

FOR 'DAD-AND-BOY' EVENING **W**HEN a boy loses his father by death, the world feels that he has lost his surest guide to manhood, and pity is always expressed that his upbringing is left entirely in the hands of his mother.

Such a loss is sad for any boy, but how much sadder the fate of those who lose their fathers by life? Who have them, and yet have them not; who are separated from them by the demands of business, pleasure or indifference; who have their fathers in flesh, but not in spirit?

It is never possible for a mother to exercise the same influence over a growing boy that a father can. In the first place she is held away from him by the gigantic wall of sex; she can never hope to understand the needs of his developing nature as a man could.

Her maternal instinct yearns over her manchild and her heart is as wax toward him. Every growing boy needs a man's guiding hand, and it is appalling how many fathers do not seem to realize this fact.

If fathers could be made to realize that the giving of even one evening every week to their boys might mean the making of future great men, surely there is not one who would begrudge this time, and count it well spent.

Our boys, after all, stay with us as boys for such a pitifully short time.

PORCH SWING VS. FLIVVER **H**ERE'S a warm editorial for family consumption given by Mrs. Lindley Brown, head of the women's police department, to the Birmingham (Ala.) Post:

"The automobile, one of the greatest and most useful of our modern inventions, yet highly destructive to our youth, has robbed the home of its former charm and interest for the child, and in many instances for the parents as well.

"The modern daughter and son are allowed to choose their own companions now. And morals in this age are much more loose than when mother and father were children. Therefore, children are open to fall in with most any one.

"The porch swing and the front parlor have been the scene of many beautiful romances, just as the automobile in many cases has been the background for the ruin of many girls and boys."

"What the home needs is more generalship, drilling and training of the young recruits by parents.

"After all, the modern boys and girls are really a reflection of the home. For is this not an age of parental irresponsibility? Has not the parents' influence, in many cases, caused their children to drift from the home into the modern maelstrom of pleasure?

"I repeat. Give them the porch swing and the front parlor and store the flivver and we'll have less to worry about the 'terrible younger generation,' as it is called."

UNCLE SAM'S ROAD **I**RONWORKERS cheer as they finish the big bridge over the Tanana River in Alaska. Far off, in Washington, D. C., the government announces: "This practically completes the building of the Alaskan Railroad."

It's owned and operated by Uncle Sam, every inch of its 467 miles. It'll help build up a vast territory, unlocking a treasure chest of wealth. Watch its results, to see how government ownership works when it doesn't inherit the mistakes of private ownership. The only other railroads owned and operated by Uncle Sam are the Panama line and several short lines on western irrigation projects.

SOME ASININE WEEKS **C**ONSIDERING the season, why not include in the endless chain of special weeks, a Borrow Your Neighbor's Lawnmower Week, a Quiet Radio for Baseball Week and an Office Boys' Grandmother's Dead Week?

The League Against Handshaking is considering a special week devoted to its propaganda. Also the Society for the Suppression of Spring Onion Eaters.

A WISE SORT OF BETTING **L**IFE insurance companies did a bigger business in March than in any month of the past, 209,000 taking out new policies for amounts totaling over half a billion dollars. This epidemic of betting that we'll die before the insurance companies think we will, shows common sense and thrift, as well as widespread fear of death and its responsibilities.

Questions

ASK THE TIMES

Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times' Washington Bureau, 3222 N. W. Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, and love and marriage questions, and other questions which can be answered, can be referred to the reporter who handles them, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—EDITOR.

What was the value of the coverts exported from the United States in 1921? \$2,295,555.

What was the wheat acreage of the United States in 1922? 46,069,000 acres.

For what is antimony used? Principally as a hardening agent in such alloys as type metal.

What kinds of furnaces are used for cremating the human body?

Two types, the reverberatory and the regenerative. In the former a tongue of flame, coming directly from the fuel, is deflected onto the body. In the latter, gas is produced from coke, and then burned in the chamber containing the body. Both methods are equally effective, but the latter furnace is more costly to construct. It lends itself, however, to a more satisfactory means of collecting the ashes, and probably is more in keeping with popular sentiment. In the modern crematorium chapel is provided for funeral services. The coffin rests on a catafalque which, at the close of the service, passes noiselessly, by means of invisible mechanical arrangements, into the cremating chamber and out of sight of those attending the service. The temperature required is from 1,300 degrees to 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit.

What is "corn flour" and what is it used for? In the United States it is corn meal ground and boiled until it is as fine as wheat flour. It is used in considerable

GOVERNORS PLAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Real and Foster Mothers Fight for Girl



MRS. JAMES NUTTALL, FOSTER MOTHER (LEFT); MRS. CHARLES MORRIS, REAL MOTHER OF BEATRICE, WHO IS FIGHTING FOR HER CHILD IN THE COURTS (CENTER); AND BEATRICE NUTTALL (RIGHT).

By United Press

CHICAGO, April 30.—Beatrice Nuttall, 12, whose real and foster mothers have created a strange emotional drama by asking a court to decide her custody, today declared she will flee if awarded to the mother who gave her birth.

The child, after establishing a friendship between the two women, pleaded to live with Mrs. James Nuttall, the foster parent, who has kept her since she was a week old.

Mrs. Charles Morris, the real mother, started court action for Beatrice after a twelve-year search through several States for her. She claimed that Beatrice was taken from her and given in adoption by relatives who feared disgrace because the child was born out of wedlock.

Mrs. Morris later married Clayton B. Klinger, whom she says is the father of the child, and he has been subpoenaed to testify when the case is heard before two Superior Court judges tomorrow.

"Mrs. Nuttall is the only mother I

have ever known," said Beatrice today. "I love her. If they take me away from her, I'll run away and after a long time I'll walk back here to Mrs. Nuttall's home."

All Chicago was stirred by the tangle of mother love today. A dozen or more ministers preached sermons on the case yesterday and church congregations offered prayers that Superior Judges Joseph B. David and Claire C. Edwards be given divine inspiration in deciding wisely the fate of the girl.

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Conference Called to Further Constitutional Amendments on Wage Laws.

By United Press

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34 DOUGHNUTS EATEN

SAN MATEO, Calif., April 30.—Other cities may claim the long distance dancing champion, but San Mateo presents Jim McGrath, the doughnut-eating champion.

McGrath devoured 34 doughnuts in 10 minutes.

He disposed of thirty-four in a contest.

Liberty Bond Opening

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 30.—Liberty bond opening: 3½s, opened 101 8-32, off 1-32; second 4½s, 97 13-32, unchanged; third 5-32, off 2-32; fourth 97 16-32, unchanged; victory 4½s, 100 unchanged; 4½s, 98 39-32, unchanged.

That means that the fine parks and beautiful streets are kept up in part by taxes collected from every one in the land. The Washington tax burden is about one-third of that in Indianapolis, for instance.

It becomes popular then for members of Congress to forget this, unpopular if they mention it. The rich seek Washington as a home place because of the light tax burden. A member of Congress who establishes a home here gets the benefit of this low tax rate also. Most of them get the benefit of the system.

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