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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

How few people enjoy their children.

Get pleasure out of them, I mean.

Not happiness. For, of course, everyone knows that the deepest sorrow of the world comes from human loss.

Spending the love shine someone's eyes, knowing that they love you and having your heart with love for someone who loves you back.

Two of the rock bottom happiness in human experience. Especially the second. And of all the things more powerful than the children.

Desired From Children.

There is no question but that people get a great deal of pleasure out of their children.

When I said how few people enjoy their children I meant how few get a great deal of pleasure out of them.

Of some mother who does enjoy her children, who finds play with them, who enjoys development, who can have as much time with them as with any other mother, and you will have rare and is, compared to other mothers, who regards her children as a job and finds most of her time in the company of grown-up people who enjoy his time more rare.

Too Anxious to Enjoy Them.

Children are too anxious to enjoy them.

They never look at them except as a challenge.

They are particularly anxious to know what the child is about.

They are properly or question if

way. A girl wrote me the other day of a mother and daughter theatre party. Fine for both! And my small nephew is thrilled at the prospect of a father and son scout hike which is to take place in the near future.

The mother and father who are bringing up a family of small children inevitably must give up some of the outside pleasures for reasons both of economy and of home demands. Blessed is the parent who can find some of his pleasure at home with the bairns.

Take life as you find it, but don't leave it that way.

Bridge of Family Tendership.

Of course it is inevitable that the two generations should have different points of view, but with the bridge of family tenderness to help them across to each other, I think they could probably find more enjoyment of each other if they definitely sought that source of enjoyment.

I think there is a movement this

GUARANTEED GOODS.



I bought a clock of Mike McPete; he gave his guarantee: "If it is a peach, I'll refund, and make no kick or whine, but on my countenance rotund I'll wear a smile benign; but I'll bet my summerbund you'll think that clock is fine." I wound the clock and made it go, and then I stood aghast: it always was nine years too slow or seven years too fast; it seemed as though it didn't know the future from the past. I couldn't keep appointments straight which made my spirit sore, for when the sun showed half past eight, and so I clock struck twenty-four, and so I sung a hymn of hate and took it to Mike's store. And Mike made good, but with a crown that seemed to me a crime; he counted all the money down, a nickel at a time; his laughter didn't fill the town with glad, ex-

ultant chime. "We will make good," most dealers cry, and most of them do that, when we return a tinhorn pie, a shotgun or a hat; but if they do it with a sigh their making good falls flat.

Acre Oat Crop Won Him Farm.

The death of Theodore Harms of Salkum, Wash., recalls the fact that 12 years ago this Lewis country farmer grew what is probably the greatest crop of oats ever produced on a single acre of land in the United States.

The seed was furnished by a middle Western seed company and as a prize for having produced the record crop Harms received a deed to an 80-acre farm near Marinette, Wis.

Harms grew 10 acres of oats that season, but only one was entered in the contest, which was in accordance with certain rules.

The crop yielded 334 bushels to the acre, machine measurement, a bushel weighing 38 pounds.

So far as is known, this record has not yet been equalled.

Blacks as Boxers.

WHY MOST NEGRO FIGHTERS ARE UNPOPULAR.

The history of colored men in the Ring does not make pretty reading for the most part, neither does it reflect credit on the whites regarding their treatment. For it seems that the very first black fighter on record in England was cheated out of a championship.

Thomas Molineux came to England from Virginia early in the last century to make a living by his fists. He stood only five feet eight and a half inches, but he weighed over fourteen stone, and a fortnight before Christmas of 1850 he fought Tom Cribb, the Champion of England.

Even in that first fight it became evident that the black had great advantages over the white physically.

Being nearer to the animal, his bones are harder and thicker, and he is less vulnerable about the head and jaw. Yet he is little, if anything, behind the white in the matter of fighting skill and fighting intelligence.

THE BLACK LOST.

During the twenty-second round—these were the bare-knuckle days—Cribb was crushed against the ropes and practically beaten. But during the half-minute's rest Cribb's seconds, by the ruse of protesting that the black had bullets in his hand, prolonged the period until Cribb had recovered, and Molineux, unaccounted to the English winter, had caught a fit of shivering. Cribb eventually won.

In later years, when gloves were introduced, there arose Peter Jackson, known as the first black gentleman, who beat Slavin at the National Sporting Club in 1892 for what was called the championship of the world.

A POPULAR NEGRO.

Jackson alone of the many negroes who have splashed the horizon of boxing history, was really a popular figure, and when he died, he was mourned as sincerely as ever any

white fighter has ever been. He fought bravely and and sympathetically, and was modest in his victory.

Many other black fighters we have known since—Jack Johnson champion of the world until just before the war; Sam Langford, Sam McVea, who died recently; Harry Wills, who has been challenging Dempsey in vain; and lastly Battling Siki, who knocked out Carpenter last year.

The "two Sams" alone have attained any degree of lasting friendship among the whites, and that friendship was always tinged with contempt.

WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

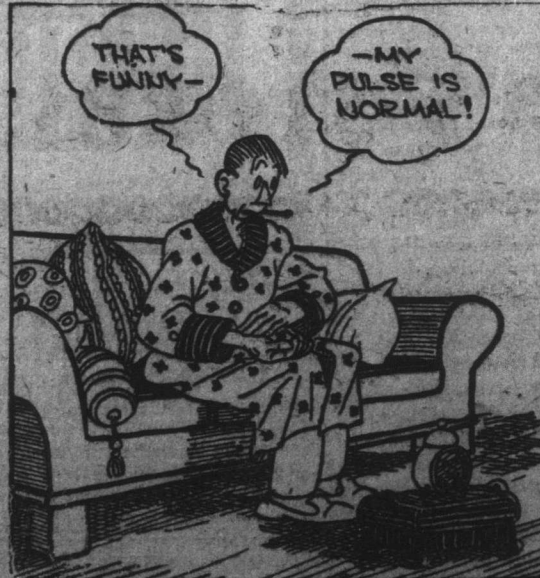
The negro, usually, fights cleanly and bravely. But he is rarely modest in victory. And therein lies the trouble. Jack Johnson's swaggering vanity made him a target for abuse and hatred which lasts until to-day.

As with most negroes, his conquest caused a swollen head, an enormous contempt for the white races, and a jeering manner towards his white opponents which aroused a great racial hatred between black races and the white.

When he married a white wife, civilised society turned and reviled him, and he was finally hounded from the ring.—Pearson's Weekly.

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