

FADS and FASHIONS WOMAN'S PAGE HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Dorothy Dix Talks

THEY ARE SISTERS UNDER THE SKIN.

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In one of his cynical and amusing plays, Shaw says of a certain woman that she was such a good mother that she was hardly human.

LOVELY REST ROBE



A very attractive and comfortable rest robe is the one shown. It is of a delicate French blue velvet and trimmed at the collar and cuffs with an edging of white fox fur.

Be that as it may, there is certainly something about motherhood that seems to rob the average woman of almost human intelligence when it comes to dealing with her own offspring. She may be a wise and sensible woman, with clarity of vision and sound judgment in all other matters in life, but where her children are concerned she takes leave of all sense and reason and becomes blinder than any bat.

She cannot even see that her own children are of the same flesh as all humanity, subject to the same weaknesses and temptations. She visions her own as little godlings living on a plane far above. The hardest thing in the world is ever to convince a mother that her child is at fault, and when she is convinced of it against her will, she invariably lays the blame on some other child who led her precious innocent darling into wrong doing.

This settled conviction that every mother has that she has hatched out a perfect white swan is the greatest barrier that stands in the way of women helping their children and protecting them. The mother wants her child to be perfect and she shuts her eyes to its imperfections and refuses to see them. She never takes stock of her child, calmly and dispassionately, as she would of some other child; she never recognizes its bad qualities as well as its good qualities, so the child is denied whatever opportunity there might be to have his weaknesses—physical, mental, or moral—corrected.

A famous alienist once told me that this inability of mothers to see their children as they are, doomed innumerable men and women to go through life hideous deformities or gibbering idiots. Surgery can do wonder in straightening out soft little bones. Skilled alienists can perform miracles in fanning the flicker of intelligence into a brighter flame in a baby's brain. But the mothers will not see that anything is the matter with their children until the time to change has gone by.

This strange obsession of mothers that their children are not like other children is the reason why mothers are so careless about protecting their daughters, and why they fail so signally to teach their girls the things they should know about life. There is no woman who is old enough to have daughters who does not know the temptations that assail a girl, and the pitfalls that lie in wait for her feet. There is no mother who could not give the wisest and most helpful advice to her neighbor's daughter, and who could not present the girl across the street with a perfect code of conduct that would insure her safety anywhere if it was carefully followed.

On the skin, with the same emotions, and impulses, and desires, not only keeps mothers from teaching their daughters how to protect themselves against themselves as well as against men, but it prevents them from seeing when a girl is in danger in time to stop her and save her.

For in the curious mother psychology when one's own child does a wrong thing the wrong immediately becomes right. Or at least innocuous and harmless. Questionable relationships become entirely proper, and conduct that in other girls would be deserving of the severest censure becomes beyond criticism.

A curious illustration of this mother point of view has recently come under my observation. A beautiful and brilliant young girl is carrying on a violent flirtation with a rich married man. The man's automobile is at her disposal. He makes her magnificent presents. They are seen together continually at fashionable restaurants.

that their children are different from other people's children, and are immune to the weaknesses that beset other young people, and that their children are special favorites with Providence and will be miraculously preserved from stumbling into the two falls in which other young people fall? It isn't true. It is merely a dope dream, born of fanatical mother love, but it is the greatest obstacle that there is in the way of the sane and safe rearing of children.

Good Food Which Costs Little

Following are several novel recipes for appetizing fish dishes. They are welcome to the average housewife, especially in these trying times when meat prices are jumping by the minute.

Flounders a la Newburg—Put the flounders in boiling salted water and cook 20 or 25 minutes. Put some butter in a saucepan, stir in some flour and add some of the water in which the flounders were boiled. Have it as thick as sauce is usually made. Then chop some parsley fine and put in the sauce. Salt to taste. Let stand on the back of the stove a minute.

Fish and Spaghetti Pie—Boil 10 minutes one pound of fish and drain and flake. Boil enough spaghetti to make two cups. Blend two tablespoonsfuls of butter with three of flour, add two cups of milk, boil until thick and season. Place a layer of spaghetti in a baking dish, then a layer of fish, then a layer of the white sauce and a few slices of hard boiled eggs. Continue until the dish is full. Cover all with bread crumbs, a tablespoonful of melted butter and bake until brown.

Imitation Lobster a la Newburg—Imitation lobster in a Newburg—made with the use of any flaky fish. The materials needed are one cup of cooked fish broken into flakes, one egg yolk, one dessertspoon of cornstarch, a generous half pint of milk, a grating of nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste, a piece of butter the size of a walnut.

Put one cup of any flaked fish to heat in a double boiler. Mix the egg yolk and cornstarch until light, stir in gradually the milk; add this to the fish. Put all over a brisk fire, season with salt, pepper and nutmeg; stir and cook until the sauce is as thick as molasses. Then drop in the butter in small pieces. Serve on squares of thin, delicately browned, toast on a heated platter. Warm the plates before serving.

Cod Steaks—Select a medium sized, fresh codfish, cut it in steaks crosswise the fish, about an inch and a half thick; sprinkle lightly salt over them and let them stand two hours. Cut into dice a pound of salt fat pork, fry out all the fat from it and remove the crisp bits of pork; put the codfish steaks in a pan of cornmeal, dredge them with it, and when the pork fat is smoking, hot fry the steaks in it to a dark brown color on both sides. Squeeze over them a little lemon juice, add a dash of freshly ground pepper and serve.

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WHERE THE WOMEN TRADE

MINISTER DEFENDS I. W. W. AS IDEAL

COLUMBUS, Oct. 14—Industrial Workers of the World were compared to the early Christians, were extolled as not being one-tenth bad men, and ministers of the Congregational church were enjoined to lend succor to them in an address here this afternoon by Rev. Sydney Strong, Seattle, Washington. He spoke under the auspices of the National Council of Congregational churches of the United States, in session here.

Rev. Strong told of his intimate acquaintance with a large number of I. W. W.'s of visitations he had made to their members in prison and generally of an admiration they commanded in him.

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MAINTAINING THE VALUE OF BONDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—Treasury officials, concerned over the downward tendency of the bond market as an outgrowth of liberty loan financing, have determined to take steps to check the shrinkage in glided bond values so far as consistent with governmental action and sound financing.

To this end the comptroller of the currency last night issued a statement announcing that he had instructed all national bank examiners that they need not require national banks holding high grade bonds of unquestioned intrinsic value and merit to charge them down to present showing figures but to exercise "an intelligent and conservative discretion," as to the prices.



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