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What Do You Know About the Lessons Your Child Faces?

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commit suicide in Chicago the other, day because he couldn't get his arith-

He took muriatic acid, but they found him

in time and saved his life. I do hope somebody will go to work and teach that boy that two and two make four, and that being mad about it or discouraged over it won't alter the fact, not the least little shaving of a fraction. That's all he needsthe first absolutely correct, unalterable sense of the value of figures. When he has once made up his mind to that he'll find that it's a relief to put his feet on solid ground—

somewhere. One history may tell him that Henry the Eighth was a great and good King. The other may inform him that that gentleman was a wicked old reprobate, who ought to have had his own head chopped off at least six separate and distinct times. Geography may change by the day, capitals may move from one country to the other over night, rivers may run dry, mountains may shake down

The brand new teacher may teach you to spell t-h-r-u and call it thru, when you've almost gone crazy remembering to spell it through.

The new way to read is not the way of the old method—it is no longer the fashion to begin your essay with a classic quotation—and nobody speaks deces in school any more—they dance fancy steps and show the teacher how. But arithmetic is as the law of the Medes and Persians, it changes not and is not changed.

A Puzzling Example.

Two and two make four in every language under the sun, and three and three are six whether you're in high school or in the infant class, in love or out of it, in the war zone or far removed. And so far and to that extent arithmetic is a great and lasting comfort.

But-if that poor boy in Chicago was trying to understand that arithmetic as taught in the sixth grade of the city where I happen to be living just now, it's little I blame him for wanting to die.

A little girl I know came to me with her arithmetic the other day. Her eyes were red and when she tried to tell me what an awful time she was having her voice broke and she couldn't speak. "What's it all about?" said I. "Just a few stubborn figures?—that's

easy! I wish there was nothing else in the world to worry me. Come on, we'll work the puzzles out together, and get the best of them." The little girl's eyes brightened and she laughed aloud and clapped

about when she sends me to the board!" Then she brought me her problems—six of them—that was all—and I

worked for two hours and three-quarters, and by no possible scheme and in no possible way could I even come anywhere near to solving a single one of those problems! And the little girl is just 13 years old and she is unusually bright for one of her age. I'm going to school to that teacher and get those problems into my

But I wonder who ever bought 1,625,242 and 67-84 acres of land that cost 338 dollars and 2-49 an acre and then sold them again at an advance of 6,234,271 and 89-91 dollars, and went and put the money in the bank, and found, when he got home, that the cashier had made a mistake of 231 and 2-5 dollars in the deposit check?

Now, I ask you, who ever did such a thing as that and who added the thing up for them when they did it?

The Perplexing Per Cent.

Blouse of Tan Crepe and Blue

Taffeta.

AN colored Georgette crepe and

What in the world are these children supposed to learn at school. myway? How to tie their brains into hard knots and then untie them and be pleasant about it, just to show that they can? Arithmetic is the torture and torment of nine-tenths of the children

who go to the public school. If they came out of school knowing anything about it, that would be one thing: but do they?

Did you? I didn't.

It took me ten years of bank depositing to learn what per cent. really meant, and any one can fool me on it now, if they'll only talk fast enough. Where was my teacher when I was pretending to learn what 10 per cent. of a dollar was? Why did she never tell me that 10 per cent. of a dollar was just 10 cents out of every hundred cents? That would have meant something to me, and I would have had some vague, shadowy idea what she meant when she said "per cent."

As it was, I just thought she "done it a-purpose" for my confusion and dismay, and my only idea was to get through somehow, without crying while she was looking at me.

What's the idea of such a system of torment, that gets-nowhere?

I went up to school the other day and arrived there just at arithmetic class-pardon, me, I mean number work-and, if I am any judge of the expression of the human countenance, not one out of ten of the pupils in that class had even a faint suspicion what any single one of the problems Today's fashion

they were trying to solve really meant or ever could possibly mean. If my little boy came home discouraged about his arithmetic, I'd go up to school with him the next day and I'd insist that, somehow, somebody take the time and the trouble to teach him what all the trouble was about; and, when he got home, I'd give him a cookie or a big chunk of moist, hot gingerbread, and I'd tell after our trip to Marvin, from which I him the world wouldn't come to an had returned weary of body and sick of end even if he did fail to pass in that mind. Tacitly we had avoided all dis-

is pretty young to begin to feel the

ragedy of life. Six times five are thirty. Seven times five are thirty-five. There—I been a formal affair. know what I'm talking about, and so would your boy and mine, if he was taught in plain English and plain figures, right from the very beginning. Let's see that he is so taught, if we have anything to do with his edu-

ODD FACTS

Jet is fossilized coal.

highly digestible fat.

Pears are ripe when the pips are black. Almonds contain nearly 60 per cent. of

FOR EVER AND EVER -:- By Will Nies | Secrets of Health and Happiness

Why Baby Nearly Always Sits Down When He Falls

7HY does a child, when first it tries to walk, have a tendency to sit down or fall backward? Is this a precaution of nature to save it from head bumps? Moreover, children precipitated from steps and vestibules, happily, fall less often on their heads than in a sitting posture.

infant's legs are weaker than those behind. Furthermore, the hips of the child are heavier than the head

when it falls. It is a happy fact, when it happens, certainly far preferable to cracking its head or its knees. What part of posture, position and control of your bones and points you must learn, and how much is instinctive and "ready to wear," is a moot

rarely ever perfect.

My friend, Prof. Edward L. Thorndike of Columbia University is firm for
the doctrine that the upright posture ever, by wearing an elastic stocking,
and locomotion in man is an inherited

The difference between an instinctive, inherited action and one learned, is this: The instinctive action is perfect and precise in its effort and purpose, at the difficulty learned, is haphazard and imperfect at the start.

Sucking, breathing, winking and smiling are instinctive in bables. When any one of these is not, it is due to some unusual and accidental deformity. Dancing, tennis, playing, swimming and piano playing, on the other hand, are acquired with arduous effort and are rarely ever perfect.

for nearly a minute—a sufficiently long time you must admit.

Thus the human animal combines in its postural aptitudes the inherited instincts of a myriad of past ages; the trial and error attempts of learning; imitation; plus the reason vouchsafed to its parents—sometimes sadly lacking—and its own unfolding reason.

Answers to Health Questions

E. L. Q—Will you kindly suggest something for varicose veins?

instinct. I cannot agree with this notion. Indeed all of the facts of learning, practice, and balance are against this view.

The upright posture, as well as walking on two legs, is for mankind a hazardous peril. It is an adventure upon the sea of life, acquired amidst trials and tribulations.

Nothing of the life against

A—Eat crushed ice, keep the throat wrapped up in alcohol cloths, avoid draughts, and before retiring take a hot bath and hot lemonade; also use the alcohol cloth at night.

and tribulations.

Nothing of the kind can be said of the infant's well-known proclivity in the first week of life to cling around its mother's arm or neck, or later on to crawl either in a sitting posture with its hands or on "four legs."

Bables a week old—with less than 4 per cent. of exceptions—will hang on with their hands to the finger or a small stick, like monkeys on a trapeze. Thus they will easily support their own weight

A Bride's Own Story Of Her Household Adventures - By ISOBEL BRANDS

How She Solved the Velvet-Cleaning Problem.

HIS morning I started out with the brush. If this isn't effective, the proconscientious intention of holding a cess must be repeated. contents of our dressers, chiffonnier and lars on coats that were spotted, and

private rummage party among the Then there were several velvet col-

private rummage party among the contents of our dressers, chiffonnier and almilar storage places. It's perfectly amasing how odds and ends of wearing apparel will accumulate in drawers without one ever feeling that one has a great quantity of "dress accessories." All this worthy campaigning was decided upon after I had hunted vainly for a fresh piece of velvet for my hat, and it was doubly aggravating because although I have yards and yards of lovely velvet, not one single piece was fit to use.

It would have been foolishly wasteful to buy more velvet when I already have so much—none of it much worn, and not at all shabby—so instead of making the hat, I started on the "grand rummage," intent to unearth some other articles of wear that were perfectly good, but spotted or otherwise in need of repair to make them wearable. And lo and behold, almost every bit of velvet that has been louched this fall—was in dire meed of rreshening up.

The velvet ribbons and pieces of velved that were perfectly good, but should have been louched this fall—was in dire meed of rreshening up.

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* Revelations of a Wife By ADELE GARRISON

A Letter from Dicky's Mother and the Problem It Caused.

TOGETHER forever and ever.

more, but now it looks as if I might

"Please do not neglect to write me

I, too, read the letter twice before

"HARRIET GRAHAM,"

spend my last days with you.

will be best for me.

particular study at that particular cussion of Grace Draper, the beautiful girl Dicky had discovered there and en-It seems to me that 14 years old gaged as a model for his drawings, "Regards to Your Wife."

> studies. But because of my feeling toward Dicky's plans breakfast had riving the next day, Tuesday. Will you write me at once whether or not that Then had come a special delivery letwill be all right for you? ter for Dicky. He had read it twice, "You cannot know, my darling boy,

LL the world was changed—every relationship

wife." A new world was born. A new standard

of relationship came into being. MAN-WIFE,

each for the other took FIRST place.

of life slipped back one place-when the

minister said, "I pronounce you man and

and was turning back for a third perusal when my query made him raise his eves. "In a way, yes," he said slowly. Then

promising to help her with her art

after a pause, "Read it." He held out might never live to see your face once It was postmarked Detroit. The writing reminded me of my mother; it was

"My darling son," it began. to the other side to help in the relief and remember, dear boy, your mother granted that my home would be hers for work. The wealthy men who are sending a corps of physicians and nurses from when you were a little lad at her knee. self, then flushed with shame to think here are insisting that he must head Lovingly, your mother, the expedition. Of course, Harriet will not let him go without her. You know what that means, Richard. My home here will be broken up. Elizabeth's

home is impossible because of the chil- making any comment upon it. I won-

of course I know that you would not allow me to do it even if I dared try the experiment. I never have seen your wife, but from what you have written me I am sure she is a very sensible woman, and that we shall get on very well together. I know she is good to you, and that, after all, is the only thing that counts with a mother.

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"Regards to Your Wife."

"If it is perfectly convenient for you I should like to start next Monday, ar-I should like to start next Monday, ar- of his sister.

The steps of those stairs are their first steps to-

gether alone. See-he is leading her; that is as

it should be. And she-timidly, but oh, so

TRUSTINGLY!—she is following where he guides.

Hand in hand they go to face the world-life-

I felt as if I were in a trap. To have to live and treat with daughterly deference a woman whom I knew so disliked me that she refused to attend her son's wedding was unthinkable. how anxious I am to see you again.
You are my only son, you know. I have thought sometimes the last year that I might never live to see your fees are than I could have deserted my own.

Phrases to Mask Feeling.

Of course I could not say so to Dicky. but secretly I thought her letter in bad the hand of a woman of the older gen- at once, telling me what road and train taste. She might have considered my feelings enough to ask if she would be "Give my best regards to your wife. welcome instead of so calmly taking for I had been so ungenerous even in

thought to my husband's mother.

But the cutting little remark, "I have A feetly right, my dear. You should have just as many good girl friends thought to my husband's mother. always said that there was not room in and just as many boy friends as you can

ADVICE TO GIRLS

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE: I am a young girl of about 16, and I am in love with a very nice young man about two years my senior. He

so several times. He does not like me to go other boys, and he says he thinks have too many boy friends, but as do not think that myself, I told him I would go out with other boys.

He is nice looking, very fair with him a way and I am considered nice. blue eyes, and I am considered

looking also. Now, Miss Laurie, I would like you AN AMERICAN BEAUTY.

N American Beauty: You are per-

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am just 18, and am living at present with a maiden annt who is very stern and exacting. Three months ago I became acquainted with a young man of splendid parentage. Last week he asked me to become his wife, but I have asked him to wait for a few years as I consider myself too young to marry.

I am under no obligations to my aunt, and to be plain, I really think she would be pleased to see me go. So the one thing that worries me is my age.

my age.

Now, dear adviser, please tell me what to do. I know how to sew and cook, and could housekeep if needed.

GIRL: If he loves you with all his A heart, as he must love you to have asked you to become his wife, and As colored Georgette crepe and dark blue pussy willow taffets were combined to fashion this charming blue. Describing the color of the former material has a high collar closed in front with making all cocketed buttons and loops. The blance sleeves are gathered into all fashed with frills of crepe. A facter-like over-bodies of the following find as wrought iron, without being crushed.

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