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Children and Work

No one nowadays believes in child labor that forces the boys to spend long hours behind the counter or in the shop. Happily for all of us, the day of the exploitation of the child is over, and salutary laws prevent its return.

That children should learn to work or be provided with home service jobs is a proposition fundamentally sound and wise. High school boys and girls, and those in the grades, too, who have regular tasks to perform are infinitely better off than those who are idling away all of their spare time.

Back of the work which a child performs in its spare hours is a constructive principle. A job which the child must perform regularly teaches it to assume responsibility, which in turn makes for the development of character.

Idleness in itself is not objectionable. All of us, adults as well as children, need hours of rest from the routine of our daily work. A limited

amount of idleness gives time for sound introspection, for planning, and for relaxation. The menace of idleness lies in what we do in the spare hours. If they do not tend to develop character, they undermine our moral strength and habits.

And so wise parents provide their children with tasks that must be performed punctually and regularly. The assumption of the responsibility of executing these tasks develops manhood and womanhood. It adds to the understanding of life in the minds of the youth and develops the ability of the boys and girls to do things.

At first glance it seems strange that many persons whose success is phenomenal have attained to high stations and affluence without the advantages of an education and the other factors that are supposed to be helpful; but the key to the mystery usually is the fact that they were forced to assume responsibility in early years, and by learning life's values early were able to reject the dross and hold the gold while some of their companions, who were reared in a more fortunate environment, were still in the swaddling clothes of their experiences with life and its lessons.

Parents will be conferring distinct favors upon their children by assigning household service jobs to them and holding them strictly accountable for their performance. The character development will amply repay the child for the comparatively short time which it must devote to this work daily.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

RUTH DRAPER

I like to write about and praise people who now live, while yet they are pouring out benefits for the betterment of the world. I like people to know that I appreciate them and their art or work.

Recently I went to hear Ruth Draper, whom I consider one of the greatest artists it has been my privilege to hear. They call her an Impersonator. But that is not what she is at all. She is an Interpreter—and even more than that.

She is the granddaughter, I believe, of Charles A. Dana, the great founder of the New York Sun. And surely the genius of that wonderful understanding of human character has descended to this woman, for she actually flows into and becomes one with the characters she depicts.

She gives you a New England character in one of her sketches. You see the very porch where the farmer's wife sits. You seem to hear the creak of the old chair, the hens' cackle and the dog barking as the woman clatters on. Ruth Draper disappears and the characters, as they actually are, walk and talk before you.

Real tears come and roll down your cheeks before you know it when she leads you into an old Western railway station to see them bring in the wounded from a wrecked train. And as you catch the humor and pathos of one character after another, you know that this artist has brought you a clearer understanding of human nature and of life—that she has brought a lot of sweetness into your life that had been all too dead before.

Ruth Draper etches characters on the stage as Whistler did on copper. And with as infinite skill. And one of the first things you note about her is that she is so simple, so modest, so very honest. She has no tricks.

Though it has been weeks since I heard this extraordinary artist, her characters are following me everywhere. They rise before me as I go to work, and often I find them coming into my room at night, after the lights are out, and into my library when the lights are on. You see, they were real—and somehow I like real folks.

I have heard no woman artist to compare with Ruth Draper since Bernhardt. And I am wondering whether the Divine Sarah, at Miss Draper's age, could have been so great.

Who's Who in the Day's News

HORATIO BOTTOMLEY

Horatio Bottomley, whose vitriolic attacks on all things American in his London weekly newspaper John Bull have attracted considerable notice on this side of the water, has retired from the editorship of that publication.

The reason formally given for his resignation is his desire "to have more time to attend to political affairs and to conduct his two Sunday journals." The general belief, however, is that his action is due to disclosures in recent bankruptcy proceedings in which he has figured.

Horatio Bottomley, a self-styled independent in politics, is member of parliament for South Hackney. In Who's Who Mr. Bottomley is described—probably by himself—as "for many years connected with large financial undertakings in the city; acted as pioneer of western Australian mining; founded the Financial Times; subsequently became proprietor of the Sun newspaper, and afterwards established John Bull, of which he is also acting editor; is generally regarded as the best 'lay lawyer' in the country; takes a keen interest in sport and is owner of many well-known race horses."

Mr. Bottomley has been known as very wealthy, but his journalistic career has always involved him in law suits.

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I will not offer the world any advice.—Henry Ford.

I will not build any new theaters.—Lee Shubert.

I will not play "The Music Master."—David Warfield.

I will not appear in divorce court.—James A. Stillman.

I will not have my picture taken.—Mary Pickford.

I will not dabble in international politics.—Lloyd George.

I will not take my wife to any public functions.—King George.

I will not write "Casey."—DeWolf Hopper.

I will not recite any sex stuff.—Ellenor Glyn.

I will not wear a flat-topped hat.—Josephus Daniels.

I will not knock anybody in the world.—G. Bernard Shaw.

I will not ask any questions.—Thomas A. Edison.

I will not advertise my circus.—John Ringling.

I will not smoke a long black stogie.—Uncle Joe Cannon.

I will not have any trouble with temperamental singers.—Gatti Casazza.

I will not allow any photographer to take my picture.—Laddie Boy.

I will not try to get out of anything.—Houdini.

I will not make a bum guess.—The Weather Man.

I will not write any poetry that people can't understand.—Amy Lowell.

Sombody has written a book entitled "Wild Flowers of New York."

If it were a book on "Wild Birds of New York" it would be exciting, for there are some wild ones there.

King George is getting his name in the papers at last. He is to ride to Westminster with his daughter, Princess Mary, on her wedding day.

Grandson of Napoleon a Paris ragpicker. Well, old Nap himself was some ragpicker.

The organist who plays the wedding march for Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will receive \$1,000. They could hire Sousa's band to do it in jazz for three times as much.

Dear Roy—if a husband told his other half to "Say It With Flowers," would the lady be justified in calling him "Poppy"?—Mervin L. Lane.

After Dinner Stories

Tell them the tale, as Mr. Cabell says, of the late Gen. Horace Porter, what time he was manager of the Pullman company. One day he got a letter from an army officer who said that the Pullman car that had carried him from Jersey City to Long Branch had not been properly swept and dusted. General Porter waste-basketed the letter; also the second, the third and the fourth. But the fifth was so violent that General Porter dictated the following reply:

Sir: We have run the train off the track, burned the cars, shot the conductor, hanged the porter and discontinued the line. Hoping that this will be satisfactory, I remain, etc.

Colonel Breckenridge and Major Poindester, Kentucky gentlemen of the old school, noticed something unusual about their favorite beverage, but they disagreed as to what it might be. "Very fine liquor, suh," observed the colonel to the major, "but it has a foreign flavor."

"You ah right, suh; it has a foreign flavor," replied the major; "I should say, suh, it has an iron flavor," he added.

"You ah mistaken, suh; it has the flavor of leather," insisted the colonel. When the hoghead from which their libation came was empty a tack with a leather top was found on the bottom of the receptacle.

Lessons in Correct English

Don't Say:

It is HER.

That's HIM.

I took it to be SHE.

It might have been HIM.

Let's keep the secret between you and I.

Say:

It is SHE.

That's HE.

I took it to be HER.

It might have been HE.

Let's keep the secret between you and ME.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

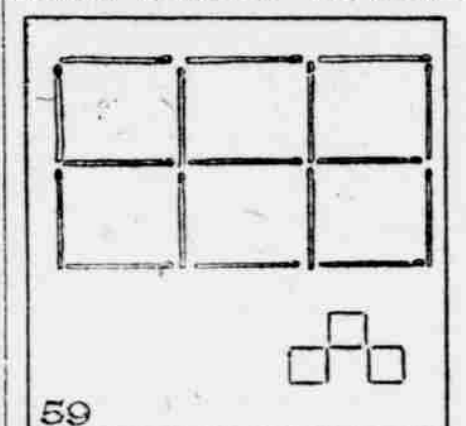
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When a Feller Needs a Friend



After Dinner Tricks



No. 59—A Puzzle With Matches
A neat little puzzle is to lay seventeen matches as shown above. The problem is to take away five matches and leave three perfect squares. The solution is shown in the second illustration.

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reconstruct the bridges, so that the mass of obstructing piers may be freely carried out into the ocean.
Q. Have the Jews a flag?—E. E. S.
A. The Jewish nation has a flag which consists of a blue field with the Star of David, a six-pointed star of white, in the center.

Q. What is a pat hand in straight poker, and is four of a kind considered a pat hand?—C. M. H.
A. Pat hands are those which are played without discarding or exchanging any of the cards originally dealt. Four of a kind might be a pat hand or its holder might draw one card to mislead other players.

Q. In using the word venison, does it mean meat of the deer or does it mean the meat of other wild animals?—F. A.
A. While custom restricts the meaning of venison to the flesh of deer, one definition of venison is the flesh of any beast of the chase or game bird.

Q. The year 1921 had 53 pay days in it. How soon will this happen again?—T. A.
A. The next year that will begin and end on Saturday will be 1927.

Q. What are the 10 largest cities in the United States?—F. A. C.
A. The 10 largest cities in the United States ranked according to size are New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

Q. Is there any way of killing out water hyacinths that make creeks in Florida un navigable?—S. M. W.
A. The best way of exterminating the nuisance is to spread among the water hyacinths their natural enemies, the water weeds, water pests (Elodea Canadensis); further, to disseminate among them some virulent disease capable of destroying them, and finally to

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Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

In order to become familiar with reinforced concrete bridges of large type, that they might exercise their best judgment in approving plans for the proposed South End bridge, over the Whitewater river, which was to be built at either E or L streets, the county commissioners had decided on a trip to Cleveland and Pittsburgh and

other points east. Concrete bridges which were located in these districts would be inspected.

Reports of the First, Second and Union National banks for the fiscal banking year just ended, were made at the meeting of the stockholders of these institutions and approved as reported. The administration officials of the different banks were re-elected in each instance without opposition and were to serve for the ensuing year.

NEW OIL FIELD OPENED
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RELIEF COMMITTEE WILL ADVANCE WORK FOR NEEDY RUSSIANS

A nominating committee of five members was appointed at the meeting of local citizens interested in the campaign for Russian relief in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Sunday afternoon. This committee will nominate a larger committee for the work which is to be done in the city of Richmond.

A general discussion and explanation of the plans was held with S. E. Nicholson, who is head of the campaign in Indiana. Mr. Nicholson explained the work which was to push the campaign in Richmond for the supplies and funds for the relief of the Russians who are in dire need for food supplies.

The following committee was appointed to serve as the central management of the campaign and to appoint workers for the drive: Alton Hale, A. M. Gardner, P. H. Slocum, Mrs. G. G. Burbanck and Mrs. A. W. Roach.

Mr. Nicholson reported that the counties over the state of Indiana had organized and were pushing the campaign to the limit. He left Monday for Hendricks county to direct the work there and was to go to Hancock on Tuesday and Delaware county on Wednesday.



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