

Our Women and Children

Conducted by
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

CHILD TRAINING

By Laura Spencer Porter, in Mothers' Magazine.

If your idea be to train the child as you would train a young animal, so that you can govern him, to the admiration and amazement of your neighbors, so that he will do as you say, and will consult you humbly in all matters, then doubtless punishments and rewards of a very definite order will be necessary. Sugar and bits of meat and judicious whippings and pettings are the only means I know for training little animals.

If your object be, as it should, to develop his understanding and to make him a sensible, self-governing individual, there will be needed two things—a very limited administering of your own whimsical rewards and punishments, and a very extended effort to bring him and yourself to a clear understanding of the unalterable consequences and results that life continually administers.

Not only are most of the punishments we administer stupid, but they are hopelessly inadequate, trifling. In urging you to punish your child less with your punishments, I am not begging you to be more lenient, but less so.

What I would beg you do is to fit him to avoid life's punishments. You punish him when he fails to obey, by depriving him of a cherished plan; but life punishes him when he goes counter to her commands, by depriving him of love, of happiness, of success. If he continues to do as you tell him not to do, you deny him to come to the table, perhaps, but if he continues to do what life tells him he must not, there may be years of failure that he must pay.

EVERY BROOK RUNS BLUE AGAIN

By Mary Carolyn Davies.

Oh, yellow are the waters when spring pours in!

And swollen are the small brooks, and loud's their cry;
And little rapids form and foam, and tear the tree roots from their home;

But every brook runs blue again when spring's gone by!

Then ripples on the stones make a gentle din,

And flowers are on the river banks and grasses high.

The summer sky is overhead as smooth as is the river bed.

Oh, every brook runs blue again when spring's gone by!

The brook, your heart, is turbulent and fierce with pain,

Like broken trees your hopes upon its rapids lie;

The angry floods of grief lay bare your spirit's fields and meadows fair;

But—every brook runs blue again when spring's gone by!

VARDAMAN'S PATRIOTISM

Senator James K. Vardaman, a party diner at the New Ebbitt hotel a few nights ago, failed to stand while the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner." The senator explained that he did not recognize the national air.

KANSAS NEWS

The Kansas legislature recently passed a bill appropriating the sum of \$73,850 for the maintenance of the industrial department at Western university, Quindaro, for two years. Out of this sum a new department will be opened to give instruction in auto repairing and machine works.

The Negroes of Greater Kansas City rushed to the recruiting station last Wednesday, when call was made for Colored recruits. The old and young, great and small, were on hand, seeking a chance to enlist.

Easter service at the First A. M. E. church was largely attended.

The Excelsior club gave a patriotic concert last Thursday night at Metropolitan Temple, Kansas City, Kan.

The Western university cadets made quite a fine demonstration along Minnesota avenue Wednesday evening. The boys made a fine military appearance and a number of them could be used as officers if a call be made for Colored troops. Major Ammons deserves much credit for his efficient instructions.

Revival services at St. John's A. M. E. church, Topeka, are being conducted by the noted evangelist, Miss M. J. Keys. The Rev. Mr. Peck made no mistake when he secured her aid, as she is doing great work in Topeka.

The night school at Atchison has just closed a very successful term under the direction of Prof. W. E. Gray. The Independent Baptist church of Leavenworth gave a very interesting bazaar. A neat sum was realized.

Dr. Kealing, president of Western university, Sundaro, Kan., is seriously ill at this writing. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop 23

A Boy Scout practices self-control, for he knows that men who do, who dare and master big problems in the world, first learn to master self. A Boy Scout keeps a close watch on his temper and never loses his head, for he knows untruthfulness will shake the confidence of others. He never uses alcoholic liquors, because he does not wish to poison his body.

He never flinches when danger comes, for he knows at such a time he must be alert, to preserve the safety of others, as well as himself.

Shumpert Logan cut kindling for an old man who has dropsy.

Marcellous Richie assisted an aged woman home with a basket of clothes.

Floyd Mapey helped move books at school.

Earl Jackson helped an aged woman home with a basket of groceries.

Ernest Faulkner directed a woman to home of her friend.

Henry Gordon assisted a lady home with a fern.

Guiou Taylor helped a lady plant garden.

Law 3—A Scout Is Helpful

He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.

S. M., H. L. Anderson.
S. S., R. Allen.

SURPRISE SHOWER

Thursday evening, April 10, the Bethel Baptist Mission Circle gave a surprise shower in honor of their beloved pastor, Rev. T. A. Taggart, and wife at their home, 2722 Corby. It was in appreciation of the work Rev. Mr. Taggart has done in the last eight months, over 150 new members being added to the church. A crowd of about fifty called and began singing, "There's a Stranger at the Door," as

the house was reached. The pastor opened the door and beheld all fifty weighted down with all manner of groceries and Mrs. Velma Hill, president of the Mission Circle, in front with a huge bouquet of tulips and buttercups. A delightful program had been arranged for and was rendered, the pastor giving an impromptu recitation from Shakespears. A two-course luncheon was served.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Special revival services are being held at the church. The Rev. J. S. Payne and wife, noted evangelical singers and workers for the salvation of souls, will conduct services all day Sunday. The meeting will continue all the week.

The Rev. T. F. Jones of Quindaro, Kan., will assist with the meetings next week. Rev. Mr. Jones is a teacher in Western university.

The lecture and banquet on April 10, with Bishop H. B. Parks speaker and honored guest, was a success

from every viewpoint. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. T. P. Mahammett, chairman, who planned the most excellent dinner and saw to it that her every plan was carried out through the professional assistance of Mesdames H. J. Pinkett, R. K. Lawrie, E. R. West, Elnora Gray and Florence Johnson, and Messrs. Irvin Gray, Roscoe Miller and Charles Garrett, all of whom share equally in praise and appreciation for what has been acknowledged by the public as the grandest and largest attended affair of its kind yet given.

MOVING PICTURE HOUSES

ARE HARD HIT

Secretary McAdoo has submitted to congress his suggestions for raising war money by new methods of taxation. Among the proposals is one that \$75,000,000 shall be paid by theaters and such places of amusement. If put through it will mean that every picture house will have to pay about 2 cents upon every ticket issued. It looks as though the 5-cent shows are doomed.

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