

Reading for Women and all the Family



Little Talks by Beatrice Fairfax

case of child beating, the intervention of the Children's Society and the arrest of the father, who inflicted "twenty-two lacerations in the arms and body."

It is to be hoped when this case comes up for trial, the police court justice may not repeat the conduct of another judge a week or two ago.

This arbitrator of our destinies ongratulated the parents, who had been haled before him on a charge of brutality and said that he, the judge, "would have done the same

thing in his place."

And yet parents of this type wonder why children lie to protect themselves, run away from home and frequently come to a bad end. When a parent flogs a child in

rage it is never the child's welfare he has in view, but the venting of his anger on a helpless victim. And the victim seldom forgets: let parents who look forward to happy relations with their children in the evening of life bear this in mind.

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A child may deceive a parent who beats him, with a pretense of affection, but the feeling is seldom genuine. If an animal resents and remembers cruelty why should a child, infinitely more highly organized, forget?

And why respectable people, indulging themselves in this ignoble weakness, should feel called upon to quote Solomon's "Spare the rod and spoil the child," I don't know.

Certainly they do not quote as

that way.

Develop Responsibility
On the other hand, children who have persisted in incorrigibility under daily beatings have developed on had a thousand "secondary wives" as the Germans call them.

They are rather ashamed of that, but they are strong in quoting him as an upholder of flogging. In the opinion of the most advanced students of child welfare, he was as benighted, as brutal, as lacking in real wisdom in one case as in the other.

Children's Court Stories

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On the other hand, children who have persisted in incorrigibility under daily beatings have developed on appealing to their sense of responsibility.

"You are a part of the family unit, George; if you fall in these while all suffer." The boy waited for the usual threats; they did not come.

Sometimes he failed, sometimes he did not. It was a long, uphill task getting him to realize the part he played in family life.

But finally he comprehended, and

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Children's Court Stories

Spand a session in any Children's Court and the stories of youthful crime invariably begin with accounts of unmerciful whippings at home. A child is a human being, having self-preservation as his strongest instinct. In evading a brutal thrashing by any means in his power he is carrying out a physical law that is as old as man.

A generation ago, people spoke unblushingly of "breaking a child's spirit," not realizing that they were killing in the child the divine spark God gave him to go through life.

Now that we have "Mothers' Councils" and societies for the promotion of child welfare, we have discovered what a crime this was. That the child whose spirit was broken did not get far on the road.

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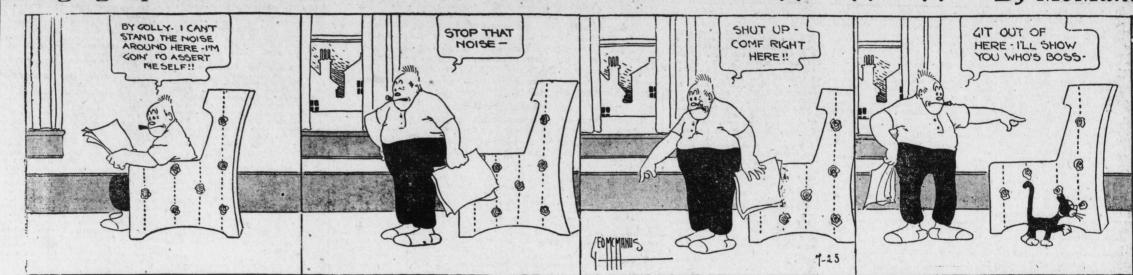
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why force yourself on a young man who has expressed himself in such a way that your trying to meet him can only belittle you? Even if you did meet him he would under the circumstances, probably do nothing to further the acquaintance. I think the sensible thing to do is just forget all about him.

LIFE'S PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED

By MRS. WILSON WOODROW

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a little commonsense, and sunshine.

"Dear Madam—As a reader of your column, I would like to ask your opinion. Do you believe that true friendship exists among women?
"I have few friends, because most of the girls I went to school with have now grown up and turned to frivolity, and the others are in a position where they can afford things which I cannot, and, truthfully speaking, about which I do not care, —such as lots of clothes, etc. I am satisfied with having plain things and only those which I need.

"There is one girl I know and esteem very highly, but another girl of the same age as ourselves—she is not yet twenty-one—is more of a coquette than I would care to be with, as I dislike any form of co-

with, as I dislike any form of coquetry. Several times lately when the three of us have had an appointment, the other two have gone away without saying a word to me, and when I would call for them I would find that they had gone without leaving even a message.

fell for it."

A warm glow of sympathy flooded my being. "I've been going through the same soul struggle," I confessed. "It's been a pair of shoe buckles with me."

And yet you ask, Can there be

Woman's Danger Period

BE HONEST

JEAR MISS FAIRPAX:

I am 25 and am going about with a man of 45. I like this man very much, but I cannot say I love him. Do you think the difference in ages is too great? I know this man loves me very much.

A. B.

Age is not the real issue; temperament is. A man of 45 may still be boylish, virile, full of the joy of living and in every way able to command a girl's love as well as her respect. Don't lead the man to believe that you care for him when you yourself are in doubt of your feelings. On the other hand, give your feelings a fair chance to develop and prove them selves through companionship — out of which happy love often grows.

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