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MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

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No. 28. How Shall We Cure the Destructive Child?
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"Little wild animals" is the expression used by many mothers in speaking of the neighbors' children. All too frequently these little so-called wild animals run through flower beds, climb verandas, make no end of noise and do various other things to try a mother's patience. The question is: How control them when on your premises?

One mother reports a case, the treatment of which may interest other mothers:

"Two neighbor boys, aged four and six, were pulling leaves and twigs off the shrubbery. At the dining table, the hostess remarked that she had been annoyed the past few days by several of the neighbors' children. The moment she caught sight of the two boys, she hastened to the window, tapped it lightly and, with a frown on her face, motioned for them to leave. But they didn't leave. The frown she wore was one reason. Her tapping on the window and thus seeming to reprove them

before company was another. Still another reason, pre-supposed, is that she never entered their play or showed them that she was interested in their having a good time. These are the most important reasons.

Instead of going to the window, she should have gone quiet to the door, called the older of the boys to her with a positive smile on her face, and after the boy reached her, said slowly in a low voice, something like this: "Byron, you and Chester may play on the lawn out here but do not touch any of the shrubbery. This is certainly a fine day, isn't it?"

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go now. Come back again sometime. "Good-by."

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Many Seek Furloughs to Work With Farmers; Must Give Full Data

The United States Employment Service has been deluged with requests by military men for information regarding the necessary steps to be taken to secure furloughs from army duties so that they may do pressing agricultural service in the farm areas. The approach of the planting season for 1919 and the scattering of the fall corn crop are responsible for the requests. The War Department has issued general orders granting furloughs to men needed in agricultural occupations this fall. Commanding officers at the different camps will decide on all furloughs given. Men on being willing to work on farms may do so but the requests for furloughs must come from farmers. Instructions to do farm work are granted through the applicant's local draft board. A special blank form is used in making out the request. Whether the farmer or the soldier makes the application, the latter must give complete information concerning the location of the farm, necessity for the furlough, acreage figures and other data. The military authorities judge by this whether the soldier should or should not be a temporary farmer.

Deferred classifications are given men now on the farms until after the seeding and harvesting time has passed. Application for deferred classification under the circumstances must be made first to the local draft board and upon its approval be sent to the district draft board for final sanction.

The Plotters

A New Serial of East and West By Virginia Terhune Van de Wurbne

CHAPTER XLVIII

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The "short cut" through the woods was so rough that John Butler and Elizabeth Wade had to go slowly.

Yet they made few comments on the unevenness of the trail. For the past hour they had been talking steadily. Now that all questions had been—for the present at least—asked and answered, a silence fell upon them.

But it was busy with thoughts too deep for words.

Elizabeth was reviewing mentally all that she had heard through this summer—the fears, her sinkings of heart, above all her dread of John Butler's anger with her for the plot in which she had played so large a part.

For it might have turned out very differently. John might not have recovered his health. Or he might have been angry with Douglas and herself.

She had not told her companion of how little money Douglas had, but that she had a fight he had to make. That was something that concerned her and her brother. She was not so foolish as to fancy that all her brother's secrets must be confided to the man whom she was to marry.

She felt almost guilty as she reflected on how much smoother her own path would probably be than Douglas's path had been. She had no idea as to how much money her betrothed had. She did not care. She knew that he could support her, and it did not matter how simply they must live.

Of course John's mother had money, but John would not touch that. The probability was that he must work just as hard for his living now that he was restored to health as must any other young man who is not actually poor.

Perhaps he might carry on his profession as scientific farmer. He had proved what he could do with that farm that had been sadly neglected for years.

Her Spirits Drop

And now that she remembered the fear she recalled her anxiety with regard to it, and her spirits dropped suddenly. In her new-found happiness she had forgotten that she must part with the place that was so dear to her. Yet she was glad that there was a chance that Amos would not own it, that John had a friend who might buy that farm which she had bought something about this possible purchaser.

"John!" She spoke so abruptly

that her betrothed was startled toward his musings.

"Yes, darling," solicitously. "What's wrong? Have you hurt yourself—or are you very tired?"

"Nothing's the matter," she laughed at his question. "I was only wondering when you could get in touch with the friend you mentioned."

"What friend?" he questioned, puzzled.

"The man you thought might want to buy the farm from Douglas," she explained.

John Butler put his arm about her and drew her to him.

"Why do you ask, little girl?"

"I was just wondering," she confessed. "If you could communicate with him soon—for I do not want Amos to own the place."

"He won't," with a confident smile. "The man I spoke of has decided to buy it at your brother's own price."

"Oh! Her exclamation was so fraught with astonishment that her companion smiled. "But how do you know? Surely you have not had time to confer with him? Who is he?"

"Guess!" he teased.

Then, as she saw the look in his eyes, the truth burst upon her.

"Oh, John," she breathed, "you do not mean—oh, my dear—you can't afford—that is, do you mean—"

She stopped, words falling her.

"Yes," he declared, "I do mean just that. I want the farm as a present to the dearest girl that ever lived. Darling if your brother will part with it I am going to buy it. Then it will be yours absolutely. Why, Elizabeth, darling—you are crying!"

Tears of Joy

"Oh, John," she murmured, clinging to him. "There is not such another man in all the world!"

"Perhaps it is well for the world that there is not!" he mocked. "But we must get on home, dear girl, for we have quite a rough path ahead of us."

He was right. The path proved so rough that, when they reached the edge of the wood, Elizabeth's shoes were mud-stained, and her thin dress torn by snags and roots.

"What a fright I look!" she exclaimed, surveying her muddy skirt. "I am ashamed of my appearance."

"You need not be," he assured her. "In my estimation you look lovelier, with each minute that passes."

She laughed at his tender words.

"If that were only true," she said, "I might be a beauty by the time I am an octogenarian. But I am glad I am good to look at in your eyes, John."

"Oh!" as a step sounded on the dry leaves ahead of them, "who is that coming?"

A moment later the intruder came into view.

It was Talak, and he was stumbling along the wooded path, his head bent, muttering to himself. So absorbed was he in his own thoughts that he did not see the pair who stood watching his approach.

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New German Chancellor Foe to Democracy

Washington, Oct. 7. — As casting an interesting sidelight on the views of the new German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian of Baden, who has become suddenly a central figure in world affairs, the translation of a speech delivered by the Prince on August 22, the one hundredth anniversary of the granting of a constitution to Baden.

The Prince, who at the time probably had no idea that he was soon to be the spokesman for Germany in an attempt to bring about peace, cast a decided slur upon "the western democracies," and said he hoped their mob rule, Lynch-justice and "boycotts would always remain foreign to Germany. He referred to the "heavily armed" Clemenceau and Lloyd George and "the low and rude sentiments for our enemies."

He declared that England, France and America were determined to destroy Germany; that their long-shattered illusions on this subject were rising again, but shall be shattered again.

Through the speech runs a vein of "unchangeable faith" the ruler of Germany, and the Prince quotes from a declaration of the Upper Chamber of the Baden Parliament at the time the constitution was granted, this sentiment:

"The war is still going on. In England, France and America the determination to destroy us is becoming more shamefully apparent than ever. Their old long-shattered illusions are again rising. But they shall be shattered again. It is not necessary for us to encourage ourselves to remain united. Every act, every speech of the hostile governments, calls out to us: 'Close your ranks; the storm which is threatening our national life is severe and will last long. Who doubts that we will victoriously withstand it?' The Upper Chamber of Baden thanks your Royal Highness (the Grand Duke of Baden) for the message which you have given testimony of the thought of German freedom, as it has remained alive throughout our history. With moved heart, it repeats today the vow of unchangeable faith toward its ruler."

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