

CHILDREN'S STRIKE AKIN TO ANARCHY, SHE WRITES M'LISS

Parents' Action in "Backing Up" Youngsters Against School Board Disrespect for Law, Mrs. Schoff Asserts

ALTHOUGH many people sympathize wholly with the pupils of the Fitter School in the sentiment that prompted their enthusiastic demonstration last week in the interest of Principal Sowden's retention, I have heard many other sober-thinking men and women deplore the occasion for the probable effect it will have on the future discipline of the school.

Comes now an interesting letter from the president of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, who voices a strong disapproval of the part played in the affair by the mothers and fathers of the children.

"The strike of school children because of the removal of a principal was probably in imitation of what the children had seen older people do when they had a grievance," she writes.

"Many children's acts are traceable to imitation, and are the result of ignorance as to what is right.

"Such methods are subversive of law and order. Children cannot dictate as to the administration of schools, nor should parents condemn the action of the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools without knowing the reasons for their action.

"The Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education are deputed by law to have charge of the school system. They are conversant with details as no one else can be. They certainly desire to work for what they consider the best interests of the schools, and they should know better than the average citizen does what is best, because it is their opportunity and business to be informed.

"They are fallible and should be ready to listen to the protest of parents at any time, but such protest certainly should come to them directly; and from parents. To permit children to feel that the control of the school rests on them, to permit them to voice their feelings in a strike, indicates that respect for law needs to be inculcated.

"Children who are not taught respect for their elders, who defy authority and set up their own wishes against those legally chosen to manage the educational system, are on the path which will lead to anarchy unless they are trained to understand that a country without law is impossible; that the duty of every good citizen is to respect the law, and if it is not a good law take measures which are legal to change the law.

"Lawlessness in children leads to adult anarchy. It is not the children's fault. Those who know where such methods lead, those who are the guides of children, have no more important duty to the children or the nation than to cultivate respect for law, to show them that they owe respect to parents, to teachers, to those who are older and wiser than they are.

"Duties of citizenship, proper and improper methods of adjusting differences, patriotism, loyalty and a spirit controlled and calm in face of disappointments, should be a part of every child's education."

Flirtatious Booties

The Mayor of Oklahoma City, after having legislated liquor out of town, has now had his attention turned to the fur-topped boots that women are wearing. These, it is declared, constitute the next worse evil with which the Western city is afflicted.

The fur-bedecked footwear, according to a committee who visited his honor, are responsible for a 50% increase in flirtation and mashing. In short, they are held to be the devil's most potent invention, thus far.

Verily, it has been said with wisdom "to the pure all things are impure."

Catch as Catch Can

Now that we have learned to twinkle and fox-trot with the lissome grace of an Irene Castle and that we have reverted to our schooldays on the skating pond, and have achieved the figure-eight and the Dutch roll, we must, I am told, forget these trivial accomplishments. For wrestling is in!

Forego the waxed floor and glassy pond and come to the padded mat. Muscles are to be the order of the coming day. Formerly when a woman wanted to protect herself in a dire emergency she resorted to the lowly but not to be sniffed at hatpin, or even a sharp fingernail has been known to do effective work. Now we're to learn all about toeholds and scientific jujitsu methods.

"Throwing a man over" may come to have more than just ordinary significance.

Forsworn

Whenever a woman makes a vow that she's never going to marry it's a safe bet that she's been contemplating that very thing. Geraldine Farrar could tell you that.

Taken In

For the first time in the history of fashion, American dressmakers have been invited over to Paris to confer with the French couturiers in regard to the kind of styles that are to be put out.

Recognition at last. Heretofore our countrymen have been invited to come across with their pockets bulging with coin to purchase the creations that the Parisian stylemaker in the secrecy of his atelier planned without American consultation. Sometimes the finished product of his imagination was a bit weird. Witness the sheath and hobble skirt.

But the Paris craze was upon us and we copied and hobbled most fearfully. Then we found that the French women themselves had not accepted these atrocities. In fact, they were made for the American trade. That riled. Gradually our independence began to assert itself, and now there are some bold enough to say we are fully emancipated.

At any rate, a Franco-American Alliance has been formed to settle "the difficulties of the dressmaking trade."

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—Will you please tell me if the wireless signal S. O. S. has any meaning other than that it is a danger signal at sea? Kindly answer as soon as possible to settle an argument. HARRY.

S. O. S. is often popularly translated to mean "Save Our Souls." In reality it is simply a distress code signal.

Dear M'LISS—Please find out for me, if you can, which language has the greatest number of words, the English or the German? SCHOOL.

According to an authority that I have consulted the English language has 450,000 words and the German 150,000.

Dear M'LISS—Some time ago you printed a letter telling about a class in photography for women that was to be organized. Can you give me some information about this?

I am anxious to take up photography—want to learn it from the ground up—but do not want to go out of town to do so. Any help that you may give will be deeply appreciated. CAMERA.

The Lantern and Lens Guild of this city is going to give a course of instruction to women in photography. Miss Emily Fergusson, of that club, will be glad to tell you if the class has been completed or if there are still vacancies.

Dear M'LISS—What is the best way to give an invalid an alcohol bath? Is sponging the most efficient method? AMATEUR.

Yes, a sponge bath is good, but if you use 90 per cent. alcohol it is a rather expensive process if any of the liquid is wasted. One woman I know takes an old bath towel and makes a mitten to fit her hand. The friction, as well as the alcohol, is good for the patient.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



STUNNING FUR SET FOR GENERAL WEAR

THIS is the time of the year, and the best time, to buy furs. It is the wise woman who knows enough to wait until the January fur sales come, or shortly after this time, for just at this time the skins take the lowest figures possible. Take today's model, for instance. These furs ordinarily sell for \$175, according to the buyer. They are the precious and decidedly flattering natural blue fox, with a natural animal scarf, barrel muff and a soft ruffling of chiffon velvet. The price is \$95 just at present.

The hat may be had in satin or will be copied in straw if ordered. In black or colors, the shape is the chief attraction, with a French wing at one side for ornament. The price is \$18.50.

Full particulars as to where these articles may be bought will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 605 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

STERILIZED FOOD IS MOST COMMON CAUSE OF SCURVY

By WILLIAM A. BRADY, M. D.

SCURVY, or scorbutus as doctors call it, is nowadays rarely observed in adults, even in institutions, but it is still fairly frequent in babies artificially fed.

The condition is constitutional. It is characterized by spongy, bleeding gums, nose-bleed, extreme tenderness of the limbs to touch, swellings and discolorations like black-and-blue marks about the limbs, "rheumatic" pains and soreness, perhaps a disinclination to move the limbs almost like paralysis, pronounced paleness of skin and lips (anemia).

Usually the child's health has been apparently good up to the time of the attack, which is generally between the 5th and 15th month of life, though it may occur at any age and in the best of private homes. Indeed, most cases of scurvy nowadays are observed in the babies of the wealthier classes, who don't know how to feed babies.

Sterilized food is the most common cause of scurvy. Proprietary so-called "infant foods" are accountable for the majority of cases, and proprietary foods are almost always sterile, if they have no other virtues, although condensed milk is sometimes found contaminated with pus-producing germs. Pasteurized milk is sometimes responsible for scurvy. Clean raw milk is the only good imitation of a baby's natural food.

Simply changing the diet to unsterilized food will cure scurvy. The addition of fresh fruit juices, orange juice especially, is the best known remedy. Orange juice should be given in amounts of from a tablespoonful to six tablespoonfuls a day, divided into three doses, each dose about an hour before a milk feeding. Any other fresh fruit juice—peach juice, prune juice, apple juice—may be given if orange juice cannot be had. Even for a normal baby, being raised on the bottle, a teaspoonful of orange juice may be given once or twice a day between feedings, from the fifth or sixth month, as a mild laxative. Children over a year old should have fresh meat broths every second day and fresh vegetable soups every day as a preventive of scurvy symptoms as well as a cure.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Teacher Tries Her Hand

The teacher said my little girl has pink eyes. Please advise me what is good for pink eyes.

Answer—If she were our little girl, we would have an oculist or the family doctor make the diagnosis and prescribe accordingly. The teacher naturally doesn't know pink eyes from iritis or trachoma.

Calcium Sulphide Swells

Is calcium sulphide a blood purifier? Does it clear the complexion? It seems to drive out odorous impurities from the skin.

Answer—To both questions, no. It produces a bad odor, all right—hydrogen sulphide, like spoiled eggs—but it drives nothing out, except its own by-product.

BANQUETS

Parties up to 150 persons accommodated at our halls 920 Market Street and 1221 Chestnut Street MENUS, 50c UP HANSCOM'S Office, 734 Market Street

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Marion Harland's Corner

Would Adopt a Baby

WROTE to Mrs. R. D. about the girl she offered for adoption. As the child is 8 years of age she will not suit my want, as I desire a baby girl from 18 months to 4 years of age. Please keep my name upon your files, and when you hear of such a little one as I long for, let me hear from you. Thank you for all your kindness to me. MRS. C. A. V.

We have been the means of filling other motherly hearts with gladness by placing lonely, friendless babies in arms that ached to clasp them. We register your name, and with it the request that the reader who can bring to you the fulfillment of your wish will communicate at once with the Corner.

Novel Our Grandmothers Read

"When I was a girl I read a novel called 'Charlotte Temple,' said to be a story of Revolutionary time. It is a tale of a young girl whose lover deserted her. She was afterward buried in Trinity Churchyard, New York. C. A. V."

It must be all of 70 years since I, too, read the story of "Charlotte Temple," believing it to be fiction. Thirty years later I learned that it was really biographical, and visited the grave of the heroine in the churchyard of Trinity Church, New York. It struck me then and at several subsequent visits as strange that I frequently found fresh flowers upon the simple slab that bore her name. I am told that the brass tablet inserted in the marble, inscribed "Charlotte Temple," has been pried out and carried off by some vandal or a relic fiend since my last visit. Would it be practicable to get a copy of the old book which took such a hold of the sympathies of a dead and gone generation that pilgrims laid flowers above the heart of the betrayed and deserted girl for half a century after her death? Will collectors of old books and lovers of the romance of real life put us upon the trail which may lead to the discovery of the poor little history?

Hot Water Jug

"Do you need a hot water bottle? Get at any drug store or a grocery store a jug that will hold a gallon. See that it has a good cork. Use it filled with hot water. In many cases it is far better

than a hot water bag made of rubber. A. G."

Until within a few years the hot water jug was found in the best continental hotels in cold weather. Each bedroom was supplied with one. The rubber bag has superseded it now in the larger cities, but in Italian and Swiss provincial towns the jug made and used for this purpose alone still holds its own. May I add the suggestion of our esteemed correspondent that the jug will hold heat and be more comfortable to the feet if incased in a knitted or crocheted bag made to fit it? The same may be said of the hot water footbag. In my home a knitted cover hangs in the bathroom beside each hot water bag ready for service. The slipperiness of the uncovered rubber is peculiarly unpleasant to the feet of delicate persons and children. The worst case retains the heat in bag or jug all night. A nice present to an invalid relative in one of these bags crocheted in bright and harmonious colors.

Saving in the Kitchen

"I am interested in the economies of the kitchen. I believe waste is sinful. There is an old saying that a woman can throw out of the kitchen window as many dollars as she can bring in at the door. Nice little dishes may be prepared from left-overs. Wheat bread makes delicious puddings and toast, and when dried in the oven and rolled into crumbs for frying purposes or soup thickening is excellent. All kinds of bread leavings may be made into dressing, even if there is no meat served with it. Season it all the same, use butter or bacon drippings, and bake. It also makes delicious griddle cakes. Meat boiled with vegetables is often stacked up in country kitchens waiting for soup making. It is better for me than fresh fried bacon when crisped inside the oven, and drippings may be used for many things. Even burned bread makes an excellent coffee, to which milk and sugar may be added, and which is wholesome and nourishing—more so than the genuine bean. MRS. B. C. M."

The second half of this letter will appear later in the week. It is too long for insertion as a whole and altogether too good to be cut down. Readers will be on the lookout for it. She is a wise economist, and her "hints" are admirable throughout. Not a crumb of bread nor a

drop of dripping or gravy should be thrown away. I cannot imagine a condemn bits of cold meat to the fat pot. I mean, of course, bits that have not been served from dish to dish. The scrapings of plates are unfit to be put again upon the table. In hash, croquettes, scallops, and broths the scraps of meat and bones will do good service in competent hands.

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for a list of those they would like to help and, having received them, communicate direct with these parties.

Reflected Glory

"Piffle!" said the man when asked if it affected his pride to be known as the husband of a famous wife. "This reflected glory business is rot. I can't live the life of me understand what is the difference between being the husband of a 'successful' woman or a 'beautiful' woman. It is simply a matter of vanity after all. For my own part, I'm proud to have won her approval, no matter what the general public thinks."

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

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Table listing fur items and prices: Hudson Seal Muffs (15.00), Hudson Seal Scarfs (7.50), Natural Beaver Muffs (12.50), etc.

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MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS



FIDO'S INTENTIONS WERE PERFECTLY GOOD, BUT

JINKS! I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO WEAR THIS AWFUL NECKTIE AUNT GA. ME. IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE AN ELECTRIC SIGN. I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO. I'LL LET FIDO PLAY WITH IT AND AUNT WILL THINK IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. HERE FIDO! FIDO. OH! STOP HIM! STOP HIM! OH! MONTY'S BEAUTIFUL TIE. NAUGHTY! NAUGHTY! I GUESS THAT'S THE FINISH OF THAT UNEARTHLY CRAVAT. GIVE IT HERE, YOU BAD DOG. HOW FORTUNATE 'NOT A MARK ON IT! WHAT WONDERFUL LUCK. CURSES