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Mother of Fourteen Children Says Large Families Behave Well



The Lewis family: Top row, reading from left to right—Pa and Ma, Katherine, John, Theodore, Marie, Marguerite; second row—Geraldine, Helen; bottom row—Eloise, Pauline, Raymond, William, Dorothy.

The Lewis Theorem.
One child in a family, being the whole interest, becomes, in his own estimation, the centre of the universe. Therefore, he becomes self-centred selfish, and hard to manage.

A dozen children in a family, being each but a small fraction of the filial duty, becomes a sympathetic and docile dozen, because each is surrounded by 11 others with equal rights and privileges, and is thus led to look upon self as having fraternal relations that carry with them fraternal duties.

Since one child is selfish and misbehaved, while a dozen are self-sacrificing and docile.

Therefore a dozen children are better than one.

Columbus, O., July 5.—The Lewises of 434 N. Jefferson avenue don't go in for race suicide. Anything but that, in 25 years of married life Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis have been blessed with 14 children, 12 of whom are now living.

The other day the Lewises celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The affair was a joyous one and the house was crowded. But the better part of the crowd was made up of sons and daughters of the house of Lewis. There were present eight daughters and four sons.

The Lewises have a curious theory about the raising of children. They believe that it is easier to raise a big brood of children as youngsters should be reared, than it is to rear a little brood. The big, happy, well-behaved group of children that they have

about them constitutes prima facie evidence that their theory is a sound one—least in so far as it applies to the Lewises.

Mother Lewis thinks that a big family regulates itself automatically; that 12 children can be kept in order with less exertion than one or two.

"I believe in big families. The more children the better behaved they are. When you have 12 well-behaved and healthy youngsters under one roof they don't find it necessary to go outside hunting for playmates; they are not apt to be reached by evil influences from the outside either. If there is anything that makes a child misbehave, it is to have 11 brothers and sisters around."

Father Lewis thinks very much as does Mother Lewis.

Little Czarewitch Ran Away from Home

Wanted to be a Sailor Like Peter the Great, so He
Made Friends With the Janitor's Son—Czar
Invited to Come and Share a Bottle of Vodka
With Janitor.

St. Petersburg, July 6.—Shopkeepers living near the Czar's palace at Tsarskoe-Selo are discussing with great animation a remarkable visit one of them has just had from a runaway member of the Czar's household.

The runaway was the Czarevitch, whose birth, five years ago, was hailed with joy in all parts of the empire. He slipped away from his governess, a cobbler's son and a janitor's boy to join him in an excursion to the seashore, where he wished to hire a boat and go for a long cruise.

Several shopkeepers, the janitor, and a journalist talked to the royal youngster for some time, trying to find out who he was. He told them his father lived up in the palace and called him Kolia. He also confessed that his father had no occupation that he knew about, and that he had a grandmamma whom he did not like, as she scolded his papa and mamma too much.

The Czar himself was in the searchlight. The palace had found the youngster; the palace had been alarmed when the governess announced that he was missing, and the Czar had rushed out, fearing that revolutionists had kidnapped his son.

Emulating Peter.
Stories told to the young Czarevitch about his ancestor, Peter the Great, were responsible, it seems, for his yearning to go down to the sea and set sail in a ship.

He slipped away from his governess in the park which surrounds the palace of Tsarskoe-Selo and was lost for over three hours, during which time he made friends with the two young boys who were found with him, and started on his way toward St. Petersburg.

Petka, the janitor's boy, was the first friend to be encountered. He was making a snow man in front of a three-story flat house when the Czarevitch approached him. "Don't you want me to help you with snow man?" said the Czar's son. "My name is Allodia. What is your name?"

"My name is Petka," said the janitor's boy. "I've not seen you on our street. Where do you live?"

"Oh, my father lives there, in that big house. They call it the palace. It has lots of rooms and a big park with the green iron fence around it," said the Czarevitch indifferently.

"Well, but my father lives also in a big house—just here," said the janitor's boy, pointing at the flathouse. "We have two rooms and a kitchen. Nice rooms. You have not seen them. Won't you come in? My mother went to my uncle and my father is only home. You are not in a hurry?"

"I am," replied the Czarevitch. "I want to get to the seashore and hire a boat for a trip. You know that's a fine thing—to be a sailor?"

"But have you got the money? I would like to go too, but I have only three kopeks, (1 1/2 cents)" said Petka.

Big and Fat.
"Who is that fat boy?" asked the janitor.

"He's Allodia. Says he lives in the palace—that big house with the green fence around it," replied Petka.

"Is your father a janitor at the palace? What's his name?" asked the janitor.

"I don't know what he's there," replied the Czarevitch. "His name is Kolia. But some people call him Nicholas. Olga and my mamma, we call him Kolia. But you know he's my papa."

The boys walked into the janitor's back room.

"Youngsters don't go in with your dirty feet on my clean floor, I'll give you a lickin' if you soil it," said the janitor.

"No, papa, our feet are clean," replied the son.

"My feet are clean," said the Czarevitch. He noticed on the wall the picture of a czar, and he pointed at it with his finger and shouted:

"That's my papa's picture. Where do you get it?"

"No. That's the picture of the czar," grunted Petka. "He's not your father."

The bearded janitor pondered. The idea flashed through his mind that Semen Petrovitch, a tenant who was a journalist and writer, might be interested to ask the queer boy, who probably was the son of a palace employee some questions, and he hurried upstairs to invite him to come to his room.

In the meantime Petka was busy making the sandwiches.

"What do you like to eat best? I am fond of sandwiches with jam. Do you like the blackberry jam?" asked Petka.

smiles. She just sits and scolds papa and mamma. Oh, my mamma weeps, and papa is sad, too."

"But about the Czar and Czarina? Do they live in your house?"

The Czar and Czarina? repeated the youngster, pursing up his small lip. "There are no such people living in our house. There live just papa and mamma, Olga and my other sisters, and lots of people whom I don't know."

The janitor was somewhat angered by comparisons the youngster made between the Ikons (holy pictures) in his house and those in the palace. Once he told the little visitor to mind what he was saying or he would be thrown out. A little later, becoming more interested, he asked the boy to bring his father down that they might share a bottle of vodka.

The young visitor said he would do so, but that his father never drank vodka.

In the midst of the questioning the Czarevitch became impatient and demanded that Petka hurry to get away for the seashore.

"We are all ready," they answered. "We have good shoes, sandwiches, and we can walk ten miles."

The three boys then set out along the snowy road toward St. Petersburg stopping at a shop to buy candy as they went. They had only gone four blocks when a sleigh carrying palace officials overhauled them and they were made captives.

The Czarevitch was thrown into a fit of temper by the order to get into the sleigh that he was to go to the palace. He was angry because he did not want to stay in the palace and the park.

The janitor when he learned from his son what had been visiting him, was overcome. "What a fool I was to talk to him," he muttered. "My tongue has put me in a fix." He had reference especially to his invitation that the boy's father come down to drink vodka with him.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL HINTS TO APOLOGIZE

Woodstock, Ont., July 6.—Investigation into the charge against Canada's Immigration agent at Windsor by W. J. Taylor, a well known newspaper and magazine publisher, of Woodstock, who claimed this officer had ordered him in extreme abusive language to leave the Grand Trunk train at Windsor one day last week, was held here at the office of the Sentinel Review by Immigration Officer Inspector Herbert of Ottawa. The offending officer was present and admitted having made a mistake in addressing Taylor in the way he did, stating he was under the impression that Taylor was another man with whom he had had an altercation a few minutes before he tendered Taylor an apology both written and verbal. The report of the investigation will be laid before the action.

Aberdeen, Sask., July 6.—The dry spell has been broken by one of the worst storms ever experienced. Crops are not damaged, but the number of barns wrecked can hardly be estimated. Fronts were blown bodily off of stores in town. The storm was followed by a heavy, steady rain.

Winnipeg, Man., July 6.—Morris Dalton, a switchman, yesterday while drunk, stabbed Levi Dignan, an employment agent twice in the abdomen. Dignan is in a precarious condition. Dalton was used on the street.

London, July 6.—P. O. W. Howe, appointed naval adviser at Ottawa, has been promoted to be engineer in command.

PRIVILEGES OF QUEEN MARY

Some of the Rights and Duties Enjoyed by Wife of the Sovereign—Alexandra's Dignities.

London, July 6.—Queen Mary of England has just entered her forty-fourth year, and although the shadows of death still linger around the throne, it is neither unbecoming nor unimportant to tender a hearty tribute of a respectful goodwill to the lady who has just assumed the supreme place among the subjects who own her royal overlordship. In the position, occupied by the wife of any great official is—like the British Constitution itself—always somewhat undefined, somewhat a matter of accident and incident; and to achieve complete success in it the occupant requires a delicate perception of how far her influence may be patent, how to "give and take," when to advance and when to withdraw—in a word, she must, by the exercise of supreme tact, supply all that might otherwise be lacking in the tenure of her husband's office.

The great difficulties and the greater possibilities inherent in the position of the wife of any representative of the sovereign are, of course, raised to their supreme level when the throne itself is the seat of office and when the great official is no less than the sovereign himself.

Three Stand Out.
Since the accession of the House of Hanover three Queens Consort in the pre-Victorian era have stamped themselves on the pages of English history. It is better to draw the veil of oblivion over the sorrows of Sophia Dorothea and the vagaries of the unhappy Princess of Brunswick, Caroline the Lustrous, (the wife of George II.) not only stemmed the tide of disaster which was flowing steadily and swiftly against what was then regarded as a foreign dynasty, but secured the first marks of Court popularity which had been evident since the Reformation.

Queen Charlotte, (consort of George III.) whose moral worth was at once her great merit and her chief limitation, introduced into the English Court that standard of purity and excellence which Queen Victoria raised to its supreme eminence, while the gentle womanliness and rare unselfishness of Queen Adelaide invested the short years of the reign of William IV. with a dignity which—had she been a more able but less amiable person—might have been sadly wanting.

To Queen Alexandra was granted by the King a status perhaps unknown in the case of any previous Queen Consort. A royal standard floating over Buckingham Palace and a full guard mounted at Whitehall denoted her presence in the capital even when the sovereign was absent; the Garter honors accorded to her were of a unique character; the method of addressing her was identical with that employed toward the sovereign regnant—in a word, her whole exterior position approached very nearly to that of a monarch.

How grateful these honors were to a people who idolized her and how entirely the august lady justified them is now a matter of history. It may be said of her that, with all her vast opportunities for good and ill, while no scheme for the happiness of the English people escaped her close attention, on no occasion, great or small, did she ever attempt to influence in the slightest degree the trend of public affairs or the current of political life.

Special Dignities.
If it shall please King George to invest Queen Mary with the same special dignities that the Queen Mother has so richly and wisely enjoyed, the nation will indeed be well pleased, and well satisfied, moreover, that no situation is too exalted, no honor too special to be worthily filled and rightly enjoyed by a Princess whose life for forty-three years has been known and appreciated by the British public.

It cannot escape the notice of the most superficial observer how, during the last days of anxiety and sorrow, mourning in the direction of the throne, Queen Mary has willingly relegated to the august widow the place of honor, and has subordinated her own supreme position to that which she considers to be the due of supreme mourning.

It is a mere truism that they who know best to rule have duty learned to serve, and Queen Mary's participation in the glories of King George's throne will be the more glorious and the more successful because she has passed through four successive grades of subordinate princely rank in her advance to the steps of the throne.

Trained and Ready.
Within the last fortnight enough to fill many volumes has been written to record Queen Mary's birth and training, to illustrate her personality, to define her likes and dislikes, and prognosticate her future. No Queen consort has ever taken up her duties better equipped by circumstance and character. Her life, now approaching its meridian, has not been favored by any constant fair-weather breeze. Trouble and sorrow, no less than joy and prosperity, have affected her, and her evident and constant sympathy with those whose lot is trouble and sorrow is the more real. Duty is the simple motto which has been evidently burned into her mind, and to her supreme duty of woman it is to contribute in the largest possible measure to the sum of human happiness.

If each man in his measure would do a brother's part To bring a ray of sunshine Into a brother's heart.

This was the verse taught to Queen Mary in her early childhood. Her efforts in the direction of it indicate that she has never forgotten the motto. The increased happiness of children—and of grown men and women (in whatever phase of life or whatever corner of the Empire)—has been the object she has set up for herself, and of which she has never for a moment lost sight. Through her girlish and early womanhood she has worked steadily, unostentatiously, but generously and ungrudgingly to better the lives and stimulate the happiness of the poor, the sad, the suffering and the helpless. She has been actuated less by sentiment than by personal knowledge of human needs and human suffering.

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St. John, N. B., 4th July, 1910.

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