

M'LISS DISCUSSES SPANKING VERSUS MORAL SUASION

What Do You Do When Tommy Steals the Jam or Pinches Sister? Feminist Says You Mustn't Resort to Bodily Punishment

TO SPANK or not to spank! The old question of "sparing the rod and spoiling the child" is raised once more. And by no less a person than that fearless and radical philosopher-feminist, Ellen Key.

In a recent article on the present-day woman and the new conditions she will have to face on account of the great war, the Scandinavian writer takes a "whack" at the mothers who believe in correcting juvenile evils by un-stinted use of the old slipper, the hairbrush or the open palm.

These are the people, she avers, who believe that a world peace will be brought about by one nation "beating up" another.

"Even mothers who are anxious to work for peace," she says, "believe, for instance, that in the nursery, when the bigger brother has struck the little brother, she must punish him as the one way of making him feel the same kind of suffering he himself has inflicted. This is the kind of thinking of the ancient savage, 'eye for eye' and 'tooth for tooth'."

Bodily punishment, according to Miss Key, is neither civilized nor rational. And she declares further that there can be no justice in most children by rational means the truth that by acts of unkindness or deceit they deprive themselves of social joy and mutual trust.

"What would be the rational thing to do," she asks, and then answers the question herself, "when the big brother teases the little brothers and sisters? That the former, his prayers disregarded, be separated from the little ones for a whole day, so that he may suffer the consequences of his 'unsocial' conduct just as criminals have to suffer it in prison."

It is only by the inculcating of this individual self-control that a national and international self-control can be established, she concludes.

Many mothers, however, whose youthful offspring at times behave like veritable "limbs of Satan" will deprecate the moral suasion method.

"I've got to make Tommy yelp with pain," one woman told me the other day, "if I want to curb his temper fits."

I'm no expert in these matters, but from what I've observed I'm inclined to agree with Miss Key and the other domestic pacifists. There's something undignified, not to say brutal, in the picture of a big, husky, full-grown man or woman raising the hand against a tiny child. And, although I think it almost humanly impossible to hate one's mother, still I believe that a child's love for the "authorities of his being" reaches its lowest ebb at the time when she is inflicting corporal punishment.

What do you think about it?

Crossed Eyes a Habit

"I cured my little girl by calling her attention to the fact that she was looking cross-eyed," a woman told me the other day. She went on to say that while there was a degree of defect that causes what we call "crossed eyes," a bit of effort will correct it in many cases.

Perhaps this is true, I hope so, at least, so try it perseveringly and it may help in some case you know.

Woman, the Official Shopper

"My wife does all the shopping because she seems to be endowed with a true value instinct," said a business man.

I hope woman is able to qualify and think there is a great deal of truth in this statement, still I know hosts of men who balk at friend wife's selection of cigars, neckties and razors.

Provident Women Buy Now for the Future

"I'll take that hat at \$5," said the woman to the milliner who assured the purchaser the velvet alone was worth that amount. "It isn't because I need a hat now, but I know next season will bring such a scarcity of millinery materials, that we'll be glad to make over our hats."

I tried to figure out just how much of this plan was logic, how much economy and how much extravagance. I followed the woman and found her making careful purchases along other lines, so I assumed she knows what she is doing.

The Perversity of Human Nature

Did you ever notice how many persons go in a door marked as plainly as the nose on your face "EXIT"? What is the answer? Perhaps in our hurry we fail to notice the signs and tokens, but whatever the cause, it is worthy our power to avoid collisions by going in when the sign directs it.

You, I and all of us have seen women enter elevators, then ask if they are going up or down. The operator has distinctly announced whether the elevator was going up or down, still the woman waits until it gets a running start, then discovers she wanted to go the other way. Funny, isn't it?

Who's Who in the Trenches

You weren't thinking of your own son, husband or brother when you were rooting for militarism, were you? Certainly not. You think it would be an excellent plan for this great and glorious country to look for trouble, but should it come and the men of your family be called, it will seem a tragedy to you. Bear in mind, however, that war is no respecter of persons. M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS—At what age is a child really capable of recognizing its parents? I don't know about father, but it is popularly supposed that at the age of 3 months a baby will recognize its mother.

Dear M'LISS—Is there any opening for a woman who writes children's stories? I have often "made up" fairy tales, etc., for my youngsters at bedtime, and they liked the stories so well that I wondered if other children would, too. What shall I do with my mss.? HOUSEWIFE.

The only advice I can give you, alas! is that given to all writers. Select a magazine or paper which prints this kind of material and submit your manuscript to them. If you are not successful, try again, and keep on trying. In no other field is perseverance such an important and necessary asset as in the literary.

Dear M'LISS—Kindly give me a good recipe for pickled pears. I had one for years, but it got burned up with some papers recently. Your kindness will be appreciated. H. G.

Use 6 pounds of fruit, 3 pounds of white sugar, a pint of the best cider vinegar and an ounce each of clove, allspice, mace and cinnamon and one grated nutmeg. Put the fruit into a kettle with alternate layers of sugar and spices and add the vinegar. Let all boil for 5 minutes, skim out the fruit, and pack in glass jars as it begins to cool. Let the syrup boil till thick, then pour over the fruit. Bottle tight.

Dear M'LISS—What would you suggest as trimming on a white serge gown for spring? I want it for good. Would silver look well? DORIS.

White and silver would look very well if cleverly used, but the silver has a tendency to tarnish if worn in the air, on the street, etc., so that if you can use another kind of trimming it will prove more practical. Why not keep your dress all white, since it is to be worn on formal occasions, using Georgette crepe for the sleeves, or chiffon or indestructible net?

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A SMART EMBROIDERED TAILLEUR

CHEVREUIL'S methods of employing embroidery as trimming transforms a plain costume into almost anything he wishes to make it. This suit, for instance, is cut on really simple lines, and the contrast of the white trimmings upon the navy blue of which the suit is made is decidedly striking.

A smart hat is shown, being made of Neapolitan straw, with a flaring satin brim. This rises sharply off the face at the front, and is held to the crown by means of a jet ornament. In black or colors, the price is \$12.50.

Full particulars as to where this costume may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, Evening Ledger, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

Beauty Is as Beauty Does

Even if Nature did endow you with all the feminine graces and charms, she didn't you intend to act as a custodian of them throughout your natural life.

You must help, and be sure to remember that eternal vigilance is the price of beauty, which interpreted means not only to be on the watch, but to be on the job.

Try graduating the temperature of water when you apply it to the skin. Instead of sponging the face with very hot water, then douching it with cold, bathe the face with tepid water, keep on adding hot water until it begins to burn just a trifle. Now, the same process is reversed. Run cold water in your face bath until it is quite cold. You'll find your skin responds to this treatment and after a few trials you'll be delighted to find your skin improved.

Now, in the instance of hot and cold applications to the skin, you know extreme temperatures always shock, and shocks are not especially beneficial.

Gingerisms

The mare makes the money go. Show the custom official an alluring tip and, like Desdemona, he will perceive a divided duty.

To the pure all things are pure—except to the official food inspector.

There's many a slip 'twixt the draw and the chip.

The name of the unpardonable sin is—whisper softly—EXPOSE.

Figures don't lie, eh? Ever play Peeping Tom about mladi's boudoir?

A switch in time often saves crime.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB. I can laugh when I'm sad, I can laugh when I'm broke. If you look at it right The whole world is a joke. R. J. CANN

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Marion Harland's Corner

Helping Two Invalids. THANK you for sending me the address which I asked for. I sent one bundle of patches, and will send to the other invalid a package also. I inclose the stamp which was forgotten in my other letter. SARAH J. N.

Made Up Into Pretty Gifts. I am the woman whom you thanked so nicely for the white gloves for your pupil. I am wondering about your work, and if it takes you among the poor, I have made an offer through the M. H. C. to make presents for some who may not get any otherwise. The Cornettes have responded beautifully. My mind goes out particularly to young girls who get less than good living wages and, loving pretty things—so often are tempted from good paths. Such a girl would rejoice in and be made better for a bit of pretty adornment. Others are furnishing the material, but I am trying to make them up into whatever they may best accomplish. I am getting great pleasure out of making them for people whom probably I will never see in this life. I dare not promise too much because those who have sent in silk pieces, etc., may ask me to help some one in whom they are particularly interested. But I came across your letter in an unexpected way last night, and, believing that God leads me when I endeavor to realize it, I just thought I'd write you this letter. M. W.

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It lies just underneath the abdominal wall and the edge of the liver, at the level of the ninth and tenth rib cartilages, about three inches west of the pit. In an exploratory operation it is the easiest thing imaginable to find, even easier than the appendix. Its rel. greenish-yellow color is striking.

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complish during the year which has elapsed into the ocean of eternity. Our Corner was styled in my hearing the other day "a household and home encyclopedia." substitute "a training school in neighborly duty." If it fails, we have nothing more to say. With this in mind readers will see clearly what wealth of satisfaction is bound up in the above report of a colleague. She did not expect to see her letter in print. She will pardon the act in consideration of the motive that acted me to lay it before a sympathetic constituency and a possibly cautious public. Let it go toward the summing up of the annual returns of what we have tried to do and our success.

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