her to folly! For lo, I have watched her at her work when she seeketh to IM-PROVE upon Nature.

Behold, she sitteth down at her dressing table looking like the wrath of heaven. And when she ariseth she is an Angel straight from Paradise. She tortureth herself with slow torture and there is nothing which she will not TRY upon herself at least once. She pulleth out her eyebrows without mercy, saying: "Go to! Eyebrows are mussy things! Moreover, they are not being WORKN this season."

She bindeth herself in steel castings, she shutteth off her breath, she pincheth her feet into steelatorial shoes.

She arrayeth herself in pink tulle through the snow be flying, and swateth herself in furs through the thermometer pointeth at ninety.

And when she hath finished ALL her labors she regardeth herself critically and stideth herself without mercy, saying: "I WONDER if I shall DO!" But a Man wears in his ways and utterly without Vanity. Yes, he rusheth home from the ball game and is arrayed for the banquet in twenty minutes. He plungeth lightly from the bath and runneth the razor over his chin—OYCE! He snatcheth up the first clean shirt at hand and donneth the collar at the TOP of the pile.

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