

Men Cheer Spankings for Wives

By MRS. WALTER FERGUSON
Cheer up, men! In the staid old city of Baltimore a husband has been freed by the judge after he was arrested and confessed to giving his wife a good old-fashioned spanking.

He was moved to this act by the fact that when he came home one evening there was neither wife nor dinner waiting for him.

Some years ago such procedure was very common. If wives did not obey, and obey instantly, they were knocked about by husbandly fists until they decided it was best to do so.

Men quoted the old verse to one another and taught it to their sons: "A woman, a dog and a walnut tree, The more you beat 'em, the better they be."

And in order to keep the women always up to par, so far as humility and goodness were concerned, men often prided themselves upon their fine ability to discipline their wives.

Women Need Beatings?

Black eyes were not unusual things in those days, although they did not get into the newspapers.

Many a wife went about half the time wearing such facial decoration which the masterly hand of a fond husband had bestowed on her.

One of the "God-given authorities" we hear so much about was the right to black your wife's eye whenever the impulse hit you.

Some of our great psychologists and philosophers assert that this is what's the matter with modern woman; she's not knocked about enough for her own good. She has grown soft and, therefore, arrogant and uphigh.

They say that women were much happier when the wife trembled at the sound of a heavy male footstep at eventide, and that we are all at heart slaves and love the hands that lash us.

Restrain Yourselves, Men.

All of which may be sound psychology and philosophy, but it is not commonsense. And I advise the men to go warily about taking it up.

Remember that "one swallow does not make a summer," and that "all it is not gold that glitters," and that "Hell hath no fury like a woman spanked."

Do not encourage yourselves too much by this news note. All judges may not be so lenient, and what's more, all wives may not be as easy as this Baltimore spouse.

Give three rousing cheers for her husband if you will, but restrain yourselves from emulating his example. I beseech you. Good Sirs.

YOUR CHILDREN

Don't Openly Discuss Child

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON
She was a quiet little curly-headed 3, serious and detached as an absent-minded college professor. One wouldn't have dreamed that the conversation was making the slightest scratch of an impression on her small mind.

She sat on the top step nursing her doll and watching traffic go by.

Her grandmother and mother were talking about her quite frankly as though she were some interesting specimen.

I looked warmly in her direction. Under those soft curls were two ears, and under certain circumstances ears can jump to alarming proportions.

"Oh, she can't hear," said her mother. "She doesn't know we're talking about her."

Something Must Be Done!

"Well, as I was saying," went on Grandma to me, "I just told Laura here that none of my children sucked their thumbs, and if she doesn't do something about it, Jeanette is going to spoil the shape of her mouth."

"And I tell you, Mother, that I do try. None of the other children ever did it and it worries me terribly. She's so different from them in every way. I've smacked her hands and tied them up and—Why, what's the matter, darling?"

Jeanette was crying. She hadn't moved and still held her doll, but great sobs were shaking her tiny shoulders and enormous tears were rolling down on her little print dress.

"She's crying because I said she sucked her thumb," said Grandma.

Jeanette Has Tantrum

Jeanette cried harder.

"Come here," coaxed her mother. "Come over here to me."

"No!"

Don't be a cry-baby. Shame on you," said Grandma.

"I'm not a cry-baby! I'm not," and she stamped her foot.

"Jeanette, come here," commanded her mother. "Come here when I tell you. What's wrong?"

"If you don't stop crying we'll put Geraldine in the attic," said Grandma.

Geraldine was a doll.

Doubly Unpleasant

A threat added to an injury. Between them they had produced an effect, absolutely natural in a sensitive child, and then producing it tried to stop their own handiwork by threatening punishment.

Children can't stand criticism before strangers. They hear more than we think. And it isn't the way to cure them of unlovely habits. It isn't often that we can shame a little child out of his habits started in babyhood.

If we do try, it shouldn't be done in public. As for the thumb-sucking, Jeanette should have been cured of it before she was 3 years old.

One of the worst things we can do is to discuss children in their hearing. For they usually hear whether we think they do or not.

Cotton Jackets

Little jackets of singham, pique and cretonne are quite as smart as silk and often more colorful, for beach, tennis court and other sports wear.

Joe Interprets the Mode

A graceful pajama suit in mauve satin, with rich embroidery of the same color on the forestceves and bottom of coat. (Courtesy of Dercoll-Ber, Paris.)



Necessary Evil? That's the Ladies

By MARTHA LEE

A group of homo sapiens of the more intelligent brand sat talking, with the express purpose of giving off ideas that might serve to label them "searching" or "keen." And, as usual, when men most want to impress other men, the talk came around to women.

Some of the egomaniacs, most of them in fact, were hardly flattering. The phrase that fluttered most about the air was "necessary evil." Yes, they decided that was what women were—necessary evil.

One boy, who perhaps had been more thoroughly trounced by some wide-eyed blonde, broke forth with the startling news that they were not an evil at all. Because, in order to be an evil, he said, the subject in question must have force and power, and women have neither force nor power—which followed, as the day the night (to be very poetic about the whole business) that women could not possibly be an evil.

All Were Unmarried.

It isn't necessary to say these men were very young, is it? But it might be to say they were all unmarried. Because usually one connects such statements with disillusioned husbands or ex-husbands who are suffering from collapse of the wallet. (This is practically incurable.)

An argument about this, from a woman's viewpoint, would be futile, because the word upon which the men hinged their premise was not the correct one at all. If you will notice, the last and final (and most satisfying) statement they made was concerning the word "evil."

One fellow called women a necessary evil. The other said they could not be an evil, which was to admit they were necessary. If they are necessary, they have the force and strength and power to be an evil or anything else they want to be.

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Here's One Man's View.

Anyway, read what this man has to say regarding women in general and one woman in particular.

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Schumacher and Coffey Rites Held

Miss Edna Mae Coffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coffey, Gaston, became the bride of George A. Schumacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Schumaker, 2724 North Meridian street, at a lovely midsummer wedding at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Carrollton Avenue Reformed church.

The Rev. Gerald Gebhardt read the service before an altar banked with palms and ferns and lighted with two candelabra. Two tall standards of lilies and vases of gladioli also were used.

Clarence Carson, organist, played a group of bridal airs preceding the ceremony, including "Liebestraum," Ariel Mulford sang "At Dawn," "I Love You Truly" and "Phi Deit Bungalow." During the ceremony Mr. Carson played "To a Wild Rose."

Miss Etha Harrison, Peru, was the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of flesh and rose tulle, made with ankle-length skirt, fitted and long, tight sleeves. She wore a hair-braid hat and carried Columbia roses tied with green chiffon.

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Mildred Hausner Shower Hostess for Her Sister

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