

OUT OF ARCADIA.

The country boy was in love, and young. But he urged his cause with an eager tongue. But the maiden bade him work and wait; She wanted a man who was strong and great.

A CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

The Chautauqua Reading Hour WILLIAM BYRON FORBUSH, PH. D. EDITOR. For a number of years sometime in April or May clean-up campaigns have had an annual sporadic appearance in towns and cities throughout the country.

HOW TO START IN OUR TOWN. If you knew that you could start a movement in your town that would make your hometown a better home, would you start it? Certainly!

MONIE IN LIEU OF MEN. The 84 Senators present Tuesday evening one including all those who voted against war except Senator Lane, of Oregon, who was absent because of illness, recorded themselves in favor of providing the funds to prosecute hostilities.

BANKS MUST SUBSCRIBE. Limiting deposits of proceeds from the bonds in banks to the amount subscribed by the banks and their depositors; permitting deposit of proceeds in state banks and trust companies as well as federal reserve banks; providing for exchange by subscribers of the issues authorized for bonds subsequently issued, during the war, at higher interest rates; requiring the secretary of the treasury to report expenditures of the bond proceeds; December 31 and annually thereafter, and exempting the \$2,000,000,000 of treasury indebtedness certificates authorized from all taxation, except estate and inheritance levies.

An Up-to-date Pupil. "And this," said the teacher, "is the rhinoceros. Look carefully at his armored hide." "I see," said the bad boy of the class. "An wot's this one?" "That," answered the teacher, "is a giraffe."

them down. The ground is too valuable, and such things detract from the beauty of your homes—and the town. "Clean out all barn yards and stables at once—and don't give the fly a chance to breed."

"Clean up and "Paint-Up" buttons, in colors, are worn by the children, and help much in spreading the interest in the campaign. Soon after our first "Clean-Up and Paint-Up" week we learned that many people had civic pride who could not afford to own a lawn mower, so our Civic League bought several lawn mowers to lend. Within two weeks there was a waiting list of people worthy and deserving of the use of them.

We aim to have our ministers incorporate something concerning the "Clean-Up and Paint-Up" movement in their sermons, and some of the churches freshen up their buildings with a coat of paint where needed, and a general cleaning up of their grounds. Each year our merchants assist us by displaying in their windows articles used or bought during or after clean-up week, and run display ads in sympathy with the movement, and there isn't a line of business that isn't quickened and benefited by such a campaign.

WHERE TO GET SUPPLIES. The supplies furnished practically at cost by the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Bureau of St. Louis are most helpful to develop enthusiasm. These supplies include jig-saws, puzzles for children, posters, window cards, store hangers, cloth banners for store-fronts and out-door use, two different window display assortments in colors, lapel buttons in the national colors, stickers, poster stamps, movie slides, a one-minute animated cartoon movie film, a five-minute motion picture film, fifty electros or matrices of complete ads or ad illustrations, and complete feature pages in plate or matrix form for newspaper co-operation. Many of these supplies are bought by local committees, many by individual local business men.

SENATE PASSES APPROPRIATION BILL.

Washington, April 24.—The war finance bill providing for issuance of \$7,000,000,000 in securities—the largest single war budget in any nation's history—was passed unanimously last week by the Senate.

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Not Afraid, But—"Won't you please leave the light burning in the hall, mother?" pleaded little Robert as he was being put to bed.

"Nonsense, Bobbie," was the reply. "Surely, you know there isn't anything to be afraid of in the dark."

Health and Happiness

Under these head lines will be continued a series of articles begun November 10. They have been compiled and edited with a view to progressive study and thought on subjects affecting our personal well-being.

HOW TO HAVE BETTER CHILDREN.

BY CLEVELAND MOFFETT. Coming now to our main subject I may mention that over fifty years ago Herbert Spencer condemned an obvious defect in our modern educational system which requires young men and young women to spend years in exploring fields of abstract knowledge that can have little practical usefulness for them, although they are left in ignorance touching their main business in life, that is, the procreation of children.

Those lovely girl graduates (rather discontented) that we were just considering, have learned everything about life except how to live, they know all about men except how to be happy with a man, they can explain the mysteries of God's creations, but are quite unprepared to bring up the children that God meant them to have.

Suppose a woman is deaf; will her children be deaf? Suppose a man has some physical deformity; will his children inherit that deformity? What if there is a tuberculosis record in a certain family? Or an alcoholism record? Or a cancer record? Will healthy members of such families who marry have children that may suffer by reason of these family tendencies? Yes, or no?

Before answering these questions let us consider the arguments that are advanced against intelligent efforts to have better children. It is said that such efforts interfere with God's inscrutable purposes. It is said that love is an eternal mystery beyond the understanding of science. It is said that if a certain man and a certain woman love each other with all their souls (regardless of their fitness or unfitness to love) then no power on earth can keep them asunder or should be allowed to try to keep them asunder.

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Both church and state, says Edwin Grant Conklin, professor of biology at Princeton University, "have cheerfully given consent and blessing to the marriage and propagation of diseased, defective, and vicious persons."

It is it any wonder that the inheritance of the human race has not improved within historic times? "All authorities agree, however, that the human race might advance magnificently towards the establishment of a breed of supermen and superwomen, just as Luther Burbank's creations are advanced magnificently from inferior types, just as our thoroughbred cattle have advanced magnificently, were it not for the barriers of human ignorance, egotism and selfishness. Every alcoholic, every consumptive, every degenerate, every criminal in the world insists upon his or her inalienable right to marry and have children—that is, to propagate the race of undesirable who, in their turn, must go on endlessly peopling the earth with more undesirable ones—"

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I expressed these views recently to a woman who combines intelligence with rare nobility of soul, and I saw that she shrank from the thought of considering love as merely an agency for promoting racial efficiency. "This eugenics creed is a worship of the body," she said, "but the body is not everything. What about the soul? Think of the wonderful minds, the God-like spirits that have been housed in frail and imperfect bodies. Must marriage be denied to these radiant ones because of their physical weakness?"

"Not marriage," I replied, "but parenthood. If a woman loves some Robert Louis Stevenson, in spite of his weak lungs, let her marry him and be happy with him, but let her guard the next generation against hereditary tuberculosis."

"Precisely." "But—" the lady hesitated, then put the question always asked by women at this point, a question that must be satisfactorily answered before race-betterment enthusiasts can hope to make progress in the practical carrying out of their theories.

"Yes. Suppose a healthy woman marries an invalid or a man who becomes an invalid before they have children? Suppose she loves this man? There are thousands of such cases."

I know. And there are thousands of cases where a deeply loved wife carries some hereditary taint that makes her unfit to bear children. It is unfortunate, but—do you think such persons have a right to bring into the world sons and daughters doomed to physical or mental inferiority? If this wife longs for a child can she not adopt one?

Another woman confessed to me that she has never been willing to have children because her husband is an alcoholic. Another woman of unusual intelligence is the wife of a distinguished biologist who for years has been a victim of tuberculosis, although he has held the disease in check by living in Denver. She also has a predisposition to this malady, so they have decided not to have children.

"Why shouldn't they have children?" this friend insisted to me one day. "They both possess exceptionally fine minds and splendid characters. Their children would inherit remarkable mental and spiritual qualities."

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are, all that we have and know and enjoy we have received from those who came before us, from those who, by their toil, their love, their centuries of slow and painful striving, worked out our present civilization, which is really not ours at all except as we hold it in trust from them to pass it on to those who will come after us. To love our children, our descendants with a racial intensity akin to worship is our natural tribute to the overwhelming life-mystery that surrounds us, to the endless and beginningless life-river that bears us along on its God-like bosom.

At times, in a fleeting vision," says Henri Bergson, "the invisible breath that bears the living is materialized before our eyes. We have this sudden illumination before certain forms of maternal love, so striking and in most animals so touching, observable even in the solicitude of the plant for its seed. This love, in which some have seen the great mystery of life, may possibly deliver to us life's secret. It shows us each generation leaning over the generation that shall follow.

Leaning over the generation that shall follow! To our children we pass on the love that our parents gave to us. We never give back this love to our parents, not the full measure of it, any more than our children ever give back to us a full measure of the love we give to them. They will pass it on to their children, who will pass it on to their children. And this is as it should be; this is no sign of youthful ingratitude and should cause no grief in parents' hearts, for it happens in accordance with nature's eternal racial law: each generation leans forward, not backward, lovingly, yearning forward over the generation that follows it.

What, then, can we do for the generations that will follow us? How can we best hand down the heritage of love and service that has been handed down to us? Evidently we can do nothing so important, nothing so desirable for future generations as to leave behind us children possessed of the finest possible bodily, mental and spiritual endowment.

How are we to have such children? How are we to give them this endowment? Is there available knowledge on these subjects that will enable the average man and woman to have better children than they would probably have had without this knowledge? The answer is yes, there is a vast store of such knowledge that may be drawn upon helpfully by whoever desires to possess it.

And, first, let me emphasize one fact: that nature rewards the normal, healthy man and woman for conforming with her great procreative intent and punishes them for not conforming with it. Statistics prove that men and women who marry and have children live longer and are less liable to disease than men and women who do not marry and do not have children. Married women, for instance, who are mothers are less frequently afflicted with cancer of the breast than unmarried women or than married women who are not mothers.

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to produce average children, whereas parents possessing high character units tend to produce children that will also possess high character units. And parents possessing extreme character units, whether high or low, tend to produce children possessing less extreme character units.

Suppose a girl is a fine musician. If she marries a man who is also a fine musician the chances are ten to one that all their children will be fine musicians. But if she marries a man who has no musical ability the chances are that their children will have little or no musical ability.

The same responsibility rests on a young woman who is a brilliant artist or writer. If she mates with a man who has the same talent as herself, then their children will almost certainly inherit this talent. Otherwise not.

Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of the University of Cincinnati, believes that the children of mature parents are more apt to attain success in life than children born when the parents were either at the crescendo or decrescendo of sexual life.

In support of this theory is an investigation made by Havelock Ellis, who analyzed the ages of 299 fathers at the birth of sons who grew up to be geniuses and found that only two of these fathers were under twenty and only nine between twenty and twenty-four, and only sixteen over fifty-five.

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