

Putting it in Another Way, a Little "Letting Alone" is a Wise Course for Parents to Pursue—Matter of Freedom.

Let your children alone. Do not neglect them. There is a difference between a wise letting alone and a foolish neglect.

There have been probably as many children spoiled by over-management as by negligence.

Do not forget that the prime right of a child is the right to his own personality. In fact, his chief business in life is to develop properly the expression of that personality.

A child learns by three means—by experience, by example and by atmosphere.

It is doubtful if didactic teaching and preaching ever did much good to anybody, child or grown-up. Only inspirational preaching is of any account.

To let the child touch the stove and get hurt a little is far better than to say "You mustn't touch it!"

Be chary of your commands. Every useless order is a burden that interferes with his growth and tends to alienate him from you.

Let him run as free as you dare. One lesson he learns from his own experience is worth a dozen he gets from you.

How many little lives are rendered utterly wretched by the loving but irritating tyranny of parents. The little ones are crossed at every turn.

The mother is continually scolding, the father breaking in at times with sharp prohibitions.

The queer part of all this is that those parents think they are doing their high duty by the child. They propose to give their children some "bringing up" and not let them "run wild."

Children are sharp. They soon adjust themselves to this, and get their parents' measure. Then they turn to become one or two things—"good," that is, shrewd little hypocrites, prigs and time-servers; or "bad," that is, angrily insistent upon having a life of their own.

Study the child, seek to bring out what is in him. Don't study your catechism or "system of education" and try to make your child measure up to that.

There is no genuine morality without freedom.

Anything done from fear is immoral. Even the "goodness" your child puts on because he is afraid of you is wicked.

**BANDIED JOKES WITH KINGS**

Witty Sallies Which Royalty Has Invoked, Sometimes Very Much at Their Own Expense.

Thomas Carlyle observed that "kings are ill to joke with," but there have nevertheless been plenty of jokers so audacious as to "josh" royalty with impunity.

It is related that one day when Charles was inspecting a warship at Chatham he asked Killigrew: "Don't you think that I should have made a good shipwright?"

A lively example of French retort to royalty is afforded by the story of Marshal Bassompierre and Louis XIII. The marshal had given his majesty an account of his embassy to Spain, setting forth the manner in which he had entered the Spanish capital mounted on a mule.

Good old Queen Bess, it appears, had a pretty wit, which she was by no means loath to exercise upon her subjects.

Among the neatest retorts to royalty whereof we have record was that Prince of Wales, afterward King William IV, by the secretary of the admiralty.

William had been bantering the secretary for some time at table. "When I am king," said he, "you shall not be secretary to the admiralty. What do you say to that?"

"What does a man think of, Sir Edward, when he thinks of nothing?" "Of a woman's promise, your majesty!" was the response.

"When I am king," said he, "you shall not be secretary to the admiralty. What do you say to that?" "God save the king!" rejoined the witty secretary.

Brittany Bridal Superstitions. It is interesting to note the number of shrines in Brittany dedicated to marriage.

Mysterious Number 9. Has it ever occurred to you that strange feats may be performed with figures? Multiply the figure 9, for instance. Multiply it by 2 and you get 18, and 8 and 1 make 9.

Nine is indeed a mysterious number. Take any row of figures you fancy, say 8642, and if you reverse them and subtract, 8642—2468, you have left 6174, which added together, makes 18, or twice 9.

Francis I. of France bought the painting from the artist for 4,000 gold florins, and ever since it has been in the possession of France. Until it was stolen recently it was one of the most renowned treasures of the Louvre gallery in Paris.

Mr. Paterfamilias was having an economical streak. "Am I going to have to buy new winter underwear for the whole family this year?" he asked.

"No, dear," answered Mrs. P., brightly cheerful. "Your flannels have shrunk enough to fit Johnny, and Johnny's have shrunk so that Billy can wear them, and Billy's are now small enough for the baby. All you have to do is to get some for yourself—I have my fur neckpiece."

Found Hidden Spring. Solving the secret of a hidden spring which opened a case of valuable miniatures at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Daniel C. Lavery stole \$2,000 worth of art treasures, according to his admission in court.

—It is just as easy to ruin calves by over-feeding as it is by starving.

**TURKISH TRADE MARKS**

"BAZAR" TAKES PLACE OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT STORE.

Coffee Shop an Inseparable Accompaniment of Each Shop—Are Classified According to the Business Done.

Bazars take the place of department stores in Bagdad. The word "bazar" means bargain, but in the Turkish sense it is generally applied to a series of shops forming a continuous row on both sides of a thoroughfare.

In Bagdad, writes the American consul, bazars are divided into several classes, according to the location and the wares sold. The classification follows:

Kharis bashi is the name of the bazaar where groceries, candies and liquids are sold. Sug-el-shorgha is where fruits and vegetables are sold.

Babel-agha is occupied by the blacksmiths, tinsmiths and carpenters. The blacksmiths make chains, nails, locks and horse and donkey shoes.

Different bazars are segregated in different parts of the city, and the district often takes the name of the bazar. Some bazars are also named after the district in which they are situated.

Each bazar has a coffee shop, which is a large open place partly covered by a roof, where a large number of cheap wooden settees are arranged in rows.

When I was in Germany last year," says a man who travels. "I saw some people who like potatoes even better than I do. At any rate, they erect statues to them, and even if I could afford it I hardly think I should do that."

"Ofenberg was the first city to erect a monument of this kind. The upper part consists of a statue of Sir Francis Drake, who introduced the potato into Europe. This, as well as the pedestal, is draped with garlands of the potato vine, with full-grown tubers attached."

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