

Our Children

By Mrs. Alberta Cooke



People are funny according to an established radio program, but sometimes to a young mother, she finds this is not true, first you should realize that people are funny only to those who have fun with others.

During a baby's first weeks of life, a baby's pleasure comes from purely physical causes, gas bubble smiles are purely automatic, muscular reactions. A baby smiles most frequently as a part of their physical reaction. When a baby needs burping and his mother burps him, gently patting him on the back with a soft chuckle, he learns to associate the firm arms, kind face and voice of his mother giving him a pleasant bodily sensation.

Since you can see that nursing is one of the first pleasures a young child receives, thumb-sucking is a very easy and pleasurable habit. It is nothing to be alarmed about but can be handled as easily as burping if you

can take the time and patience.

Never correct the small child negatively or by suggestion, that is, suggesting the deed before it is done, such as saying, "Don't suck your thumb. When the thumb is in the mouth, give the child something to do with his hands, such as games, patty cake, etc., or large bright beads to string. Be sure that the games are not too complicated and that the beads are large enough for his hands to hold and the hole is large enough for a boot string to go through.

This habit can not be broken at once, but as I said, be firm, gentle and calm. By playing with your baby you can teach him reassuring lessons. A sense of humor, of course, implies much more sophistication than infant laughter, but a youngster who from babyhood has been merry and unafraid of people soon learns to enjoy adults; remember, be kind, firm and gentle with your baby's emotions.

Campus News



by Jeanne Malone

The Rev. Harry V. Richardson, chaplain and director of religious activities at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama was the speaker at the "Religion in Life" convocation Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Student Union ballroom.

Dr. Richardson who was an intimate friend of the late George Washington Carver gave some of the highlights in Mr. Carver's life. Dr. Richardson was with Mr. Carver when he died. In addition to the facts he gave about George Carver, Dr. Richardson told us some of his aspirations, his defeats and his triumphs.

The fact that George Washington Carver could rise from the status of being the son of a lowly slave girl to that of a world-wide famous scientist is a credit both to his race and American democracy. Dr. Richardson attributed most of Mr. Carver's success to his religious attitude and his simplicity and generosity in dealing with people. Each time Mr. Carver entered his laboratory he would take the object of his experiment, for instance the peanut, study it and then repeat this little prayer "Mr. Creator, why did you make it?" After that prayer his experimentations never failed to bring another product. George Washington Carver never accepted any payment or reward from anyone he had helped which shows true working religion.

Rev. Mr. Richardson attended Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio; the Divinity School of Harvard University, and received a Ph. D. degree in sociology and religion at Drew University.

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