



# Reading for Women and all the Family



## THE PLOTTERS

A New Serial of East and West  
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There was an awkward silence after John Butler had made his remark. Elizabeth felt she must speak.

"I—was just talking to poor old Talak out there," indicating the front porch. "He has looked queerer than ever since his dog was killed. I wonder what's going on in that crazy brain of his?"

"He has been practically useless for the past week or two—of so Chapin says," Butler remarked. "I heard him tell Talak he was going to discharge him as soon as it suited her convenience to do so. If the poor fellow had sense enough he would leave, anyway. But I suppose he knows that, with his inefficiency, he could hardly get another job."

"Yes!" Elizabeth exclaimed indignantly. "And Amos Chapin knows it too. And that is why he bullies the poor wretch, and threatens him. I hate Talak myself—but I hate still more to see any helpless creature taken advantage of."

She paused, remembering that man of whom she was saying such bitter things was supposed to be the husband of her cousin. But Butler did not seem astonished at her vehemence.

"I agree with you entirely," he said quietly. "And I sympathize with your indignation. You see, I heard a part of what Mr. Chapin was saying to you in the hall. I understand that he wants to buy this farm."

### Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

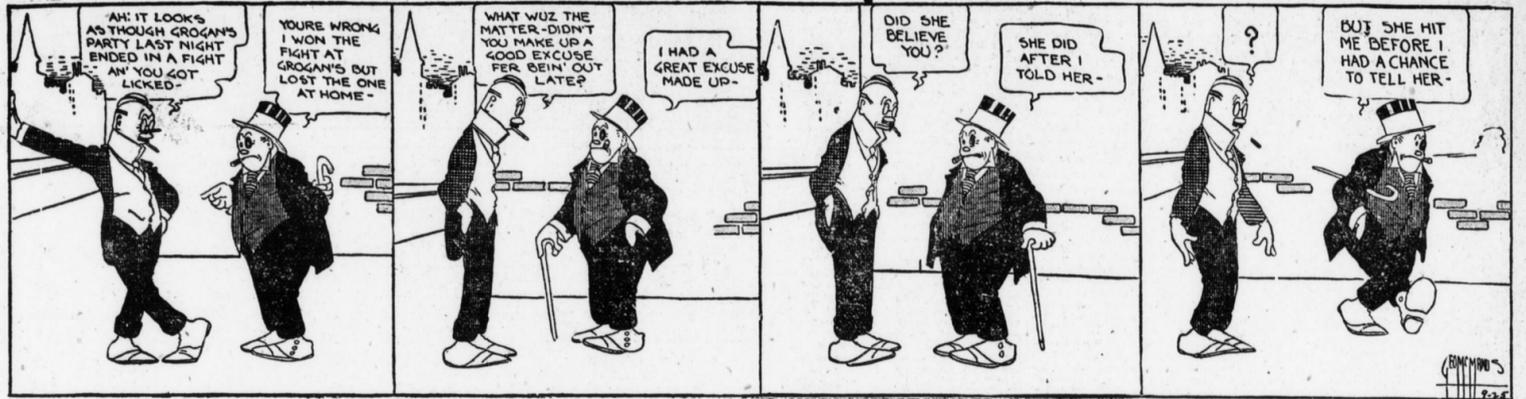
The best thing to use is just plain mulsified cocoanut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

## Bringing Up Father

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## THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

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(Continued.)

In this way, the second year of the war found the German people with their faith in their leaders comparatively unshaken. Disasters have been so skillfully concealed, minimized and victories had been so widely circulated and magnified that the people were, if possible, more solidly behind the war and keener for its vigorous prosecution in 1916 than they were when it started two years before.

On May Day, 1916, the Socialist Liebknecht addressed a crowd in the Potsdamer Platz and his diatribes against the Kaiser were so distasteful even to his own supporters that they unanimously turned against him when he was arrested. The criticism was made that as he was a member of the Reichstag it was undignified for him to speak openly against the government from a barrel in the public square, and many Socialists with whom I afterwards talked, said his arrest served him right.

Then Schneidman became the most conspicuous Socialist in the public eye, but he had developed into a most conservative advocate of socialist principles, and, indeed, the whole party has been torn to pieces by dissensions and internal differences. The Socialists were never less of a problem to the government than during the early years of the war.

When, however, the food shortage began to grow to serious proportions and the people were put on such meager rations that the pangs of hunger and the ravages of disease became a constant reminder of the war and its consequences, a spirit of unrest became noticeable. No one seemed to care very much that the war which was to be over by Christmas, 1914, was still very far from over by Christmas, 1916, so long as everyone had plenty to eat and the German cause was

everywhere triumphant. But when the ordinary mode of life was being constantly changed by one military restriction after another and the pinch of hunger and deprivation began to be felt throughout the empire, then the people began to ask questions.

Why haven't the U-boats subjugated the English fleet and opened the German ports, and together with the Zeppelins brought England to her knees? Why does the war, which was to be over in three months, now enter its third year? Why are we pressing into French and Russian territory if our only object is to defend our borders? Why are we suffering for lack of food and clothing, if we are winning in the field?

By the time America came into the war, in April, 1917, conditions had become very bad from an economic standpoint and the murmuring of the people was becoming more pronounced. People were now not only asking questions; they were beginning to insist upon answers. Strikes were breaking out all over the country. Robbery and bribery were never so rampant in the history of the nation. The birth rate had declined at an alarming rate and the death-rate among civilians was rapidly climbing.

Poor food and insufficient nourishment were beginning to make themselves felt and seen. The nation was being slowly but surely driven to death and the people were beginning to realize it. Ersatz—substitute—foods were not enough to satisfy physical requirements. They might deceive the eye, but they couldn't deceive the blood.

The suffering that the people had to endure began to undermine their faith in their rulers. I heard murmuring in the streets and in the street cars, and patients who came into my office were not hesitant in expressing themselves freely about the outlook.

In October, 1917, through the influence of a prominent German officer, who was a patient of mine, I secured permission to accompany my wife to Warnemunde, from which port she was to sail for Copenhagen.

On the way back to Berlin, all the available seats in the first and second-class compartments were taken and I had to occupy a third-class compartment in the train. Although this was somewhat less comfortable, it was rather glad of the experience because it enabled me to overhear an extremely enlightening conversation between the seven or eight passengers who shared the compartment with me. They were of the common people—the backbone of the empire—and their point of view was well worth consideration.

As soon as I realized the drift of their remarks, I sank down in my corner seat and pretended to be asleep for fear they would be more guarded in their utterances if they realized or suspected that a foreigner was listening to them. One of the group was a soldier returning to the front after a furlough which had been granted to him through the purpose of burying his daughter. When he had arrived home he found that his daughter had died from the effects of undernourishment.

"You may know how I feel," he declared, bitterly, "to have to go

back to fight for a government which allowed my daughter to starve while I was away, and my wife had used so much from anxiety and undernourishment that I didn't recognize her."

"The government is trying to be little America's part in this war," spoke up another. "They are trying to make us believe that we won't be harmed any more with America fighting than we were when she

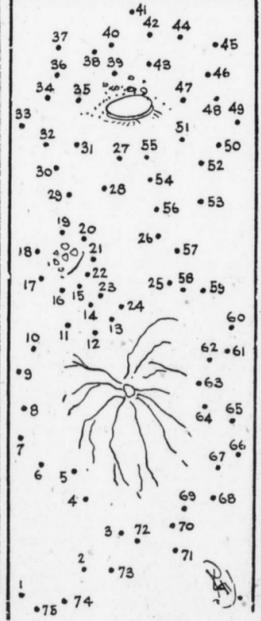
was neutral. I tell you, I don't believe it. I've got a brother in America. He's been there for ten years. He has written to me many times and has told me much about the American people. I believe that when the American people go into anything they go into it with all their hearts. How long are we going to allow the government to deceive us this way?"

(To Be Continued.)

## Lansing Denies the U. S. Is Mediator in China

Washington, Sept. 25.—Secretary Lansing yesterday authorized an unequivocal denial of the widely published report that the United States and Great Britain had offered to mediate between the Peking government and the revolutionists of southern China. Mr. Lansing said such a step never had been contemplated by this government.

## Daily Dot Puzzle



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## MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

### A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

By Ray C. Beery, A.B., M.A.  
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No. 24. Why Parents Fail to Secure Obedience.

"OBEDIENCE First" is an excellent motto in training children. And yet, how comparatively few parents are able to secure absolute obedience!

Why is this? Is it due to a lack of knowledge or simply failure to apply knowledge already acquired? Or is it, perhaps, both?

Let us take an example. A mother writes me:

"This morning our boy, aged three, started the electric toaster as his custom. He usually takes the bread off the toaster also, but as the toast was burning his father took off one piece. Result—one electric howl! We gave it to him to put in again to pacify him; down on the floor he threw it. His father took him into the living room and talked to him, but nothing would appease him; he howled and howled. Then I took him upstairs and tried to hold him in bed as punishment until we both were exhausted. Please tell me what to do as I am almost sick over it."

The outstanding point in the analysis of your case is the fact that you have given this boy entirely too much freedom at previous occasions unless you start in at once to teach him that howling or screaming gets him absolutely nothing. Don't even talk to him when he begins to cry, much less try to do anything with him. Simply pay no attention to him.

The big mistake that most parents make in dealing with a boy of this type is that they let the child's influence theirs and consequently they show temper. But this is very unwise. If you want the best results, maintain a calm, but firm attitude, which suggests to the child that you have the situation absolutely in hand. Then you are in a position, the moment the boy shows the least sign of a friendly spirit, to respond to him courteously and thereby reward him for his desired change of attitude. This is not only impossible, in case you show disgust, but the boy would in the history quickly change his attitude in the first place.

The two great general causes of disobedience are a lack of friendship between parent and child and a lack of consistent firmness on the part of the parent. Of course, various factors may serve as causes for disobedience in particular cases, but each of them is related directly or indirectly to one or the other of the two fundamental causes.

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