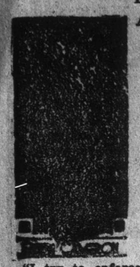
Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

BE YOUR CHILD'S FAIRY GODMOTHER.



A wonderful mother who is a shining ornament to her profession in most ways surprised me by confessing that she hadn't the heart to make her children keep their rooms in order and otherwise develop habits of order and system.

"I try to enforce the rule that if they leave their hats and coats and rubbers, or their games, or dolls, or books around they shall be deprived of some privilege, but the only reason they forget is because they are so eager and so interested in something and I just can't bear to penalize them."

Terrible to Have to Disappoint a Child.

If one has anything to do with children it is easy to understand the tenderness that is ready to condone the faults that spring from their eager, happy interest in life. It is far easier to pick up the carelessly flung down coat or hat or rubbers oneself than to deprive someone you love more than you do yourself of a privilege. Far pleasanter to overlook the fault than to see the dear little face clouded with disappointment.

But is it right to yourself? Is it fair to the children?

The time a mother of three or four disorderly children spends in picking up after them would run into hours every week. Can't she make some better use of those hours, some use that will bring greater benefits to both herself and the children than this?

She Deprives the Children of a Chance.

But even more important it seems to me is the deprivation she works on the children. She deprives them of the chance to develop the habits of system and order in early life. Some day, they, and others connected with them, are going to suffer keenly from that deprivation.

Habits are like paths. Once you get them trodden down it is easy to follow them. They become the line of least resistance and there is no greater blessing in life than to have the line of least resistance lead you where it is desirable to go. Habits are like paths, too, in that they are so easy to form at the beginning of life before the underbrush has grown up; later they can be formed but oh, what a struggle it is to clear the way!

Underbrush Is Very Thick.

I can speak very feelingly on this subject myself because I am the child of a mother who was too unselfish, too tender hearted to force a very disorderly child to overcome her fault. I have been trying since I had a home of my own to clear the pathway for habits of order, through a tangle of underbrush and I am beginning to get it cleared, but oh, how I wish I had done it years ago.

You mothers who wish you might give your children all the good gifts, do not fail to give them, if you can possibly accomplish it, the habit of order and system. No fairy godmother would leave that out of her bag of 12 gifts. Be your son or daughter's fairy godmother.

An Interesting Article

ABOUT WONDERFUL NATURE.

(By Ernest Crabbe, in Tit-Bits.)

When a little spider was observed to throw its silken therad over a running brooklet, and another species of the same group built a fairy dome of imprisoned air beneath the waters of the stream, great engineers were said to have taken the idea of the suspension bridge and the diving bell from these humble creatures.

No sooner does any great "modern" discovery startle us than we generally have to admit that Nature had thought of it before.

Nothing exists in the natural world that is entirely useless, although the exact purpose may not always be clear.

This is seen especially in the case of the "antennae" or feelers of insects, those strange organs which have puzzled scientists ever since the study of insect life has been pursued. The weird uses to which these "arms" seem to be put have led to the conclusion that insects enjoy the use of a kind of natural "wireless" far more delicate and more effective than our own.

At one time it was thought that these quivering "feelers" were organs of hearing, and again, organs of smell or touch, but experiments have proved these ideas unsatisfactory.

It was found that the explanation lay in the direction of a new sense that we know little of.

The antennae do not appear to be vital organs, like the heart or the brain. Yet, if a butterfly had them cut off, or they were injured on its hatching out, the insect behaved in an extraordinary fashion. It would shoot straight up into the air at first, and its flight would be erratic for a space, after which the poor insect would settle down into a numbed, listless state.

The common garden ant gives a familiar instance of the important function of antennae.

These little creatures are Nature's engineers, and perform the useful srvice of breaking up and aerating the soil whilst carrying out their wonderful earthworks.

Now, supposing a worker starts off from the nest in the morning and happens to find, say, a dead beetle that will provide meat for the household. She hurries back, and on the way meets another ant outward bound. The lightest touch of an antennae upon that of her friend is sufficient to convey full particulars as to the place and nature of the plunder. The outgoing ant proceeds direct to the spot and aids in the home-bringing, whilst ant No. 1 continues to summon others as she returns to headquarters.

The news is clearly conveyed in a way superior to speech or dumb show, and it would be interesting to compare the comparatively clumsy behaviour of human beings under similar circumstances.

The uses of the antennae, however, by no means end here, a greater mystery still remaining to be solved. The "quivering" most certainly has reference to a power of reading or sensing invisible wave-vibrations in the air.

The female Emperor Moth, for instance, can send a message with her simple threadlike antennae that will be received by the finely feathered "feelers" of several ardent males, and lead the luckiest of them unerringly to her abode amid the heather on the moor.

These males sometimes come from remarkable distances at her silent but certain call, and, needless to say, the strongest and swiftest-winged Emperor gains the fair one!

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School for Detectives.

TRAINING IN SHERLOCK HOLMES METHODS.

New York, Sept. 25.—(Associated Press)—Department of Justice agents are going to school to read books and learn how to be detectives. The curriculum of the school, just started by the Bureau of Investigation, includes study of such technicalities as the laws of search and arrest, rudiments of evidence, rights of citizens and preparation of cases for prosecution.

William J. Burns, chief of the bureau, explained that establishment of the school was the first step to do away with hitor—miss methods. "We are going to teach our men to get results," he said. "Slipshod investigation, making discoveries only by chance, is going to stop. And men who cannot be taught to be effective will be dropped. Federal investigators are going to learn right away that they are not to flash their shields for their own amusement; and they are going to learn that the real object of this bureau is to protect citizens and to prevent crime, not just to arrest crooks. We are not going to set the world afire, but we are going to give this country a detective service of which its citizens can be as proud as the English are of Scotland Yard."

Edward J. Brennan, division superintendent of the bureau, asserted that, to permit department officials to get a line on their men, recruits would put in a month of study before being placed on active duty. "Otherwise he would be helpless when he started out," he continued. "If without training he were sent out to investigate a bank robbery, he would not even know where to begin. He would not know how to proceed with a search without getting into legal difficulties. He would not know where the state and Federal jurisdictions overlapped. That last is one of the most complicated points of all. For example, a robbery on Park Row is a matter for the state authorities, but a robbery 20 feet away in the post office is up to us. Ordinarily, safe-breaking in a national bank is a state offence but if there is collusion between the actual thief and one of the bank employees the Department of Justice takes up the case. Our men have to be ready for any kind of investigation. One day they work in overalls on the docks, the next in a white collar in a bank. And the work is so complicated that mere experience is not enough, though it will always be the biggest factor. The man on the street cannot make a bigger mistake than to say that there is nothing about a detective's trade that can be learned out of books."

Italians Indignant.

PRESS AND PEOPLE AROUSED.

ROME (Associated Press)—Much indignation has been aroused in Italy by the proposal that, in determining the expenses of the League of Nations, Italy should be assigned to the second category. The Italian's national pride has been hurt by the suggestion, and columns have appeared in the press protesting against the idea of relegating the country to a position inferior to other great powers. According to the suggestion, Great Britain and France would be placed in the first category while Italy and Japan would occupy the second. The price of being registered in the first category is 2,300,000 francs a year, while those of the second pay but 1,600,000 francs a year.

The Epoca gave expression to the feelings in this manner: "The affair is exceptionally unpleasant. Italy which has so potently contributed to the victory cannot see herself assigned to the second category, as people who spend little are assigned to a restaurant of the second class. Then, too, the fact that most of the organizations and secretaryships of the League are in the hands of the British constitutes another source of complaint. It is pointed out that the secretariat of the league consists of 170 members, of whom 90 are English and 50 French, while Italy has no more than a dozen. "After France and England have monopolized nearly all the offices, after the British Empire has succeeded in having seven votes in the assembly, it could not happen otherwise than Italy is assigned in the second category," says one commentator. "If others have a greater material potentiality, it is at least necessary that Italy safeguard her moral position by not allowing herself an inferior position to the others."

Household Notes.

Nut meats added to pumpkin custard increase its "toothsomeness."

Lemon juice injected up the nostril is a good cure for a nose-bleed.

A towel rack fastened on the closet door makes an excellent hat holder.

Some kind of fruits should always be included in the packed luncheon.

Garnish veal or pork with fried apple rings or steamed prunes, slightly spiced.

Honey is nice mixed with cream cheese and spread between tea biscuits.

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