

## Father and Son

A lot of father-talk about mother-influence over boys is lazy, shirking, sneaking guff.

It sounds harsh to speak so, for, of course, the real truth about a mother's influence over her son is something that deserves to be told in the most enthusiastic language that anybody can command.

But enthusiastic language about the marvelous things that a mother can do with a boy is mere buncombe when used by some shifty father for a blind behind which he dodges responsibility.

Adam shoving off blame on Eve cut no meaner figure than the modern father who pretends to believe that he ought to leave his boy wholly to his wife's training, because "women have an instinct for that kind of thing."

It is, in fact, a hypocritically polite form of wife-desertion, and if human law can't punish it for that, God's law can and will.

The truth is that, however much a good mother is able to do for a son, there are some vital things owing to a young fellow in preparation for manhood which only his father can furnish, and any father is an inexcusable traitor who won't give himself directly and personally to meeting such needs in his boy's life.

What are some of the debts a father owes his son—which the best mother on earth can't pay?

Primarily a father owes his son an example of the kind of life that the son ought to aspire to.

It is a never ending astonishment to see how complacently a multitude of fathers assume that their sons will, of course, be something different in morals and behavior from what they themselves are.

A father in mean and tricky trade expects to see his son choose some

honorable line of livelihood. A father who has smirched his record in corrupt politics counts on his son growing up to be an honest and honored citizen. The drinking father is anxious that his son shall be sober. And strangest of all, the father who has spurned religion all his life would like to see his son join church.

And they are all relying on the mothers to keep their own sons from imitating them.

All that can be said about it is that if such a father has a son to be proud of, it is because the Lord's mercy is a million times better to him than he deserves.

The only fathers who have a just right to expect sons who will wear their names with credit in the coming generation are fathers who in their own generation keep their names from stain.

A boy who can't look to his father with safe pride for an index to the kind of character worth while in the world has been cheated of a better heritage than the world's most-fabulous fortune.

The shyster who commits the fraud is the father himself.

A father owes his son a really sympathetic helpfulness.

Among conscientious fathers who actually desire to raise their boys right, it is a thousand pities how often the effort goes wrong.

When baby lies in mother's arms, the father's fears say to him, "Wouldn't it be awful to have that boy grow up mean and wicked! It would kill me to have that kind of a disgrace in the family." So he buckles down not to get the son a splendid life but to save himself from sorrow and shame.

Just as a selfish thought is always bound to do, that selfish thought puts everything awry. The first thing the boy is made to understand is that he is going to be compelled to do right because his parents can't put up with having a naughty, troublesome youngster around the house.

Thus at the very outset the boy gets the idea that being good is something forced on him for the pleasure of the grown-ups.

And most assuredly he takes care not to be good a whit longer or a whit oftener than he has to be.

Character can't be approached by that road.

What a wise father will make a boy understand instead is that the good behavior required of him and all the good principles taught him are for the sake of furnishing him with a manhood that will stand the test when he has to play his own part in the world.

Even when exacting the most rigid obedience, the father is never a master set above the boy to bend him to his pleasure, but always the companion who has been over the road before, who therefore on this new trip is in honor bound not to let his younger comrade step into any of the pitfalls he saw in the earlier journey.

"A younger comrade"—that's the core of the right relation. The thirty or forty years between the father and son don't make them different orders of beings.

The only difference is that the father knows the road better and so is appointed to guide.

And the God who appointed him is going to hold him to harsh account if he doesn't get the son through safe.

A boy who senses the simple fact that his father is answerable to their common Father for bringing him through to manhood without a wreck, won't spoil his father's record with God by disobeying.

A father owes his son the bequest of his own unrealized ideals.

This is not contradicting what has just been said about the shame of a

## Make Housecleaning Last the Whole Year Round

My, but you're glad housecleaning is over, aren't you? Wouldn't it be a fine thing if you could keep the house just as clean as it is now all year long. You can do just this very thing with



## THE HOOVER SUCTION SWEEPER

THE ONLY ELECTRIC CARPET SWEEPER AND SUCTION CLEANER COMBINED

The Hoover as you use it week by week gets all the dirt out of your carpets and rugs without raising dust to settle on furniture, draperies, etc. As a result there is no need for a semi-annual housecleaning upheaval, for your house is always clean.

It Sweeps, Shakes and Suction Cleans—Gets All the Dirt.

The Hoover is by far the most efficient cleaner ever developed. Its patented, motor-driven brush of soft hair means the difference between half cleaning and 100 per cent cleaning. It sweeps up all threads, hairs and clinging surface dirt—it shakes to the surface the imbedded gritty dirt—so that the powerful suction can carry it all away.

WRITE FOR INTERESTING BOOK—IT'S FREE

It tells how one woman avoided making a mistake in the purchase of an electric cleaner, tells the careful investigation she made and with what result. Get this book—it's full of important information for you—and it's free. When we send it we'll tell you the name of your nearest dealer.



The Hoover Suction Sweeper Co.

911 Maple Ave., New Berlin, Ohio

### NO IDEA

#### What Caused the Trouble

"I always drank coffee with the rest of the family, for it seemed as if there was nothing for breakfast if we did not have it on the table."

"I had been troubled for some time with my heart, which did not feel right. This trouble grew worse steadily."

"Sometimes it would beat fast, and at other times very slowly, so that I would hardly be able to do work for an hour or two after breakfast, and if I walked up a hill, it gave me a severe pain."

"I had no idea of what the trouble was until a friend suggested that perhaps it might be coffee drinking. I tried leaving off the coffee and began drinking Postum. The change came quickly. I am glad to say that I am now entirely free from heart trouble and attribute the relief to leaving off coffee and the use of Postum."

"A number of my friends have abandoned coffee and have taken up Postum, which they are using steadily. There are some people that make Postum very weak and tasteless, but if made according to directions, it is a very delicious beverage." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—The original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

—sold by Grocers.

father's expecting a son to be a good man while he himself continues to enjoy the profit or the pleasure of being wicked.

But honest men trying to their utmost to set before their sons an upright Christian example, are yet conscious that it is not in them to be all they would like to be.

There are the strengths of manhood, efficiencies of zeal, capacities of kindness, realities of fraternity, heroisms of service, perfections of consecration and passions of devotion to which the father has all his life been reaching forward, and they are still beyond him.

His time is shortened. It begins to be doubtful whether he is going to be able to attain the measure of the stature he dreamed of and prayed for. Has he, then, dreamed and prayed in vain?

No, a son is born. The long youth of a new generation is pledged to his aspirations. His disappointed hopes revive in a new and younger self who may be all that he has not been—all that now in his own person he has too scant time to be.

More sacred than rights of inheritance in any earthly property is a son's right to be started in the world with the inspiration of knowing what good things in the world his father strove for, and the kindling hope of accomplishing for those ends more than the father was able.

Don't fail to share with your boy your best ideals.—The Continent.

### RUSSIA'S VODKA BILL PUT IN SAVINGS BANKS

International News Service, dated Petrograd July 27:

Finance Minister Bark has informed the finance commission of the Duma that he has state securities amounting to 600,000,000 beyond the sum at present allowable.

He declares the returns of the savings banks up to July 1, 1915, shows deposits of \$900,000,000 above last year, which is almost the exact amount the treasury lost owing to the prohibition of vodka.

### LONDON MORNING POST ADDRESSES AN APPEAL TO GENEROUS AMERICA

In an article addressed to America, the London Morning Post of August 4 says:

"We have been compelled as an incident of war in that struggle for national existence which we now are waging, to interfere with the commerce in America, in common with that of all neutrals, so as to prevent our enemy from obtaining from neutrals those articles necessary to the prosecution of the war."

"This duty has been peculiarly imposed on England because of her naval strength. We should be guilty of treachery to them had we not exerted our full power against Germany. In performing our duty we brought certain financial losses to America that they at times even questioned the justice of our actions."

"Yet we must ask them not to look at the matter entirely through their own eyes, even from the standpoint of their own material interests, generously, justly to understand our position."

The Post refers to the blockade against the south during the American civil war, which brought distress to the English cotton industry and the failure of England to declare cotton contraband in the present war which the writer terms a mistaken kindness out of consideration to the United States and its people.

"Surely the United States will not add to our burdens," continues the article, "or weigh humanity against money, nor have we that fear. Americans have given too many proofs of their idealisms and have so repeatedly made sacrifices to sustain their principles that they will not, we are sure, in this great crisis allow material considerations of passing magnitude to individuals, but no more than a grain of sand in the progress of civilization, to imperil the world's future."

Pay as you go and the road will be smoother when you come back.—Toledo Blade.