

Each should be consulted and his advice implicitly followed in the future.

If mothers talked frankly yet modestly with their daughters, first informing themselves and then teaching their children some of the great central facts of life, there would be less unhappiness, suffering and ill health. The barrier between mother and daughter, that prevents the frankness and confidence that ought to exist between them, is often raised in very early childhood.

The little girl, as her curiosity awakens, comes to her mother with questions which should be truthfully answered, as far as it is possible to make the subject plain to her limited comprehension. Instead of this she is put off with some well-worn fiction, which she soon discovers to be untrue. Her absolute trust in her mother is shaken, never to be wholly restored, and she seeks from others who have the right to give it the information she should have had from the one whose duty it was to have imparted it.

Why should the mother, of all others, be the one to shrink from guarding the purity of her child's mind? Innocence is not ignorance, but reverent knowledge. It is the atmosphere which surrounds the object that gives it its coloring. The simple facts of physiology, properly taught, convey no