

MRS. THEODORE W. BIRNEY

The Woman Who Originated and Organized the Mothers' Congress.

Mrs. Theodore W. Birney of Washington, a southern woman, a native of Marietta, Ga., is the mother of the Mothe ers' Congress. The idea of bringing mothfor a more enlightened parenthood origknown in social life and philanthropic the idea at Chautauqua in 1895. The did otherwise and were themselves, society was informally organized in might come to them from some neigh-1896 and was formally organized and bor, acquaintance or friend. And so its first national congress held in 1897, the farce of living goes on with many

joy. She has three fine girls, who, in all the arduous duties Mrs. Birney has



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performed, have never lacked for a mother's care. All her life she has been, in one sense of the word, a reformer along the lines of philanthropy and carrying sunshine into desert places

Mrs. Birney conceived the idea that better mothers could be made of the thousands of young women who year after year take upon themselves the vows of wedlock, but who are as little fitted to face its duties and cares as are the babes that come to their often unwilling arms. There were clubs for everything on earth, but there was nowhere for the struggling young mother to turn for advice and counsel when deprived, as she often was, by distance or death of the aid and assistance of her mother.

"Orphan asylums are excellent institutions, reform schools fill a certain need and jails are a necessity." she said, "but if we had educated mothers, or perhaps I should say women educated to make competent, capable mothers,' the orphan asylums, reform schools and jails would want for in-_ mates.

With this thought in her beart Mrs. Birney went to Chautauqua and there presented her idea. It took the audience by storm. "The world seemed ready for it," she says modestly. During the winter of 1896 the interest and invaluable co-operation of that truly great philanthropist, Mrs. Phebe A. Hearst, were secured. Her generosity made possible the first congress, which was successfully held in Washington in February 1897. Since then the National Mothers' Congress has held yearly sessions that have been fruitful la results, and numerous local organizations of mothers have sprung up all over the country, thus enlarging the scope of the good work begun by Mrs. Birney.

Home Hospitality.

Hospitality in the home possesses such a charm when dispensed in the right spirit that it becomes easily one of the chief features of home life. To keep always in the mood for meeting cheerfully any guest who may drop in unexpectedly as well as to receive those specially invited-this is the secret of hospitality. It is simple enough to extend the hand of welcome when every guest has been arranged for, when the house is in perfect order and the menu prepared ready to serve. But it is when the friend uninvited for a special occasion happens in at mealtime, more than likely some one the good man of the house olings home to dinner without consulting his wife as to the convenience of the act, that the real spirit of the mistress of the house is put to the test.

The day may have been a particularly harassing one, things may have "gone wrong" every hour, as they sometimes seem to do-wherever the fault may lie need not here be conjectured-the dinner may be practically a failure, the fire in the furnace low, the cook cross and things at sixes and sevens generally. If under such circumstances the wife rises to the occasion, or above it rather, and meets and greets the guest with a hearty welcome, laughs away any seeming incomvenience and places before him such as she has without elaborate and embarrassing apologies, she has the true hospitable spirit, which is a quality as rare as it is delightful, and one well worth cultivating. - Detroit News-Trib-

une, w. Y. O ad there are seeing by C. Y. W. A. What Will People Say!

There is one question in the mind of the modern woman that is doing her more distinct harm than any other in the entire interrogative category. and that is the ever recurring one, "What will people say?" If the truth could be known, it is this question that influences seven-eighths of the actions | of women, and the opinion which the question implies has a perfect terror to thousands of women.

It is this fear of "what people will

say" that is keeping many a woman away from her own fellest develop-ment and out of her highest estate. I firmly believe that thousands of women would today gladly push out of their lives scores of the things that really not matter if they were not mortally afraid of what other people would say. They know that many of the things they do are of no moment, yet they do them and so a ploine them because they fear the voice of the world in criticism. They play fast and loose with health and become burdens to themselves and to others around them; they push the big things out of their ers together in a national united effort lives because there is no place for them: they miss the happiness of doinated with Mrs. Birney, who is well ing the things that are worth whileand why? Because they cannot incur circles. She first publicly presented the possible comment which, if they the farce of living goes on with many Mrs. Birney was elected and re-elected women, and meanwhile they thempresident year after year unt. she declined longer to serve.

Mrs. Birney is one of those mothers who find in motherhood their greatest mai.

To know how to interest ourselves is what makes as interesting. There is a wide difference between a dull woman and a quiet one. A dull woman may be quite talkative, and yet her conversation will be anything but interesting. The natural reticence of a quiet woman who possesses good characteristic qualities affords a gentle dignity which is a charming attraction. Forward women are generally disliked. They may be witty and bright, but the courage they manifest is too coarse to please refined minds. The woman who is too backward in her manner places. herself at a disadvantage. She is generally a self conscious creature whose society is rarely sought. A well bred woman makes herself interesting by endeavoring to unselfishly please others. She knows how to be a friend without being too familiar. She bas an infinite amount of respect for the feelings of others, which is one of the secrets of her success.

A Plea For Cheerful Halls. The hall and stairway being among the most important esthetic factors in a house it is a pity that so many women insist on using dark browns and greens on the walls in preference to bright, cheerful papers. The visitor who enters from the street is open to first impressions, and certainly a duil. somber impression of this sort is hardly reassuring. If there are children in the household who would scratch or soil a delicate paper, the best way out of the dilemma is to have a dark walnscoting, surmounted by a brighter paper, or a plain, dark paper in the wainscoting could be used. One of those brown wood imitation wainscotings might be applied if economy made. it seem desirable, only provided a bright, attractive paper were used

above ft.

The Superior Wamania: 10 de Perhaps the most dreaded class of women are those who afflict others with a sense of their superior worth in a way that plainly says: "I am a very excellent personage. I am indeed quite perfect, and I want you to know it." One of the unfailing proofs of superior ity is not to be inflated with the weight of one's worth. The truly great carry their honors very, very lightly, and those whose lives are the purest, no-blest and sweetest make no show of the fact beyond the beauty of heart which they unconsciously impart Beautiful characteristic qualities are the poetry of the human heart, They have their enchantments that are use ful to dife and to manners, for they give us both happiness and virtue.

The Shoulders and Neck.

As a rule, a lovely neck and shoulders should be left to speak for themselves. Oddly enough, women with really fine necks have the idea that by ornaments or trinkets they increase or at least call attention to their beauty; This is a mistake. The gracious lines of the shoulders and the sweep from the nape of the neck down the back are broken and have their value Jessened by a necklace. However, if one must be worn, let it be of pearls for a neck of alabaster whiteness. One less clear in color should have rubles or sapplires as the most becoming stones.

Vaseline Stains.

Vaseline stains are about as obstinate as any to remove from clothing. If the stained garment is fine, it is worth while to go to the trouble of cleansing it with ether. Saturate the spots with the ether and spread smoothly on a clean surface. Cover tightly with a bowl to prevent too rapid evaporation. Ether will remove many grease stains, but it should be used with all possible caution.

Calefmining the Room." 21128 Rooms where the paper is hideous or

defeced and where repapering is prohibited can be calcimined in any preferred shade. The calcimine will dry in a few hours, and if the design of the paper appears through at all it will be merely as a faint tracery.

If an iron bedstead is disfigured by spots where the paint has worn off, get white enamel paint and cover the spots. After these dry cover the whole with one thin coat. assignant a dulw . Maiss

Every housekeeper should inspect her kitchen and pantry towels every few days to see that they are wholesome, clean and well alred, od sanaoed "dan

Bracelets always set off a handsome hand and detract attention from an unattractive one.

Moths will not come near clothes | How does a stove feel when full of sprinkled with turpentine.



LITTLE LADIES FIRST.

That Is the Way It Always Is In This "Spelling Class.

In spelling class at school, you know, always number two No matter what I do. W bus yo

Sometimes I miss a word, aithough I try with all my might. And Dotty—she is number one



THE CLASS

And if she chance to miss a word, ... Why, I declare, I do! And so she stays the number one, And I stay number two ...

Mangnia says, "Little ladies first " Should ever be the rule,"
And that's the way it always is In spelling class at school. Helder S. Daly in Exchange.

Burning a Coin. Here is a little piece of parlor magic, very simple leasily performed, yet very mystifying. Take a piece of paper four laches one way by five luches the other. Put the coin-a cent will do-on the paper and fold the paper over it from the top to within one inch of the bottom. Then fold the right hand side of the paper under the cent and the left hand side in the same way. Don't forget that these folds must be under the cent.

Then fold the bottom inch of the paper under the cent also, and it will seem that you have securely wrapped the cent up, whereas it will be in a sort of pocket and will readily slip out into either of your hands at your pleas-

Allow the spectators to feel the coin through the paper. Then take the paper from your left hand into your right, and let the cent slip out into your left hand as you do so. This you must do dextrously, so that no one may see the act. Now burn the paper, and the cent will have disappeared.

ob toob , ax Bubble Party, W . 88300

A pretty form of amusement 4s a soap bubble party, which may be made to take the form of a spirited contest. for the young people. Five rings of paper should be suspended in a doorway. Large bowls of strong sonpstids. in which a tablespoonful of glycerin has been dissolved, and a dozen or more clay pipes are the other materials need-

ed for the bubble party. The players take turns in trying to blow their perfeet bubbles through the different rings. Each person is allowed two attempts to blow his bubble through a ring, and to the successful "thubblers" is given a score. The person gaining the highest score is awarded some triffing prize.

Do It Yourself, rabgindT a

Why de you ask the teacher or some classmate to solve that hard problem? Do it yourself. You might as well let some one else eat your dinner as to "do your sums" for you, says the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Do not ask the teacher to parse all the difficult words or to assist you in the performance of any of your duties. Do it yourself. Do not ask for even a hint from anybody. Try again.

Every trial increases your ability and you will finally succeed by dint of the very wisdom and strength gained in this effort, even if at Bret the problem is far beyond your skill. It is the study, not the answer, that really rewards your pains.

Brain Twisters.

A man started on a fourney with a fox, a goose and a peck of corn. Coming to a river he was puzzled how he was to get across, as he could take but one of his possessions at a time, and he could not leave the fox and goose together, for the fox would eat the goose. He could not leave the goose and corn together, for the goose would eat the corn. How did he arrange it so he got them all across safely 2000 to

A man had eight gallons of wine in a keg. He wanted to divide it so as to get one-half. He had only a three gallon keg, a five gaffon keg and a seven gallon keg. How did he divide it to get one-hatt?" was the care willad-eno

damaged, and cost was scattered Bessie Wanted the Same! Jon A gentleman was dining with a family of which little Bessle was a mem-When her father began to carve the turkey, he asked the minister what part he preferred and was told it was Immaterial After witme to was Ruse sie's turn to be served, and in cepty to a similar query from papa she replied. "I desa you may give me a piece of ze Im'terial too.' The greatest sign we have

o bust odcomundrums, ods square What can pass the sun without mak ing a shadow? The wind, old wourse

Why is a guidebook like a pair of handcuffs? Because it is unde for tourists (two wrists).



No. 419,-Meingram. 1. Principal surface. 2 A small river fish. 3. Me sure of three feet. 4. An emblem of authority | 25/ Work Composed of fine turends. G. A running in competition.

No. 120 .- Syncopations. (Example, 11 byon't went away, a reason would become a box. Answer-

Ca-u-se, case l, trianti il tredos --1. To grieve would become part of the day.

2h A weight would become a body of the Centre Democrat (arotow 3. A measure would become a kind of plum.

4 To stimulate would become a 5. A vehicle would become to contendema

6. A goal would become innate.
7. A thin stuff would become to stare. 8. An opening would become an in-9. A course would become repetition.

e heep marker inches that the No. 121.-Charade. The riber, a body of a plant, A post, a fund, or cattle; SECOND, quite opposed to rant . And never known in battle; The whole I have a notion, and

Is to be devoid of motion as sesore No. 122.-Hidden States. (Example: One of the twelve months of the year; a kind of grain from which

bread is made; real estate. Answer-May-rye-land, Maryland. Find the names of five states in the

followings 1. Invite: a feature of the face; a number; near; a vowel 2. A young unmarried woman; acid;

personal pronoun. 3. A girl's name; not difficult; a girl's name, all syns 4. A large quantity; speak; masti-

cate; several things of the same sort or suited to each other.

No. 123.-Connected Diamonds. - Edono od the dill of onoisibo has boen yourng his modier, Mrs.

L-1. A letter. 2. The projection on a wheel or axle to produce reciprocating motion. 3. Reeds. 4. A wild enthuslast. 5. Measure. 6. A title. 7. A letter

II .- I. A letter. 2. One-half of copper. 3. A vial for sauces. 4. Native land. 5. Small. 6. To attempt. 7. A letter, of the Rejoined charen of north

No. 124.-Illustrated Rebuses.



1. A fact in natural bistory 2. A motte for young workers.

No. 125,-Transposals. "You see," said the doctor, "the has such slight hold that if he goes to the --- Immediately you will find and will soon recover."

No. 126,-Missing Rhymes. Safe screened by hills on either -...

No. 127,-Progressive Enigman, 1. We made a 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 exploration of the city and paid our 9-10-11-12 when we came to the end of the last 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12.

2. I shall 1-2-3 the note as soon as I am 4-5-6-7, although it is not 1-2-3

4-5-6-7 for some days yet. 3. The guide quoted a 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 which said that no one should go through the 1-2-3-4 whose 5-6-7 was under the limit.

de their first meeting.

No. 128,-Double Behendings. Doubly behead pluader and get a certain form of lubricator, Doubly behead to clean and get a

possessive propoun.

Doubly behead unclouded and get a part of the human body. Doubly beliead a species of trefoll grass and get across as loigaT day

No. 110.—Triangles: L.—1. Kipling. 2. Inhere. 3. Phase. 4. Lest. 5. Ire. 8. Ne. 7. G. IL—1. Prowl. 2. Rare. 3. Ore. 4. We. 5. L. No. 111. Geographical Puzzies: Oakland. Key West.

No. 112 A Concealed Poets Emerson. 1. Eels. 2. Emma. 3. Seel. 4. Spar. 5. Ease. 6. Tone. 7. Nose. No. 113. Transpositions: Artist, I start, art 'tie, tart is, No. 114.—Easy Riddlemerce: Ele-phant

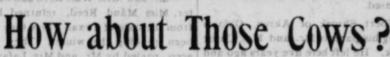
No. 115 Plowers Napkin, pink Irritations: tes: Currycombs, crocus Prophesy: rose of the

No. 116 .- Charate: Dip-lo-mate. No. 117 -- Primal Acrostic: America. 1. Amazon, 2. Maine. 3. Emerald. 4. Rivulet. 5. Inaction. 6. Captivate. 7. Armament. No. 118 -Additions: Pearl Pearl

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