

HOLDUPS

We remember when things were going along beautifully and the city was full of prosperity and everyone wore a smile, how one of our subscribers came to us and told about the manner in which the local merchant was a "Holdup man," and how he could buy goods in other cities much cheaper than he could buy from our local stores.

This subscriber said it was shameful, that the merchant was a robber and a profiteer and that he ought to be hung by the neck on the canal bridge and shot full of holes at sunrise. That was when times were easy and everybody was spending money like drunken sailors on shore leave and the prices of food stuff were out of sight along with everything else.

We have always taken the position that there were two sides to every story and yesterday we caught a glimpse of the other side of the picture and it was the same local merchant in a somewhat different light, and the picture showed him with a halo about his head instead of a rope around his neck.

With times hard, prices down, and with many men out of work, the merchant, this time, subscriber told us, was again holding him up, but the "Holdup" this time is quite different. In the latter case to which our attention was called, we found that the local merchant was not only extending credit and carrying an unfortunate man and his family on his books, but was going still farther. "My family were out of stockings," said the subscriber, "and I was both out of money and out of credit. I mentioned my trouble about the stockings to him, and although he does not carry stockings, this man went over town and bought some for us, charging them to my bill, which I intend to pay the first thing as soon as I can get work."

You see the local merchant is not such a bad fellow after all, is he? Probably if we examined his books today we'd find that he is struggling under a mighty heavy load trying to do his part to help out.

It is a very easy matter for us to send our cash away to mail order houses in flush times and then ask our local merchant to carry us with credit when we get hard up.

We have been through times of stress and we are in stress yet. Labor has blamed the manufacturer for wage cuts and non-employment, and has blamed the merchant for high prices. The manufacturer has blamed labor for obstinacy and a foolish clinging to old wage levels. The merchant has probably had his word of criticism, too, for the other two corners of the triangle. The truth is probably that all three of them have navigated just as fairly as they can in most difficult circumstances.—Welland Telegraph.

HOW DID YOU PROPOSE

How did you propose? Or if you never did, how would you do? How did he propose to you? Or, if no one ever did, how would you like to have a proposal made?

A certain professor has waded through one hundred standard love stories, and tabulated the various ways in which lovers behave in popping the question.

In one hundred cases where the proposal was accepted no fewer than sixty-seven gentlemen kissed the lady and began "all of a sudden."

Eighty-one declared they could not live without her, while seventy-two held the girl's hand and thirty-six took her in their arms. Twenty-six lovers sat down to put the question, four fidgeted about with their handkerchiefs—which three afterwards required to wipe away the tears of joy; three stood on one foot, three "reclined on the grass."

Only four thought it necessary to go down on both knees, but twice as many knelt on one. In thirty-two cases kissing took place. Only four kissed the girl on the cheek, but ten saluted the fair one's curls! Three kissed her eyes, two her hands, one the top of her head, one her nose (by mistake), and one her shawl.

Acceptance of the proposal caused a lump in the throat of thirteen lovers; the same number had qualms of conscience, while five had eyes "calm and clear." Nine declared themselves "the happiest men alive," seven were deliriously happy, but five were too full for utterance.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE SPOILED CHILD

By Mrs. Chas. Bobbins

Is there anyone more unwelcome in any group anywhere than the child who has been spoiled? Time after time have I heard a mother remark, "Well, you know how spoiled he is." She acts as though this would forgive his misdemeanors. The failure to do her duty is explained by adding that his grandmother or aunt will let him do such things.

Mothers, you may try to believe that is so, but deep down in your hearts you acknowledge that the failure in training points only one way, and that is to you. If you persist in training systematically your child will show good results. My boy would have been hopelessly spoiled had I allowed either grandmother to do as she wished. In fact, both objected if I permitted my baby to cry. Later on they complimented me on my well trained baby. Why? Because he was unspoiled, healthy and lovable.

That brings us to an important point in the training of children. The most beautiful child in the world can be so reared, through neglect of his parents to direct the small acts of childhood that he becomes unlikable. Now we know the child is not to blame. The moulding of every baby boy to manhood, and every baby girl to womanhood is absolutely in the hands of the parents at the start. If we come to this realization it is not difficult to understand how important a factor training in the right direction can become. I might add that this is one of the biggest aims of kindergartens, the directing and starting of the child's habits in life in the best way.

One often hears some mother relating to a friend a cute remark made by her child or telling of some act, while the child listens intently, even smiling with self satisfaction at this repetition of his smartness.

The child you may well know is impressed. The exact result of having him hear of his bright acts is this: just as soon as a child begins to think those things are cute he gets an exalted feeling that they are the means by which he gets notice. Then he loses the sweet, innocent ways of a child and becomes self-conscious.

One little boy I know is giving the teachers in school a troublesome time and the mother declares she is unable to change him. When he was a baby he was bright and attractive, naturally imitating little things his parents did. If he heard his father swear occasionally or heard a slang expression he repeated it, much to the amusement of his audience. They led him on and entertained friends showing him off, but now the parents are suffering. The child is not wanted anywhere and proves a nuisance. To laugh at or ridicule a child when he asks some question innocently, even though it may be amusing, is a crime. Your laugh, if he asks some queer thing, turns his grave thoughts aside as worthless. Such things may seem trivial to you, Mothers, but to him they are all small lessons leading on to bigger ones in his steps of progress.

Try to think as your child thinks and try to see what has prompted his action. This will help greatly in solving many perplexing problems. Very, very often he has a motive which can be discovered if you watch carefully. Does it seem a big task, Mothers? It is, but there is no greater happiness for us than the knowledge that we have done our best. If we have, the best results will in all probability follow, and our children will be as we want them to be, lovable and happy; and the spoiled child will never be among us.

KEEP LITTLE ONES WELL IN WINTER

Winter is a dangerous season for the little ones. The days are changeable—one bright, the next one cold and stormy, that the mother is afraid to take the children out for the fresh air and exercise they need so much. In consequence they are often cooped up in overheated, badly ventilated rooms and are soon seized with colds or gripe. What is needed to keep the little ones well is Baby's Own Tablets. They will regulate the stomach and bowels and drive out colds, and by their use the baby will be able to get over the winter season in perfect safety. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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In Watford, on Monday, Feb. 6th, 1922, to Dr. and Mrs. Siddall, a daughter.
In Brooke on Friday, Feb. 3rd, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Fisher, a son.
In Warwick, on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Laird, a daughter.
In Plympton, on Monday, Jan. 30th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maw, a daughter.

DIED

In Warwick, on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 1922, Mary, relict of the late Robert Wilson, in her 78th year.
In Conleston, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1922, Anne McQuaid, relict of the late John Forsyth, aged 83 years.
In Forest, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, 1922, Mary Jane Bailey, relict of the late John Garrett, aged 78 years and 2 days.
In Theford, on Friday, Jan. 27th, 1922, Isabella Nutt, wife of Mr. Andrew Hall, in her 65th year.
In Theford, on Thursday, Jan. 26th, 1922, Mr. John Hilborn in his 80th year.
In Bay City, Mich., on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, Joseph Rogers, formerly of Arkona, in his 65th year.

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The thing that goes the farthest Towards making life worth while That costs the least and does the most

Is just a pleasant smile, That bubbles from a sunny heart That loves its fellow men Who drive away the clouds of gloom And coax the sun again. It's full of worth and goodness too, With manly kindness blent, It's worth a million dollars And doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness When we see a cheery smile It always has the same good look It's never out of style. It naves us on to try again When failure makes us blue The dimples of encouragement Are good for me and you It pays a higher interest, For it is merely lent— It's worth a million dollars And it doesn't cost a cent.

A smile comes very easy You can wrinkle up with cheer A hundred, hundred times before You drop a soggy tear. It ripples out, moreover To the heartstrings that will tug; And always leaves an echo That is very like a hug. So smile away—folks understand What by a smile is meant: It's worth a million dollars And it doesn't cost a cent.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Pursuant to the requirements of the Canada Highways Act separate sealed tenders marked "Tender for Contract No. 529" will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon on Monday, March 6th, 1922, for the following work on the Provincial Highways:

Contract No. 529—Copperate Culverts, Plympton and Sarnia.
Contract No. 530—Concrete Culverts, Downie.

Contract No. 708—Grading, W. Williams.

Contract No. 709—Grading, E. Williams and McGillivray.

Contract No. 710—Grading, Bosanquet.

Further information, plans, specifications, and tender forms may be obtained on and after Monday, February 6th, 1922, at the office of J. M. Empey, Resident Engineer, St. Marys.

A Marked Cheque for \$500.00 payable to the Minister of Public Works and Highways or a Guaranty Company's bid bond will be required with all tenders. A Guaranty Company's Contract bond for 50% of the amount of the tender will be required when the Contracts are signed. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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