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SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF THE FAMILY AND HOME.—6

(By P. M. Magnuson, Ph. D.) The Integrity of the Modern Home.

Since the industrial revolution began in earnest, the integrity, that is the coherence, of the modern home has been attacked from all sides. Our very prosperity is the enemy of our home life. The house of many rooms, the furnace and the newspaper have destroyed the family circle around the home hearth. Each one hies himself to his own room or at best if the family remains in one room, each has his respective nose over his respective "paper." Hence the family circle is a myth and the hearth an empty figure of speech. And how seldom the whole family is gathered together! No longer does it happen three times a day at meals. The father and breadwinner is usually already off to his work when the younger members of the family have breakfast. The noonday meal is seldom shared at home by the father, and often the children at school cannot come home for it. This leaves the evening meal, dinner or supper as it is variously called, as the only meal the family has together, if it is fortunate enough to have any common gathering time. And the evenings! That family is lucky and remarkably coherent which can save one evening a week for family communion. Other institutions claim the evenings. The party, the reception, the ball, the opera, the prayermeeting, choir practice, the bridge club, the literary society, lectures, the lodge, political meetings, all claim the evenings. In many a home, the evenings the family spend together at home do not average half a dozen a year.

the average father can be in company with his child. Even this alleged joke is not without its foundation: said the child: "Father? Who is father? Is he that gentleman who sometimes visits us Sundays?" The mother yet normally spends her forenoons at least at home. But even she is not with the children as much as in the old days, for the children are in school almost all day five days of the week and nine months of the year. In sum, the home does not mean anywhere near as much to us as it did to our great grandparents. The home after the Industrial Revolution, does not fill as great an arch in the circle of life as it did before. We are in danger of becoming a homeless race. Well, what of it? If the home is an outworn institution, if it has been superseded by institutions that fill the larger demands of modern life better, so be it! The ancient scene in the harvestfield with sickles and sheaves and Ruths and Boases, was idyllic; but poetic as it was we are not willing to part with modern agricultural implements and cheap bread just for the poetry of the sickle. And if the home is no longer of any use in modern life, if it is to be exchanged for a bedroom and a restaurant, or at best for a club or a hotel; it must be to the advantage of our civilization. But this reasoning is based on false assumptions. Man cannot be factory made. He must be grown at home. That indescribable human element, the basic element of which character is to be formed, the finer essence of life, thrives and prospers only in family life. Children need fathers and mothers not for their bodies only but for their

souls. This life extra familiar renders life garish and superficial. A painter would say its color tone is raw. To save our humanity, we need family home life. And after all the case is not as desperate as at first it seems. The saving factor in the problem is the long leisure period of the modern man. For it is certain that on the average we have much leisure as compared with our ancestors. We work six, eight or ten hours a day where our fathers worked twelve and fourteen. Even the unskilled laborer has a few hours for his family—from six p. m. to bedtime. Of our Sundays and evenings we are in duty bound to save a good share for family life. Let this be a definite, regular, weekly share. Set apart at least one home evening a week when you are at home to yourselves. Have some common family interest, whether it be reading of a story together, music, photography, chicken-raising, a flower-garden, scrapbooking, or any other occupation, game, pastime or even fad. Spend half as much time thinking up entertainment for your weekly evening at home as you do for a social entertainment at a club or church social. Parents and children, sisters and brothers should cultivate the habit of making one another their confidential and intimate advisors. It is very easy for children to grow away from their parents, so that they find an insurmountable mental barrier between themselves, preventing any true intimacy. This surely is of evil. When you are away from home, keep up communication by frequent and regular correspondence. The circulating letter is a labor-saving invention that deserves a wider adoption. A family paper written by the different members and read at the weekly family evening, is also to be recommended. Make the home attractive. Books are so cheap nowadays that every home can afford to have a shelf of the world's best literature. For twenty-five cents a well bound volume of three hundred pages of the best literature in print can be had. Public libraries are valuable; but let your children associate their best reading with the family library. The home should contain some of the better games, like chess for indoors and tennis for outdoors. The young people should be encouraged to invite their companions to their home. Make the home the true social center for the young people. Few homes are too poor to have some musical instrument, and the mechanical player and the graphophone have made the absence of technical skill not entirely an insurmountable obstacle. Good copies of the world's masterpieces of painting can be had for so low a price that practically every home can afford them. Hence we can and we should make our homes the homes of the masses.

Teachers' Training School. A four weeks' training school for teachers will be held at Willmar beginning Wednesday, July 2 at 9 o'clock a. m. The conductor will be Supt. J. H. Hay of Thief River. His associates will be Supt. G. Holmquist of Long Prairie, Miss Alberta Ackerman of Cannon Falls, and Miss Grace A. Randall of Minneapolis. With a corps of teachers as strong as these it seems the success of the summer school is already assured. All who intend to teach in this county next fall are expected to attend a summer school unless there should be some special reasons for an excuse. The following must attend the summer school at Willmar or some other: Those who will have certificates to renew at the August examination, those who intend to exchange a limited second grade for a complete certificate and those who expect to get a certificate to teach next fall. Review classes will be conducted in all subjects required for a second grade certificate and in those for first grade in which there may be a sufficient demand. There will be a class in general pedagogy and also a model school. A special instructor in agriculture and home economics for one week each may also be provided. Write this office for further information necessary. Yours respectfully, W. D. FREDERICKSON, Co. Supt. of Schools.

CLUB NOTES. I will gladly answer all inquiries for information on health subjects from readers of this publication if same are addressed to Home Health Club, 5023 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. Send full name and address with 4 cents postage.

LITCHFIELD FLOUR MILL DESTROYED. Farmers' Co-Operative Mill Burned May 4. Cause Believed to be Spontaneous Combustion. Last Saturday night a few minutes before 12 o'clock fire was discovered in the Farmers' Flour Mill in this city and a building alarm was given. The firemen responded promptly and two streams of water were put to work without any hope of saving the building which was then full of flames burst thru the upper window as flames burst thru the upper window down the roof fell in and as the fire brands and flames came rolling out the hose lines were turned onto the Agren residence on one side of the mill and the Koppin Warehouse on the other side, while the Ladder and Chemical companies took care of the grain elevators near the railroad, which were set on fire a few times by the flying brands and the heat was intense. The firemen on either side of the mill who were determined to save the two buildings near by which were blistered and fairly steamed like frying pans as the firebrands were being thrown down from the hose lines. The fierce heat soon abated as the framing of the mill fell and further danger of setting fires on adjoining buildings subsided.

As for saving a flour mill or elevator, there are a fairly good mill, it is next to impossible, even in the large cities where the best fire service is to be had. Every effort is devoted to saving the mill and the miller's loss. Firemen did successfully in this instance. It was very fortunate that the light breeze was from the south with no buildings in the path of the flying brands within a distance of several hundred feet. The origin of the fire seems to be unknown and probably started as is very often the case in mills where there is oil, dust, etc., which causes spontaneous combustion. Theo. Sampson, manager of the mill business, was there during the fire and estimated the total loss at \$18,000 less \$9,000 insurance. Two cars of flour were shipped out of the mill Friday and Saturday and one carload was in the mill ready to ship Monday. A carload is estimated at \$1,000. The mill was erected here by A. Berkner & Son, of Waverly, a number of years ago and was managed by Chas. A. Berkner who sold the property to the farmers' association two years ago and moved to Montana where he is now engaged in the mill industry. The stockholders of the mill are waiting adjustment of loss by the insurance men and as soon as this is done they will meet and the matter of erecting a new mill will be up for debate.—Litchfield News-Ledger.

"Fathmasters" Abolished. Town of Waverly has been thinking of whom to appoint as town road overseers as under the Dunn bill that has now become a law, all district road overseers are done away with and their place taken by overseers who has all the roads of the town under his charge. A competent man should be selected and not one whose sole qualification is that he is a "good fellow." All road taxes that now be paid in cash.—Olivia Times.

The Wiggins Co. wants to SEAR in your LAWN MOWER. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Amundson of Willmar, called on Grove City friends Wednesday afternoon.—Grove City Times. O. Norling returned the latter part of the week from a trip to Duluth and Superior.

HOME HEALTH CLUB

By DR. DAVID H. REEDER

ALL READERS of this publication are at liberty to inquire for any information pertaining to the subject of Health at any time. Address all communications to the Home Health Club, or to David H. Reeder, 5023 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, W. M. name and address in full and at least 10 cents in postage.

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY: A famous priest is credited with saying, "Let me teach the children during the first ten years and I care not who afterwards teach them, they will always be Catholic."

To educate the children thoroughly and properly is getting right at the foundation of the future in any matter pertaining to human welfare, prosperity, health and happiness, as well as morality and religion. I was recently asked to become one of the trustees of the Children's National Tuberculosis Society, and as I knew the work to be of a most worthy nature I consented. The organization is strictly non-sectarian and of a most active character in philanthropic, charitable and educational work. Its aim is to establish in every state free homes, open air schools and camps for poor tubercular children.

The first home, school and camp combined is to be established at Alamo-gordo, New Mexico. About 12 acres of ground with some splendid permanent buildings have been secured and at this place there will be received and cared for, many adults as well as children. The altitude at Alamo-gordo is 4,500 feet and the town nestles at the foot of the Sacramento Mountains and it is considered the prettiest town in the sunshine state.

Tuberculosis is called a disease of civilization but we find that the uncivilized races come in contact with us, they fall a prey to the disease and die even faster. Not, however, because of the advantages of civilization, but because of the alcohol, living in houses of the open, infected food and insanitary conditions in city life.

We frequently hear the cry, "Back to Nature." To a certain degree that is all right, but civilization means progress and we do not wish to progress backward. We have made mistakes, lots of them, but we don't want to make the biggest mistake of all by going backward. Outdoor life and sunshine are the greatest of remedial agents in the fight against the great white plague. The altitude at which one lives has decided effect upon the blood and it is found that the person affected with tuberculosis has fifteen per cent better chance for complete recovery at Alamo-gordo, other things being equal, than he has in a lower altitude, and less sunshine. Outdoor life, night and day, will add an additional twenty-five per cent over house sleeping and indoor work or play.

If we can eradicate the disease from the children and teach them how to avoid infection, we can eliminate tuberculosis from the land.

The society will need the co-operation of everyone in a work of such magnitude and we are glad to receive reports of all cases where ever they may be. Of course the Home Health Club is going to boost all it can.

Dear Doctor:— I have had an attack of Erysipelas in my left leg, it started about two weeks ago in the usual way; had a slight fever for a bout 24 hours, leg commenced to get inflamed at the same time, I am feeling much better, in fact I can get around fairly well now, but all of the inflammation is not out yet. I treated it with application of vinegar, extract of Witch Hazel, diluted with water. It reduced the inflammation. Eight years ago I had the same trouble and treated it the same way, and got well again. The leg is weak from an accident I had while I was a child, fell into a kettle of boiling suds and got scalded. I think that is why it settles there. I could not get any bark or herbs for poultices at our local drug store. What shall I do to get it out of the system? H. J.

This attack of inflammation in the leg is probably some local infection of a milder nature than Erysipelas. Such common infections most physicians will attribute to the presence of germs which form pus. Your lotions were evidently quite effective. If you had made them more antiseptic by the addition of Boric Acid, results would have been obtained even more quickly. If the case is as just mentioned, it is not due to a general infection of the system, although, of course, all local inflammations are more rapidly overcome when the resistance of the general system is high. The pus in the leg are evidently below par in their ability to resist disease, possibly as a result of the injury suffered in childhood. For such conditions you should apply dressings saturated with a solution of Boric Acid, which are kept from drying out or cooling by placing over the dressing a piece of oiled silk or waxed paper. About one tablespoonful of the pint of water will give you a suitable degree of strength in which to use the Boric Acid.

Dear Doctor:— I have a pain in my back over the kidneys. Have had it for 3 or 4 months. I always have to get up as early as three or four o'clock and stay up the rest of the night. After I am up an hour or so I feel better. I have been off work I am not bothered any more till next night or morning, when the same trouble appears again. I have taken several different kinds of medicine, but it did no good. Please advise me what to do. O. M.

The condition you describe is known as Lumbago and is one form of auto-intoxication or self poisoning which frequently is the result of absorption from the digestive tract of some of the products of defective digestion. It would be wise to have the urine examined, so as to be sure that the kidneys are not involved. A laxative and non-stimulating diet must be used. Large amounts of water, 4 to 5 pints should be taken daily for a time. Compound Gentian is a valuable stimulant to the liver, kidneys and other glands through which the poisons of the body should be eliminated as rapidly as they are formed. For relief of the hot attacks, hot fomentations as described in Vol. 2 of the Home Health Club books are of great benefit, followed with some good, stimulating liniment containing Iodine.

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED GREATUAQUA PROGRAM July 5 to 12, Auditorium, Assembly Park, Willmar. July 5—Two concerts by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, a large organization of trained professional musicians. July 6—Two preludes by Jean and Ord Bohannon, musical entertainers. Afternoon lecture by Dr. Euclid B. Rogers of Springfield, Ill. Evening lecture by The Rawlins, a trio of educated and cultured native New Zealanders, presenting in song, story and picture the native life of the South Sea Islands.

July 7—Musical preludes by Sara Ruth, Bates, an instrumental in costume. Afternoon lectures by Albert Edward Wiggan, "The Apostle of Efficiency." Evening entertainment by Ross Crane, the cartoonist and company.

July 8—The Craven Family Orchestra and Quartette will furnish the musical preludes. Afternoon lecture by Dr. Glen Frank of the Northwestern University in one of his "modern problem" lectures. Evening entertainment by the refined and clever illusionist and entertainer, Brush the Great.

July 9—Musical talent to be supplied. Afternoon lectures by Albert Edward Wiggan, "The Apostle of Efficiency." Evening entertainment by Ross Crane, the cartoonist and company.

July 10—Musical entertainments for this date will be furnished by the Euclydia Quartette, an amateur organ-chamber. Afternoon lecture by U. S. Senator W. S. Kenyon of Iowa. Evening entertainment by Arthur Kachel, monologist, enactor of plays, from the Academy of Powers School of Boston.

July 11—The Ernest Gamble Concert Party will give afternoon prelude and full evening concert. Afternoon lecture by Fred Eugene Baker of Ohio.

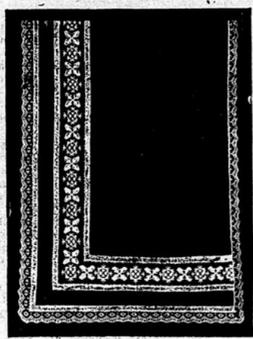
July 12—Precluded by Annie Thoresen Devaldt, in dramatic recitals. Afternoon lecture by Lincoln Witt, explorer, author and lecturer. Evening and closing entertainment, "Africa, Its Songs and Stories," by J. H. Balmert, African traveler, with his remarkable singing Kafir (five) boys and Miss Elsie Clark of South Africa.

In all there will be sixteen different entertainments, with a new musical organization every day. Season tickets will cost only \$2.50 which brings the cost of each number to those who buy season tickets down to less than 16 cents. The committee must sell 500 tickets. Cultivate a genial smile and ready response for the solicitor when he calls. The accidental electrocution of a man at Granite Falls emphasizes the necessity for a little caution by users of electric current. The danger is very frequent, but nevertheless it is there, and children should be taught how to avoid it. A number of neighbors and friends surprised Mrs. A. H. Brewster at her home on Fourth street last Thursday afternoon. The service of a delicious luncheon and a social afternoon passed the hours very pleasantly. Redwood Falls has a permanent free restroom for out-of-town women and children, with city water and toilet arrangements. This is something Willmar needs. Mrs. Florence Erickson is the new saleslady at the Ladies' Store.

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OUR FARMERS SHOULD HAVE SAME PRIVILEGE. Seven Counties West of Kandiyohi Have County Agents on Job All the Time. Swift county has an agricultural agent, who puts in his full time working for the agricultural interests of that county. So has Stevens. So has Big Stone. So have four other counties in this district. Just think how much there is that ought to be done in lining up all kinds of propositions. Who has time to do it? A few progressive spirits here and there neglect their own work in order to push matters of public interest, but most of what could be done is neglected. Kandiyohi county should have an agent to do these things. The following from Dean Woods to the people of Swift county gives some idea of the work of an agricultural agent: "You have in your county a young man representing the United States Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Agricultural College and your county committee. This young man is employed by these agencies for agricultural development work. His services are available for any farmer or community in your county. He may be called upon to give assistance in any problem that has for its object improvement in farming or farm life. This young man does not know everything. In fact, he is a very ordinary individual. He is interested in everything pertaining to agriculture, and will be glad to help any individual or any community. If he does not know how to take care of the problem presented himself, he will get in touch with the State College or the United States Department and get the best information available on the subject. His mission is largely that of a go-between to bring to the farmers the information worked out in their own laboratories in the State Experiment Stations and the United States Department. No man knows very much about farming, but by combining and making use of the information of several people, each individual or community can become more efficient. "Your county agricultural agent, Mr. Alfred Carlstedt, was raised on a Minnesota farm. He graduated from the Minnesota School of Agriculture in 1910. He returned to his farm and made good as a corn raiser, dairyman and in the poultry line. He is a plain, practical young man, who is worth knowing. His services are at the command of any citizen of Swift county, without charge. We hope you will co-operate with him. "Call on your county agent when something is wrong with any of your live stock or crops, or when you have had difficulties in marketing your product. "Call on him to organize a Farmers' Club, Breeders' Association, a Shipper's Club, Association, a Cow Testine Association, or any other organization for the betterment of your community. Ask him to identify for you unknown seeds and plants, to help you plan a barn, house, silo, or your farmstead. Get his help in planning a drainage system for your farm, or working out a practical rotation. "If you want to buy or sell some grass seed, seed corn, or pure-bred sire, tell the county agent. He probably knows someone who has what you want or wants you to have. He is in your county at your service.—use him!"

RINGO LAKE. Ringo Lake, May 5.—Miss Constance Polman from New London did some dressmaking at the Jonas Monson home last week. Mrs. N. Swenson and daughter, Hanna called at the Skoglund home by Lake Florida last Monday afternoon. Elmer, Esther and Ellen Monson and Miss Polman were Tuesday evening callers at the Danielson home. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Carlson entertained a number of friends last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Eddie Carlson was a Sunday caller at the home of Mrs. Anna Monson. Mr. and Mrs. A. Moller from near Twin Lake spent last Thursday afternoon at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Monson. Mariel and Ruth Carlson spent a few days last week at the J. A. Jensen home near New London. Mr. Henning Lovander from Harrison visited from Sunday until Monday at the Swenson home. Miss Olga Berg visited Sunday with friends near Willmar. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ekblad and daughter from Dove were visitors at the P. J. Ekblad home last Sunday. A number of friends visited at the N. Swenson home last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Emil Ekblad was a Willmar visitor from Wednesday until Saturday of last week. A number of young people called at Jonas Monson's Sunday evening. Mr. Willie Lovander of Eagle Lake called on friends in this vicinity last Sunday. A few from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Chas. Peterson held in the Lake Florida church last Monday.

OBITUARY. MRS. CHARLES PETERSON. Mrs. Charles Peterson, a respected pioneer woman of Lake Florida, passed away at her old home Thursday, May 1, at the age of 69 years. While she had been failing in health the past few years she was confined to her bed only a week. Mrs. Christina (Johnson) Peterson was born March 20, 1844, at Stora Vängrö parish, Skaraborg's lin, Sweden. Her youth was spent in her native land, and she came to Minneapolis of this state in 1870. April 2, 1883, the family moved to this county and located on a farm on the west side of Lake Florida. Aug. 25, 1870, she was married to Chas. P. Peterson. Six children blessed this union, of whom one son died in infancy. The survivors are G. Albert Peterson, Mrs. Jas. F. Palmquist and Mrs. Jos. E. Peterson of Minneapolis, William Peterson, who resides on the home farm and Emil Peterson, who resides in the neighborhood. There are eight children to mourn the death of their grandmother. The deceased was a woman of sterling character, a devoted Christian, who was very much interested in the progress of the Swedish Mission church of Florida of which she was a member. The funeral was held at the Lake Florida church Monday, May 5, at three o'clock. Rev. A. W. Franklin officiating. The pall bearers were Peter Benson, Herman Larson, John Skoglund, Carl Bengtson, P. J. Ekblad and G. Ahlberg. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. NAT. BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. "Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation." Miss Edith Westberg of Svea spent a few days in Willmar last week visiting relatives and friends. The WIGGINS CO. wants to SEAR in your LAWN MOWER.

The Aeroplane of Death



Bert K. Pederson is going to erect a new 35x50 barn on his farm near Sunburg. H. C. Rustad has purchased a Buick "40" five passenger touring car. H. C. Rustad was a business visitor at Willmar Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. John Westgaard spent Monday afternoon visiting relatives at Willmar. Miss Hannah Dahlsten of Willmar was an over Sunday visitor to her home folks here. Mrs. T. Hanson of Sunburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Skele at this place this week. Little Lester Johnson honored his grandparents at Willmar with a visit from Monday until Tuesday. Mrs. Hans Johnson, accompanied by her little son, Clinton, went to New London Monday to be with her mother, who underwent a surgical operation at that place Monday evening. Dr. Johnson autoed to New London the same day returning home Tuesday and reports that his wife's mother stood the operation fairly well. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Amundson of Willmar, called on Grove City friends Wednesday afternoon.—Grove City Times. O. Norling returned the latter part of the week from a trip to Duluth and Superior.

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