

Mothers Should Remember That

Children are weak and helpless. They are at the mercy of their parents. Punishment, by personal violence is degrading to mother and child. It takes away the self-respect of both. Mothers must never relax their efforts to secure obedience and to correct faults. Punishment when needed may easily be deprivation of something which relates to the act committed or omitted, such as keeping the child in bed, keeping him away from playmates for a day or two if he has done wrong with them, making him sit down for an hour or more. Such punishments are usually far

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