

# WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

## Parents and the Child

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A sentence from one of the books by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has been much quoted. In describing the affairs of a married couple she says: "All went well until the baby came. I have observed that all usually does go well until the baby comes."

When the story containing this paragraph appeared the opinion it expressed was widely discussed. "Ah, sentimentalists exclaimed, 'Are not children a link to unite parents more closely than before? If a man loves his wife he will love her better as the mother of his children.'"

"Surely," said other sentimentalists, "the woman will love her husband better when she has her children. When she looks at them, she will think of their father. It is evident Elizabeth Stuart Phelps knows nothing about the matter. Her statement is entirely false."

But was it false? While acknowledging that there is some truth in what sentimentalists say, can we deny that children are too often the causes of discussions and dissensions between parents?

In the first place, the little ones demand much time that was once bestowed upon the husband, or, at least, claimed by him. Moreover, the man and woman have different ideas of how children should be trained. The father is sometimes too strict; the mother is often too lenient. There are also homes in which this rule is reversed, and the wife is the disciplinarian while the husband is over-indulgent.

Every child is better for a combination of influences. He needs the watchful tenderness of the mother and the knowledge that she always understands him. But he also requires a firm masculine hand on the reins of government. I say this is what he needs. It is not always what he gets. I suppose, as fathers and mothers are only small human beings like the rest of mankind, they must make grave errors in the training of their sons and daughters.

It is a pity that it is the poor child who suffers from the experiments of dutiful and well-meaning parents. I am always sorry for the first child. Upon him the young couple who are responsible for his existence try all their pet theories. And as all weather signs fall in a drought, so all theories must fail in certain instances.

Without meaning to show shameless partiality towards my own sex, I must maintain that in the majority of cases the mother understands the small child better than does the

father. Why shouldn't she? It would be strange if she did not. From birth she is with him for hours while the father is with him for minutes.

She sees him when he is happy and when he is miserable, when he is naughty and when he is good. There is also a bond between a mother and her child that does not exist between a father and his offspring. It is too subtle and sensitive a thing to be described in words, but it exists.

If one doubts it let him pause to consider how much oftener fathers will disown children than mothers will. I have known good men who shut their doors upon wayward sons. I do not know a respectable mother who has ever done this.

She deserves no particular credit for this. She cannot help the nature that makes it impossible for her to banish her child from her life. But in view of these facts it is foolish to state that the average father loves his child with the self-abandonment peculiar to a genuine mother.

Therefore it is hard for a man to understand a mother's attitude of resentment towards her husband's dealings with some of the shortcomings of her children.

"That baby should be forced to lie still and keep quiet!" he declares when roused in the night by the wailing of his year-old son.

"But he is teething, dear," the wife reminds him.

"Teething or no teething, he ought to be taught obedience!" the man insists. "Why don't you spank him and tell him to lie still?"

"Spank him!" she bursts forth in horrified accents. "Spank him because he is suffering! Never!"

"Very well, then I go into another room where I can have some peace," the incensed husband bursts forth. "Now you can spoil the child to your heart's content."

And, with as much dignity as is compatible with pajamas and slippers, the master of the domain repairs to the vacant spare bedroom to spend the rest of the night in comfortable and self-righteous slumber.

And the wife, as soon as the door closes behind him, snatches the baby from the crib and clasps him to her breast, whispering to him fearfully that he is her darling, her comfort.

As this is just what the youngster wanted her to do, he sinks into a peaceful slumber upon her arm. And she, allowing him to remain there through the remainder of the night, is fulfilling her husband's prediction that she will "spoil the child to her heart's content."



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A new idea among the engineering societies is to see that the public get correct and scientific information on such matters and presented to them in such form that they will understand and appreciate the facts. One of the foremost societies in the country