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or are entertained by their company, which is more insidious than personal beauty. This is precocious intelligence. The attention of educators has frequently been drawn to the danger of exciting children's minds by encouraging them to behave like adults, and the clever child, adept at repartee, is a well-known subject of caricature. But my remark has reference to a kindred matter less canvassed.

In households where children are much studied, as is now often the case, there is a tendency for the family to give careful heed to all youthful sayings which seem to indicate new phases of mental development. Our modern psychology has taken "child-study" for its plaything. The well-instructed mother is ever on the alert for signs of awakening faculties. Yesterday John said something which showed that he begins to reason; today Dorothy gave evidence of preference which throws light upon the subject of the child's natural tastes.

Now, interesting and valuable as are studies of human development, there is a valid objection to this vivisection of children. When devoting ourselves to analysis how shall we govern and guide? And when a child discovers that he is regarded as a mine of useful knowledge the effect upon him is apt to be disastrous. I had a lesson regarding this not long ago.

My little son is given to sayings that have significance, and several times I repeated them in privacy to his father, believing the young wisacre totally ignorant of my fond exploit. But once after saying something exquisitely funny the tot gave a quick look into my face, and then ran into his father's room, where he took his stand in an attitude of expectancy. I followed, but seeing

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According to the *Public Health Journal*, mosquitoes cannot abide the touch of permanganate of potash. It is instantly fatal to the insects in all their stages of development. A handful, it is averred, will kill all the mosquito embryos in a ten-acre swamp. It is recommended to scatter a few crystals of permanganate widely through marshes in which mosquitoes abound.

Studying Children.

In a recent magazine article, Arthur MacDonald gives the results of some interesting experiments in the study of children. The deductions are based on a tabulated statement of tests made on 20,000 children, so that, while of course not infallible, the observations made should be of great value.

Children of the non-laboring (professional and mercantile) classes are superior to those of the laboring classes, indicating that the advantages of good social conditions are favorable to mental brightness. The boys showed a greater percentage of defects than the girls. Girls in private schools, who are generally of wealthier parents, were found much more sensitive than girls in the public schools.

Girls are more sensitive to pain than boys at all ages. This agrees with some previous experiments, showing that women are more sensitive than men; but this does not necessarily refer to endurance of pain.

It was found that girls from about



Nearing the prey.

the situation, remained dumb; whereupon the child shifted his weight from one foot to the other, and said to me, encouragingly: "Now, tell him!"

Since then I have not hastened to relate his sage sayings.

Miscellaneous.

Vinegar will brighten copper.

Sifted ashes make the best polish for steel table cutlery.

Boil cabbage, onions and other strong smelling food in uncovered vessels.

Wash table silver in boiling hot water; this will keep it bright without polishing.

Brass spigots are easily cleaned with lemon juice and salt and polished with whiting.

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twelve to fourteen years of age are both taller and heavier than boys, but at no other time; that is, they excel in average height and weight. This pubertal period is the time when girls are growing fast, and so need most of their vitality to adapt themselves to new conditions of life. For this reason they should be free from care and work more than at other times; but we regret to say both their home and school duties seem to be increased at this time, so that their health is often impaired, if not undermined.

In an examination of about 5,000 school children in Chicago, 35 per cent. were found to have defective eyesight; the defectiveness increases the most during the first three years of school, and it seems to be due to faults in school conditions.

In the tests of hearing it was found that a large number of the pupils could hear with one ear better than the other.

A statistical investigation of the early life of great men showed that they were absent-minded, but had strong memories for anything in which they were interested. It is generally said that great men owe their success to the mother's influence. This, while often the case, has exceptions. They were always influenced by some "one person," but sometimes the one was an aunt, a sister, or a more distant relative.

One often feels that many unnecessary fears and pains are inflicted on children by well-meaning, but indiscreet parents. The children of the poorer classes showed a marked difference in their answers to children in more comfortable conditions. The poor children are more natural in

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