



OUR HOME PAGE



Household Notes

AS OTHERS SEE THEM

If some parents could see their children when out of their sight, as others have opportunity of seeing them, they would perhaps awaken to a greater sense of their responsibility and their failure to teach the children proper manners and behaviour.

Our attention has recently been directed to what amounts almost to an epidemic of vandalism among boys, and we regret to say girls also; of school age, who seem to take a delight in destroying or defacing walls, doors, picture frames etc., by cutting with knives, carrying initials, scratching with matches and burning holes, cutting pieces out of advertising cards and so on. Why girls should turn to things of this sort for an outlet for their artistic instincts, we cannot understand, but the boy is different, given a jackknife, he used to be happy, not so today, he must have a toy pistol, a menace in embryo perhaps. Then notwithstanding his school tasks and after school athletics and sport he still seems to possess over-abundance of energy which is often expended in destructive acts. We wonder if the boys and girls display the same disregard for their own homes as they seem to do for the property of other people.

Perhaps we who were boys years ago when life was simpler, if boys to-day, would do no better. In the earlier days we found plenty of outlet for energy in wood-splitting, filling the wood box, carrying water and so on. There is one thing we are sure of our parents lived more at home in those days than most of them do today, and so did the children. Jannie or Johnny did not say: Mother, I am going out to play or I am going to the show, it was "mother, may I," and his or her going was at the will of the mother. Today it is different and perhaps therein lies the secret of what seems to be lack of discipline in the boys and girls. If so, you cannot blame the boys and girls.

WASTE CAUSES TROUBLE

If cotton waste is used to clean the engine, often the lint from it sticks to the parts, and when the hood is down is sucked into the carburetor. This causes the fuel to flow irregularly, and sometimes stops the flow altogether. Cotton cloth, therefore, is better for this purpose.

KEEPS BABY OUT OF KITCHEN

I believe the thing which saves me the most time and patience, and that counts most with mothers writes a contributor to the "Michigan Farmer," is a very simple device which I have originated to keep the baby out of the kitchen when I am washing, churning or any of the numerous things when the baby might get burned or hurt if she were creeping about the floor.

L.G.W. Union Meet

Ends in Big Fight

New York.—Twelve persons are injured when rioting terminated a meeting of about 800 members of Local No. 35 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union on the third floor of the Forward building. Police reserves and a squad of detectives fought the rioters nearly ten minutes before peace was restored.

Strike of Reds in France

Paris.—Communist efforts to throw a wrench into the wheels of France's industrial life by calling a general strike recently, failed utterly. Railroad traffic all over the country was normal, as was the Paris subway system. Only a small percentage of street car and motor bus employees obeyed the strike order. About half the public taxi-drivers, however, seized upon the pretext to take a day off.

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What mother hasn't put a chair pushed aside or have the baby crawl through the rungs? Once they have succeeded in getting through they are never satisfied to stay on "the other side." I have nailed cleats on either side of the door jamb and slip a board on these. The board is so heavy that the baby cannot lift it, and is just high enough so she can't climb over, but is so much easier for an adult to step over than a chair would be. The wood is finished like the woodwork.

WATCH YOUR EATING

Incorret food combinations are responsible for many problems. We should ask ourselves "What should I eat?" rather than "How much shall I eat?" Both questions are important in planning food for children for they require more in quantity than is usually planned for them, or we should not hear mothers say, "Our children have bottomless pits, not stomachs, to fill." The fact would not appear so strange were we always to remember that the weight of a child must be maintained; that there must be power for activity, and generally the power furnished must be large.

A study of our own food habits often will reveal that we pay too little attention to the proportions and the required kinds of food, and for this reason many children are described as under-nourished. Their efficiency is deficient. Their growth is stunted.

SOME HANDY HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Save all wax paper wrappings to rub your hot irons on instead of using beeswax.

A pinch of cloves added to cocoa when making cake makes it taste like chocolate.

An excellent polish for mahogany is a tablespoonful of olive oil mixed with a teaspoonful of vinegar. Apply the fluid with a soft flannel after the wood has been dusted. Then polish thoroughly with a soft, clean duster.

A rug sometimes becomes badly creased. To remedy this, turn it upside down and wet the crease with a moistened broom until the rug is quite wet; stretch the rug tight and let it remain over night after fastening it with tacks which do not rust.

When oilcloth has been down for a few months and is losing its shiny surface it can be renewed easily and made to last twice as long if treated in the following way: Melt a little ordinary glue in a pint of water, letting it stand on the top of the oven until dissolved. Wash the oilcloth thoroughly and let it dry. Then at night go over the whole carefully with a flannel dipped in the glue water. Choose a fine day for it and by morning the glue will be hard and will have put a gloss as good as new on your floor.

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O'Brien, Que.—The unexpected delay that has occurred in commencing actual construction work on the proposed line connecting the township of Rouyn with the Transcontinental Railway at this point, has resulted in several hundred individuals who had rushed here at the first announcement regarding the railway, being stranded, in most cases without a cent of money. Bitter murmurings are being heard against the Quebec Government as it is principally blamed due to the fact that it is through the Government that all official announcements regarding the proposed construction, have been made. Unless speedy action is taken and work commences very shortly trouble is feared.

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Irish Unions Fight Hun Cheap Labor

Belfast.—"Unless the contractors accede to our just demands there will be no Shannon scheme. They may take their gear back to the Rhine, make electricity in Germany and send it to Ireland in bucketfuls," declared O. R. Irwin, vice-president of the Irish Transport Union, at a mass meeting of strikers at Limerick. Secretary O'Brien of the Transport Union, said that on the result of the fight depended whether Irish prosperity was to be built on slave labor. Up till this morning the situation was unchanged, the German contractors standing on their Hindenburg line of no higher wages. Unloading of the German ship Aralia at Limerick is being carried out by the German contractors under police protection, the military having been withdrawn during the week-end.

Senate surplus votes having been exhausted in giving quota numbers, the remaining highest candidates were elected without getting their quota, so miserable was the vote and apathetic the people in the election. Had there been sufficient votes the result would not have been known for another month.

Urge Duty on Wrapping Paper

London, Eng.—An application of considerable interest to Canadian pulp and paper makers has been made under the Safeguarding of Industries Act by the Union of Wrapping Paper Makers. They have applied for a duty on imported packing and wrapping paper.

The managing director of Samuel Jones and Company, London, told the Board of Trade committee, which is inquiring into the matter, that his firm imported their raw paper from Canada and Sweden as they had failed to find in Britain any mill which could produce paper as strong as they required or at anything like the price. He declared that the gummed and coated paper industry viewed with the utmost alarm the proposal to tax the raw material of their business, composed principally of kraft papers.

London Seamen to Terminate Strike

London.—London members of the striking British seamen who have interfered with shipping in British Empire ports for the last two months are expected to terminate their local strike at a meeting to be held shortly.

When it was announced that the unofficial strike had been called off in all other ports and London, the London local held a meeting, but reached no decision letting the matter go for a few days.

Meetings have been held in various parts recently, some of the men voting to return to work, while others opposed such a move. The majority favoring a return, however, it was decided to make arrangements accordingly.

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A.F. of L. Suspends Railway Clerks

Atlantic City, N. J.—The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, with a total membership of 91,204, was suspended from the American Federation of Labor unless, within the next ninety days, it transfers to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, all drivers, chauffeurs, stablemen and garage employees, heretofore under the jurisdiction of the clerks. The vote to suspend, was on a roll call, 23,845 to 3,895.

In a signed statement given to the press, after the convention had adjourned five of the six delegates of the Railway Clerks declared they would decline to give up jurisdiction. Further, the statement asserted that in the opinion of the signers the executive council of the clerks would give up its charter in the A.F. of L. permanently rather than to surrender jurisdiction.

The matter came to a vote as a culmination of a long jurisdictional feud between the unions. The question of wages involving a new policy, which caused a flare-up recently, was peaceably settled when the convention adopted an amendment proposed by John P. Frey, president of the Ohio Federation.

New Wages Policy

The new policy, as adopted, demands in essence that wages be increased in the degree that development of labor-saving machinery and water power tend to increase industrial production.

The report said in part: "We hold that the best interests of wage earners as well as the whole social group are served by increasing production in quality as well as quantity and by high wage standards which assure sustained purchasing power to the workers and therefore higher national standards for the environment in which they live and the means to enjoy cultural opportunities. We declare that wage reductions produce industrial and social unrest, and that low wages are not conducive to low production costs.

"We urge upon wage earners everywhere that we oppose all wage reductions and that we urge upon management the elimination of waste in production in order that selling prices may be lower and wages higher."

L.R.P.A. to Back a Conservative

At a meeting of the Labor Representation Political Association, held in the Labor Temple recently it was decided to concentrate forces on one candidate for a Toronto constituency in the Federal House. There had previously been some consideration given to the advisability of running a candidate in High Park riding.

To Build a Labor Temple

The Spokane trade unionists, having just completed a strenuous drive to raise sufficient money to pay off the balance due on the lot purchased from the Eagles' some time ago, are now laying plans for the erection of a Labor Temple thereon.

The lot, a large one, 50x142 is now clear of all debts, the last check for \$18,896.50 having just been deposited thereon. Construction on the building will be begun just as soon as the plans for the building are decided upon. The building is to be completed sometime before next spring and will be large enough to accommodate the local unions and councils of the city.

British Labor M-Ps Speak in Toronto

Rice Davis and Morgan Jones, members of the British House of Commons, and Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., a member of the former Labor Government in Great Britain, delivered addresses at the Labor Temple this week.

No Secret Agreements for Labor

New York.—Damages of \$500 are allowed the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union by impartial chairman Raymond V. Ingersoll, against H. Drusin and Co. because of the firm's secret agreements with employees to pay less than regular wage scales for holidays and overtime. Workers are denied back pay.

May Urge Demand for Higher Wages

Atlantic City, N. J.—Beginning with an innocuous committee report opposing reduction of wages, the convention of the American Federation of Labor worked itself to such a degree of confusion that on motion of Matthew Woll the report was recommitted for more careful consideration.

John P. Frey, of Cincinnati, a moulder and a leader of the conservatives, moved as an amendment to a report endorsing the executive council's advice to fight wage reductions, a demand that increased productivity due to increasing use of water-power and machinery find reflection in higher wages. James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, maintained that the shorter work-day should be included in any declaration of principles urging care in the framing of any declaration.

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