

Your Children

By Olive Roberts Barton

Why not allow the children to grow up without being spoiled? They borrow their parents' dislikes and where older persons may change their minds, the first impression is likely to live on in a little boy or girl through years to come.

Once a mother I knew disliked her sister-in-law. It just happened that the two women did not get along, but the small daughter hearing all the unpleasant things said about her aunt held a grudge against her for years.

Now the aunt was a rather fine person and when the daughter was married she met this aunt one day fortuitously and was amazed at what she had missed. To this day they are firm friends.

A man I knew had a certain dislike of lawyers. All his life he voiced his prejudice before his boys. Lawyers were this and lawyers were that—the bitter experience he had had once as a young man left its scar and he never got over it.

This man died and his estate was a mix-up. The oldest son knew he should have a lawyer but so saturated was he with his father's grudge against the legal profession that he refused help. Later he discovered that had he engaged a good lawyer at the right time, he and his brother would be prosperous men now. As it was they got almost nothing.

But these are big things. Prejudice, if we allow it, stalks by our side in hundreds of little things all through life. If we look back we shall find, I think, that most of them are hangovers from our young years. They are always silly and only make the road of existence rougher going.

Take color, for instance. One very prejudiced lady I know cannot stand red. She says it is "vulgar." She has a daughter about 12 years old. I heard this child say to a friend with a new dress, "Do you like red? I can't stand even to see a red house." The candid cruelty of youth, but she was perfectly honest in her comment.

Prejudice against class is terrible; against race or religion it is—well, wicked. And children learn it at home from the family.

Let them grow up with free souls, choosing their own values. Don't permit them to ride your hobbies.

When do you do your best work? When someone says you are no good, or when your sensitive ear catches a little word of praise?

A few people work better under pressure, it is true, but these are lazy drones who need to be driven. The rank and file do better the other way—it is almost safe to say that every one would do so had he not been taught the language of force too soon. Lazy people usually are not indolent from temperament, but because they are discouraged.

Praise never interfered with discipline yet, if the discipline was right. "I can't say a kind word to Tommy because if I do he takes advantage of me." Something wrong here, I should say.

To begin with, a little child only learns by trying himself out. He does nearly everything wrong, but that doesn't matter. What needs praise is the effort to attempt it at all.

He builds an awkward house of blocks. It has no meaning or design, just two or three blocks jumbled in a heap. Don't say, "No, no Tommy, that's not the way!" and take the blocks and build a spanking ship-castle yourself to show him how. If you do he may not try again for a long, long time.

Spurred On by Praise
Instead say, "That's the boy! What a nice house! You must build another and show daddy what his boy can do."

Or perhaps he wants to give a friend a present, for strangely enough there is a period in late babyhood when generosity suddenly sprouts without any urging. Perhaps it is a cracker tiny Thomas finds and gives to his little friend.

The neighbor spills crumbs all over the floor and Tommy drops his share too. Why don't you say, "That was a good boy, son, to give Jimmy a nice cracker," instead of shouting, "You bad boy, making so much dirt all over my clean floor!"

As Tommy is bound to do almost everything wrong and very little right—according to your point of view—he won't hear much good of himself. His days will be filled with "bad boys" and "don'ts!"

By the time he is ten, he can do the things he couldn't manage at two, or three, or four. But here life hands him another blow. He cannot get his lessons right, he forgets to close doors, he ties his tie crooked. He is learning orderliness of course, but such a little bit at a time. Like the block house it won't come all at once. Are his days still to be filled with "don'ts," "no goods," "you-break-my-hearts" and so on?

True he is old enough to reason with now, but nagging and constant fault-finding are not the right sort of help to give. Praise where praise is due and often where it is not is a far better plan. He will keep his self respect and try to live up to even a fictitious reputation.

SOME FUEL BILL

American manufacturing industries spent about \$1,500,000,000 for all kinds of fuel in 1929, and in addition purchased electrical energy to the value of nearly \$500,000,000, the United States bureau of census reports.

By Their Habits—

From "The Humorist":
Spinks (meeting old landlady):
Pardon me, madam, but you remember me at your house four years ago?
Landlady: Well, well, I should just think I do! My! How you used to put the butter on your bread!

Out Our Way



HALF METAL, HALF GLASS HOUSE SOUNDS RATHER CHILLY UP NORTH IN DECEMBER

Cubic Lines, Low Cost Seen for Working Men's Future Homes

BY DEXTER H. TEED, NEA Service Writer.

New York—The fabled "House That Jack Built" may soon have a more modern competitor which can be known as "the house that takes only a little 'jack' to build."

As the world moves onward and new conditions demand changes in meeting housing problems, a revolution is gradually overturning the old order. Electric refrigeration is dooming the cellar; the pantry has gone; the sprawling kitchen is no more.

At Soyosset, L. I., a house which probably symbolizes the trend has been built. It is designed to serve the needs of the 9,000,000 families in America who must live on an income of \$1,800 a year or less.

It is the most radical in design of any that has been constructed. At first glance its cubical shape isn't beautiful. But it is remarkably practical and it has even been predicted by experts that such a home can be erected for as little as \$2,500. It could be financed for as low as \$27.50 a month.

So, looking into the future, it has been prophesied that the house built for contemporary life will be flat-roofed—as this one is—because the cubical shape of rooms fits naturally into a cubical mass.

Roof for All Purposes
Children can play on a roof terrace, milady can dine or entertain her friends there, or she may sleep there on warm nights. There are a small lawn, flowering shrubs, a place for taking a sun bath, and cool shade for hot summer days.

It is known as the "K-F" house but it is only a beginning. Already its designers are working on a new type home, to be known as the "Standard" house, which will cost much less.

Here's what an expert in architecture has to say about the house of the future:
"The present-day method of house building is altogether too costly, and the use of heavy materials is woefully out of date. House construction is as backward, in fact, as is the horse and buggy when compared with the automobile."

Framework of Steel
Hence the new type house. In

Smith College Girls

View Crew as Sport

Northampton, Mass. — (UP) — Crew is the most popular sport with the 2,000 girls enrolled at Smith college, according to a report by Prof. Dorothy Ainsworth, director of physical education. Students practice on machines indoors in the fall and on Paradise pond in the spring.

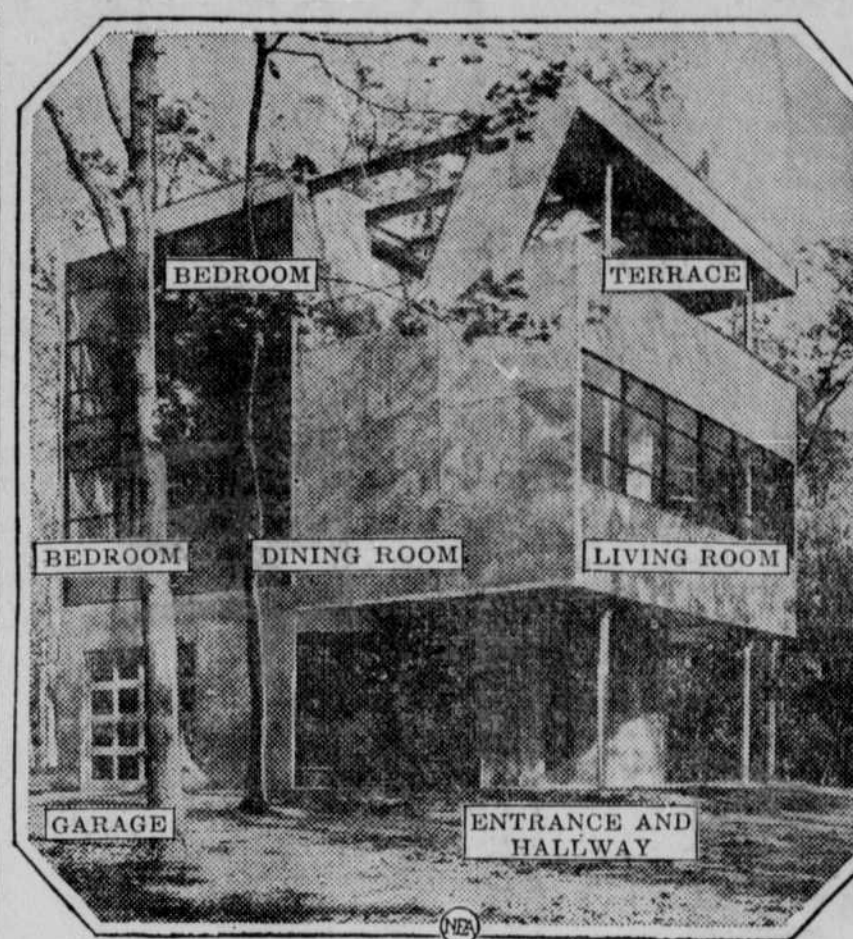
The latest complete sports registration figures show that for the year, 437 signed up for crew, 362 for swimming, 325 for basketball, 330 for tennis and 274 for hockey.

Last year nearly 90 per cent of the entire student body registered for physical education, although only 55 per cent were required to. Basketball, the oldest sport at Smith college, was introduced in 1892, when the game was first played there. Two years later Mount Holyoke organized a team and in

Ozark Mountains to Be Brought Before Public

Joplin, Mo. — (UP) — Business men and citizens of the Ozark mountain region are losing no time in bringing the scenic and recreational facilities of the district to the attention of the rest of the country.

Resort men, real estate dealers, farmers and business men are to meet here November 24, to devise ways and means toward acquainting the rest of the world with the advantages of the Ozarks for fishermen, hunters and vacationists.
The meeting, at which some 500



Half metal and half glass . . . Here is the "K-F" house of Soyosset, L. I.

the K-F home light materials are used over a steel framework. In the Standard house even lighter materials, all practically cold and heat proof, will be available. It will weigh only a fraction of what the old-style house weighs.

In the Soyosset house there is always light coming in through the large, glass-covered sections. On the first floor is the garage with a porch adjoining, and a laundry.

On the second floor are a large family living room with a staircase leading up to a built-in library, bathroom, hallway, dining room, kitchenette, exercise room and even one bedroom. The living room is high to give the effect of spaciousness.

The dining room is part of the living room but is so arranged that a folding partition can be shoved back, thus making all the living room space available. By a similar arrangement, folding partitions make the second floor bedroom, exercise room and bathroom into one

large room with a window 22 feet long.

Out of Bed—Into Sun
The third floor is divided into two bedrooms and closets, and from them it is possible to go directly out on the sunny terrace which covers half of the house above the second floor.

Not an inch of space is wasted. Since it is built upon a flat slab of concrete, there is no cellar. A cellar isn't needed.

Kocher and Frey, New York architects, who designed the K-F house, contend ease and comfort in living have been gained by revamping room arrangements, adjusting floor space, admitting more sunlight and air by utilizing even the exterior. And the house is fireproof.

Anyway, it is a novel experiment, one that may revolutionize ideas about modern low-cost houses. Already plans for arranging houses at different angles and with different sides to the street are being devised so that a line of these homes won't look monotonous.

F. J. C. Koppelman of Auburn, Ia., is president of the association, and A. M. Lundberg of Lake City is secretary.

Carrot, Grown to Brick, Clings to Mother Earth

Erie, Pa. — (UP) — Mrs. Hurley Bomby wondered why she had to strain so to pull up a carrot. She gave an extra hard yank, the carrot came up, and she fell backward. The carrot, she found, had grown through a brick buried in the garden. The carrot was five inches long.

reference for company of adults instead of children.

According to his parents, Billy has from four to six eggs, six slices of bread and three cups of coffee for breakfast before "lighting up" his first cigar of the day. He is gaining weight.

Billy is now concerned with learning to blow smoke rings.
Figuratively.
From Passing Show.
"That woman, Mrs. White, has a fine figure."
"A fine figure! Why, the only thing she can buy ready-made is an umbrella."

URGE OF MANKIND TO "DO SOMETHING"

Mental Growth Achieved by the Effort.

Bodily hunger has driven man to find ways of getting food. He has pushed back the shadows of forests and planted fields and gardens. He has drained marshes and irrigated arid regions. He has invented hoes and plows and harvesters to take the place of naked hands in gathering sustenance for himself and his family. There is no more impelling motive to effort in all the range of human existence than hunger—except the sight of a starving child for whose nourishment one has a responsibility.

Professor Jacks has called attention to another kind of hunger which is general in mankind—an urge to something even beyond what one has achieved, a craving for skill. It is the repeated satisfaction of this hunger, ever renewed, that results in mental growth and the highest sort of happiness. It is often questioned whether education has increased happiness in the individual. It may be that the mere addition of information does not contribute to the making of a happier human being. But the continuing struggle for higher skill in some worthy field of human effort—"creative activity" is the phrase most often used to describe it—not only brings nourishment of spirit and happiness but adds to the wealth of the world in terms of human intellectual values. The greatest skills of the greatest number may determine the greatest good of the greatest number. Certainly it would if the choice of skills were wise—and that does not mean if the skills merely produced materially valuable things.

Plutarch remarks, in his essay on Pericles, that he who busies himself in mean occupations produces, in the very pains he takes about things of little or no use, an evidence against himself of his negligence and indisposition to do what is really good. But the something which one does with infinite pains may be of good in the development of the individual who does it, even if the product is not of valuable substance. Ismenias could not have been a "wretched being," for he was an "excellent" piper. Alexander the Great need not have been ashamed, as his practical father, Philip of Macedon, thought he should have been, for playing a piece of music so charmingly and skillfully. Leisure "hobbies" are for increasing numbers who cannot find in the narrow range of their vocations their salvation.

The mind's desire for excellence in something is a mystery, but it does after all suggest the course which our education must take in the development not only of the child but also of the man and woman to the end of their lives. And with this sort of training should be given, as Doctor Jacks suggests in his three "reforms," a larger place to physical education and the appreciation of beauty.—New York Times.

No matter how bad a man is his wife firmly believes in his good intentions.

Lots of animated thinkers are poor talkers.

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Ancient Wooden Locks

Burden for Strong Man

The most common lock now in use on exterior doors of buildings is the cylinder lock developed by Linus Yale, Jr., and this leads us back into history. Primitive prototypes of Yale's invention were in use in Mesopotamia and Egypt as early as 2000 B. C. These were huge wooden affairs requiring cumbersome keys, as we may gather from the Biblical passage (Isaiah 22:22) "And the key to the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder." This key, or mufth as it was and still is called in the East, is a stick of wood from 15 to 30 inches long, 2 to 4 inches broad and 1 to 2 inches thick. Into the face of one end are set a number of wooden or iron pegs about an inch long. These pegs

victory Made Easy on Plain of Marathon

The ancient Marathon was a small town on the eastern coast of Attica, about 20 miles northeast of Athens. There is a modern village of the name, but the site of the ancient Marathon is occupied now by a town called Vrana. Along with neighboring towns, the old Marathon belonged to an ancient Hellenic league called the Tetrapolis. This league claimed a very early origin, legend carrying it back to the time of Theseus, and it survived until after the fourth century B. C.

The plain of Marathon is famous as the scene of the decisive battle in which Miltiades led the Athenians and Plataeans to victory over the army of Darius under command of their and Artabanes in B. C. 490. The Greeks numbered about 10,000, while the Persians had a much larger force. But the invaders were put to rout with heavy loss, while the Greeks lost only 192 men. The great mound in which the remains of these dead were placed is still conspicuous on the plain. The battle turned the eastern invasion of Europe and saved Athens; and, according to tradition, a Greek runner sped without stopping from Marathon to Athens bearing the tidings of victory.

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Writes Own Epitaph

In memory of William George Roberts, the forty-second vicar of Horsley, England (A. D. 1828-19—). A scholar of but average ability and a preacher of but medium prowess, he nevertheless obtained a hearing by speaking the truth. Though just as selfish as most men, like them he was often capable of doing a kindness when the opportunity came his way. Fairly good tempered on the whole, though a bit irritable a times, he enjoyed a happy family life, and was fond of convivial society. This is the tombstone epitaph desired by the vicar of Horsley, Berkshire, Rev. W. G. Roberts, M. A. "If it is any comfort for anyone to put one up" after he is dead.

PROMOTES HEALING
HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh

The Peacemaker

"Where are you hurrying to?"
"I am running to try and stop a quarrel between a married couple."
"That is good of you. Who are this couple?"
"I am one of them."

Yes, More Than That
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