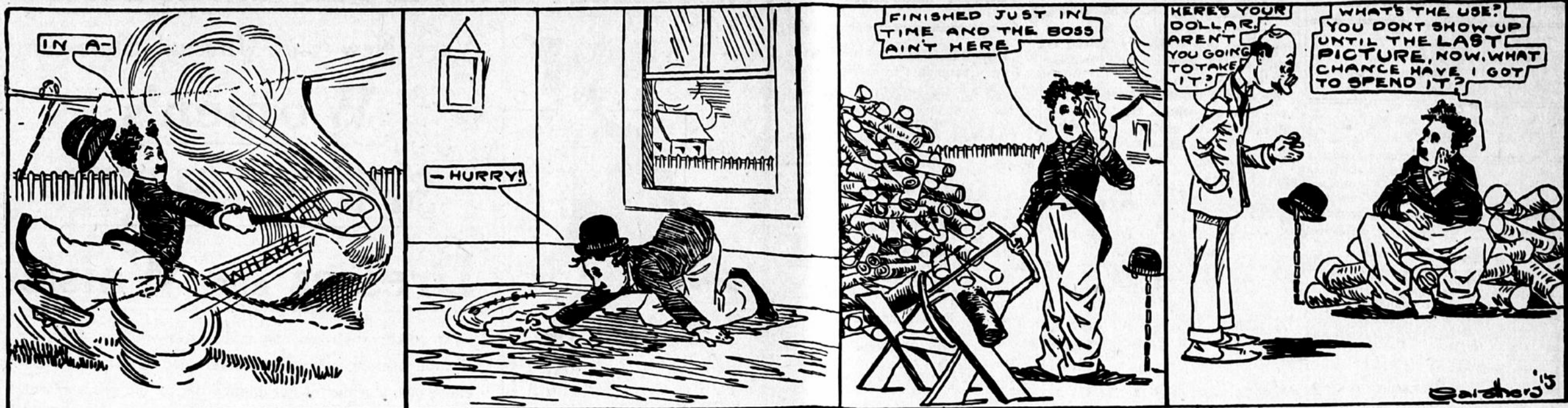


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## The Home Circle Column

Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

### Crude Thots from the Editorial Pen

Some men stumble over straws in the road to heaven but climb over hills on the road to destruction.

In the home life never forget that the children have social rights, and the chief among these is the right to laugh when they are happy, to cry when they are unhappy, and to make a noise.

You may preach sermons and advocate reforms and denounce wickedness, and yet your children will be captivated by the glittering saloon of sin unless you can make your home a brighter place than any other place on earth to them.

Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth you are accumulating may be a doubtful blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your beautifully kept house, busy mother, can never be a home to the daughter whom you have no time to caress.

The mother who radiates peace, radiates strength also. The restlessness, the noise, the rush of the life of today, make it all the more necessary to maintain within the home an atmosphere of serenity and sweetness, so that the threshold once crossed, the outside noise and clatter and strife are left securely behind. This is, perhaps, an old-fashioned conception of home.

The great event in every young man's life is his awakening. There comes a time when he's aroused from the dreamy carelessness of boyhood by the opening possibilities of life. If he then drops into indifference and begins life in an easy, shiftless way, he fritters away his chances. If he comes to a deep, earnest purpose to be at his best and do his best, he arrives early at the highest rank among equals in business, profession or trade.

Encouragement is something we naturally look for. A little praise, a word of hope or a cheerful smile—something for the hungry soul to grasp and the weary mind to rest upon as we climb the toilsome mountain of life. How many poor hearts have sunk into despondency, when a little encouragement has reassured them. The soldier looks for it on the field of battle. It is the cheering voice of his leader that urges him on through the danger of death and crowns the day with victory.

It is just as possible to keep a calm house as a clean one, a cheerful house as a warm one, if the heads set themselves to do so. Where is the difficulty of consulting each other's weaknesses as well as each other's wants;

each other's tempers as well as each other's health; each other's comfort as well as each other's character. Peace rules the day when reason rules the mind. Oh! it is by leaving the peace at home to chance, instead of pursuing it by system that so many houses are unhappy. It deserves notice, also, that almost anyone can be courteous and forbearing and patient in a neighbor's house. If anything goes wrong or is out of tune, or disagreeable there, it is made the best of, not the worst, even efforts are made to excuse it, it is attributed to accident, not design; and this is not only easy, but natural, in the house of a friend.

The home influence is either a blessing or a curse, either for good or for evil. It cannot be neutral. In either case it is mighty, commencing with our birth; going with us through life, clinging to us in death, and reaching into the eternal world. The specific influences of husband and wife, of parent and child, of brother and sister, of teacher and pupil united and harmoniously blended, constitute the home influence. Like the calm, deep stream, it moves on in silent but overwhelming power. It strikes its roots deep into the human heart, and spreads its branches wide over our whole being. Like the lily that braves the tempest and the Alpine flower that leans its cheek on the bosom of eternal snow, it is exerted amid the wildest storms of life and breathes a softening spell in our bosom even when a heartless world is freezing up the fountains of sympathy and love.

#### THE OLD-FASHIONED WOMAN

No clever, brilliant thinker, she. With college record and degree; She has not known the paths of fame. The world has never heard her name; She walks in old, untrodden ways—The valleys of the yesterdays.

Around her childish hearts are twined, As with some reverent saint enshrined, And following hers, the childish feet Are led to ideals pure and sweet, And find all purity and good In her divinest motherhood.

She keeps her faith unshadowed still, God rules the world in good and ill; Men in her creed are brave and true, And women pure as pearls of dew; And life for her is high and grand, By work and glad endeavor spanned.

This sad old earth's a brighter place All for the sunshine of her face; Her very smile a blessing throws, And hearts are happier where she goes. A gentle, clear-eyed messenger, To whisper love—thank God for her!

## RUSSIA WANTS TO BUY BACK SHIPS

NEGOTIATING WITH JAPAN FOR RETURN OF BOATS TAKEN DURING RUSSO-JAP WAR

Tokio, March 15.—(Correspondence to The Associated Press.)—As reported by cable, negotiations are in progress between Japan and Russia, chiefly at Petrograd but also at Tokio for the purchase by Russia of several warships which fell into the hands of the Japanese navy during the Russo-Japanese war.

The correspondent of The Associated Press learns that Russia wished to have Russian warships participate with those of Japan and Great Britain in the bombardment of the German fortress of Tsing-tau, and to that end opened negotiations with Japan for the return of some of her old ships. For some reason or other the negotiations fell through at the time, presumably over the question of price, but they were reopened a few weeks ago, and at the present writing there is every prospect that several ships, probably three, will be turned over to Russia for a consideration.

Japan secured possession of about fourteen Russian warships as a result of the Russo-Japanese war. The vessels mentioned as likely to be transferred include the cruiser Soya, formerly the Varyag, the battleship Togo, formerly the Russian warship Poltava, and the Sagami, which during the war with Russia was known as the Peresviet. The Soya was captured by a squadron under Prince Higashi-Fushimi off Cape Soya in the northern coast of Hokkaido.

The Togo, the old Poltava, was captured at Port Arthur, on February 1, 1905. She carried four 12-inch guns. Her displacement is 10,960 tons. The Sagami, a battleship of 12,674 tons, also carries four 12-inch guns. She was captured by the Japanese at Port Arthur.

The question for Japan to settle was whether the turning over of the ships would seriously weaken her own system of defense and she has presumably decided that the transfer does not virtually change her naval strength. Moreover, it is likely that a modern dreadnought would be constructed with the proceeds of the sale which are placed at from 15 to 20 million yen, or from about \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

The impression exists here that should Russia acquire these warships they would be sent to the Baltic to strengthen Russia's naval force there and protect merchant marine plying between Russia and the United States. Early in the present war Japan turned over to Russia the hospital ship Anegawa, formerly the Angara which became a Japanese prize of war in the battle of the Sea of Japan.

## W. C. T. U. Notes

### Baby Week

A Baby Week is a campaign with a twofold purpose: (1) To give the mothers and fathers of a community the opportunity of learning the most important facts with regard to the care of the baby. (2) To bring home to the community a knowledge of the facts regarding the deaths of its babies and a realization of the ways in which it must protect them.

A Baby Week should be a community campaign; each person in the community should feel that he or she has a part in it.

A Baby Week should not be a temporary flurry and excitement, but should lead to permanent work for the babies.

Chicago held the first Baby Week, April 19 to 25, 1914; New York City the second, June 20 to 26, 1914. This year they have been following by Pittsburgh, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Staten Island, Yonkers, Indianapolis, Topeka, and many other cities.

### Letter to Fathers

(Adapted from message sent out during the Pittsburgh Baby Week.)

Tradition has, in the past, left all the care of the baby to the mother. The conditions of our present-day society require that, in addition to providing food, shelter, and other material things, the father must share with the mother the responsibility for health of his baby.

The following are some of the things that he should understand or do:

He should understand the importance of prospective mothers having good care and advice at as early a period as possible so as to insure the health of the mother and protect the coming baby.

He should see that the mother has adequate care during and after the birth of the baby, so that the mother's health may be continued or restored as quickly as possible, both for her own sake and that she may be able to give proper care to the baby.

He should know the importance of the mother nursing her baby. Breast-fed babies have a much greater chance of living and becoming strong, healthy children than have bottle-fed babies. This is so important that anything that would alter or lessen the mother's milk supply, such as overwork, excitement, shock, or worry, should be avoided.

If, after every effort is made, the mother's milk supply is not adequate, the father should know that clean, fresh cows' milk is the best substitute and should see that the baby gets such milk and that the mother has the advice of the doctor on its preparation.

He should know that nearly one-third of all infant deaths occur as the result of digestive disturbance brought on chiefly by faulty feeding.

He should know that soothing syrups are dangerous, that pacifiers are both needless and injurious, that the baby needs rest and regular hours of sleeping, and should not be kept up late nor handled too much.

He should know the importance of good surroundings to the baby. The baby needs fresh air and sunlight as much as any plant. Like a plant, the

baby will droop and die if kept in a dark room, deprived of nature's best health tonic—fresh air and sunlight.

Cleanliness in and about the home is even more important to the baby than to the adult. Baby can not protect itself against dust, dirt, and flies. Flies bred in the open garbage can or in the rubbish heap in the yard may carry germs to the baby's mouth or milk and cause diarrhea or other diseases.

The father should not fail to have his baby's birth registered at the health department. A certificate of birth will be necessary for school at-

tendance, going to work, inheritance, and citizenship.

Lastly, every father should know of and take an active part in promoting conditions in our city which will give every baby a better chance. Some of these things are better industrial conditions, better housing, improved municipal sanitation, improved milk supply, milk stations, and visiting nurses, settlements, nurseries, and other agencies for the protection and conservation of infant life. He should know what his own health department is doing.



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