Modern Mothers Are Wonderful

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I think the modern mother is wonderful. I call her the "Peter Pan" mother; she never seems to grow up. And I am all in favor of this happy flair for never growing up. It is the best thing that could happen to the mother who wishes to gain the confidence of her children and know their innermost secrets and divine their unspoken desires and ambitions.

Only by interest in their ways, which often are vastly divergent from her own, can a mother effectively lavish all the tender qualities of motherliness, most important of which are sympathy and companionship.

Keeping Young With Their Children

The type of mother who has no time to devote to her children's pleasures and interests will never extract the best from them. The ways of their world may seem trivial when compared to her own, but to them they are of a paramount and absorbing importance.

There is a difference between the mother of this and the last century; so much the better for this generation Times have changed and so, happily, have the conceptions of mothers as to how best to retain the respect of their children.

Mothers, thank heaven, no longer bid farewell to their twenties by donning shawls and spectacles, and with a deep sigh of resignation renounce the delights indulged by their children

Modern-day mothers are young in mind and in body at what our grandmothers used to call "middle age"—but even grandmothers, too, now keep young with their children!

Take the modern ballroom, for instance. Never before were there so many middle-aged and elderly couples dancing as there are to-day. And they enter into it with the younger set with a zest that is at once appreciated, and which enhances rather than lessens respect for parental opinions.

No longer do our daughters, demure and decorous, dance beneath the lynx-like eyes of austere chaperons possessed of little, if any, understanding of youth. Now the role of chaperon is more often than not fulfilled by the modern "Peter Pan" mother—herself and ardent dancer, able to enjoy life and at the same time "keep an eye" on her charges.

Not Like the Old Soulless Chaperon.

Modern daughters, I am sure, are thankful for this state of affairs, for they can choose the partners they really want without fear that they will be frightened off by the snobbish disdain and palpable disapproval that more often than not greeted them in the days of soulless chaperons.

Modern mothers have less obvious tactics, and use cleverer methods when dealing with their children's choices. They are fully aware that opposition only enhances desire, and that many of the undesirable alliances and clandestine elopements of the past were but the result of some quite unjustified embargo put on their liberty by an officious and unsympathetic chaperon.

Even when a modern mother registers disapproval of a friendship—which is not often, for the effect of their new freedom has been to make young people themselves more discriminating—she employs methods of her own in dealing with this kind of problem.

She is much more broad-minded than the chaperons were, and having remained young with her children, she understands better the reasons for a friendship of attachment. And, anyway, her daughter will probably have told her, "because modern mothers are so companionable and understanding."

The "Peter Pan" mother, if she doesn't approve of her daughter's choice of a male companion, doesn't take her task and rely on threats, or carefully wrapped warnings for obedience. She will, as likely as not, take him up herself to avert possible disaster!

Motherliness, to be perfect, should embrace several qualities—sympathy, understanding, and the happy knack of obtaining confidence without the giver suspecting a motive. Tact and far-seeing judgment are necessary in order to gain and keep young people's confidences. It is by steering her girls clear of the pitfalls of life without letting them know that the maternal hand is on the guiding rein that the most wayward ones an be managed.

A mother's only hope of winning her daughter's confidence is by being companionable, and I think that there is little doubt that the "Peter Pan" mother has far greater control over her children than had the mothers of bygone generations, who merely raised their eyebrows in horror and cold reproof at youthful indiscretions.

How to be Young and Happy at 40

Mothers who mingle with their children in their pleasures and daily interests broaden their own outlook on life, and can appreciate their children's point of view and recognize their difficulties. How can any woman hope to be a useful companion to her children if she has no knowledge outside the narrow limitations of the domestic circle?

Just as a mother feels proud of her children's accomplishments, so can children feel proud of their mother's achievements, especially if they are concerned with the children's own world, and particularly with its pleasures.

Mothers of to-day who have youthful ambitions, who play the games and dance the dances of their children, are the best mothers in the world. They stand a sane emphatic contradiction of the old-fashioned theory that where motherhood began youth ended.

How One Employer Places Mis-Fits

"How to fit square pegs into round holes has ever been one of the employer's greatest problems. Overcoming the evil of mis-fits in a business is a study of vital importance to every growing firm,'" says a writer in Business."

"Recently an employer of no little consequence found a remedy for this evil which proved, on application, of great profit to his business as a whole.

"The idea which was suggested to him by the head of his training department for new assistants is one that could be adopted by a small or large retailer, or wholesaler, with equal impunity. It is simple too, in operation, requiring only the services of one person, together with a number of printed forms, made out in original and duplicate.

"This person made a personal call—consuming in this case a few weeks—to every individual in the organization, to whom were put a series of questions printed in this special form, with space for the assistants' answers. Here are some of the questions:—

"Are you happy in your present work?

"If you could be moved, which department would you care to be placed in?

"What is your special ambition?

"What makes you think you are fitted for that particular work?

"Have you ever tried to specialize in any one thing?

"It was surprising what information these cards brought to light. One man interviewed said that he liked to write, and that he would enjoy editing the organization's house organ. Others expressed aspirations along other lines. Only a small majority expressed satisfaction with their present occupations. It was a revelation, and a not too comforting one to the management.

"However, in the case of the man with 'leanings' to house organ editing, the editor of the house magazine resigned, and in casting about for a new editor the man's ambitions came to light—re his tabulated card. He was given a trial. The magazine not only remained good, but after a few issues it even showed signs of distinct improvement on the old regime. To-day it is one of the best magazines of its kind published. If these tabulated cards revealed only this one case of a 'mis-fit' in an organization it more than paid for the price of its installation."

Desert Found Sadly Lacking In Romance

British Aviatrix Now Believes Tales of Horrors Rather Overdone

Bagdad, Irak.—The romancers who concoct tales of what happens to pretty British girls who get lost in the desert are all wrong, according to Amy Johnson, 23-year-old aviatrix with golden hair, who is attempting to make a record flight from Croydon, England, to Australia.

Arriving from Aleppo, Syria, she told a story of having been forced down in the desert near an Arab encampment, where she waited tremulously with revolver in hand for what might happen, but heard only the barking of dogs.

The real danger was not from Sheiks, she said. She had flown across the Taurus Mountains, 8,000 feet above sea level, through dense clouds which hid everything beyond a few yards ahead of her when she encountered a sand-storm with a wind of about 50 miles an hour.

The storm forced her down to the desert floor, where for two hours whirling clouds of dust threatened to drive the plane away. She took out her baggage, containing an evening dress, some clean stockings, and other feminine things and scotched the wheels of the plane.

When the storm died down she was able to get into the air again, and soon picked up the Tigris River. She followed it to Bagdad and landed gracefully at the aerodrome to the surprise of airmen who knowing of the storm had not expected her.

While they set to work overhauling her machine she went to a hotel for food and sleep, with the intention of re-starting at dawn to try to reach Karachi.

The Rubber Tapping Holiday

Times of Ceylon: (To counteract over-production and the consequent drop in prices, the Rubber Growers' Association has decided to stop tapping trees for a month.) If the scheme comes into operation, and particularly as soon as any impression is made on stocks, the price will go up. If it does not, the scheme is likely to prove a greater fiasco than we have ever thought it would. Immediately the market improves, however, it is a credulous person who will believe that all the "gentlemen's agreements" in the world will prevent a vast number of rubber-producers from accepting a god-sent opportunity of improving their balance sheets.

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.—Benjamin Franklin.

May 6th Was 20th Anniversary of Their Reign

SAILOR KING AND HIS QUEEN RECEIVE LOYAL GESTURES OF THE EMPIRE

His Majesty and Queen Mary observed the 20th anniversary of their coronation and ascension to the British throne on May 6th. Few public ceremonies, however, marked the occasion but bells were rung and guns fired salutes in Hyde Park and British naval stations in various parts of the world. The photograph here show interesting portrait studies of the King and Queen. The King is seen in his uniform as colonel-in-chief of the Life Guards.

Scenes in 'Quake Area Described

Deeds of Heroism, Cowardice and Greed Told by Survivors

Rangoon, Burma.—The ancient city of Pegu, once the powerful capital of the kingdom of Pegu, was in ruins from Monday's fire and earthquake when a United Press correspondent visited it recently.

More than 1,000 persons of the 14,000 population were estimated as dead, and the estimate was conservative. It was believed hundreds still were buried beneath the debris of old buildings, which have not been cleared away.

In other parts of thet earthquake area, which reached as far as Rangoon, 21 were known deadr.

Deeds of heroism, cowardice and greed were told as survivors recounted the horrible hours when the whole city seemed to rise and fall, then burst out in flames.

The doors of the Pegu jail were thrown open when the fire broke out, and the inmates paroled to aid the firemen. They fought the flames for hours and later when the roll was called, not one was missing.

Two hundred in the audience were crushed to death when a moving picture house collapsed. Many others were drowned when, panic-stricken, they leaped into a nearby creek, to avoid the sickening rise and fall of the earth.

A gang of looters, eagerly intent on collecting precious Oriental stones from the fallen buildings, was driven off successfully by British officers.

Jewel-studed pagodas, temples of the Buddhists, were shaken down, and the priests deposited their precious stones with the British authorities for safe-keeping. Among them was the $1,250,000 weather vane on top of the chief Buddhist pagoda at Peru.

A water famine and the possibility of disease threatened the city. Water was so scarce that it was being sold for a shilling—24 cents—a pint.

Rescue workers, some wearing gas masks, were hard at work clearing away the wreckage. Many were occupied with driving away dogs, who squatted in the streets over the bodies of the dead, growling at the approach of intruders.

Anti-British Propaganda

Cape Argus: Take the deadly and subtle propaganda against British trade which has been in progress—how little has been done to check it. Sheffield some time ago discovered that goods of inferior quality had been fraudulently marked with the names of Sheffield firms of the highest standing, with the deliberate object of damaging the world-wide reputation for quality of that great steel centre. Surely the question of effectively checkmating hostile propaganda is worthy of more attention than it has received.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Perth Western Mail: Unemployment it a social curse, but if an unemployment insurance scheme were to involve retrenchment, as it almost certainly would in our present circumstances the army of the compulsory idle would be substantially recruited and the country rendered the poorer by a consequential reduction in the volume of production.

The Connecting Links

Unthinking people are prone to get the cart before the horse.

An effect is always hidden behind a chain of causes. Wise is the individual who has been able to learn carefully to look over the links in that chain—links that have contributed to success or failure.

A man with countless millions says: "The purpose of our existence is not to make a living, but to make a life—"

That statement, if stopped there, would not impress a starving man favorably.

But that millionaire (who is a great and good man), continued his statement like this: "—a worthy, well-rounded and useful life."

Any worthy, well-rounded and useful life will bring about a good living.

Linking one to the other is a great chain of causes. Sometimes we think we see the real reason for some success or more failure, when, in reality, we have selected only one link in the chain of causes.

Perhaps this will impress you: A woman is as strong as her weakest moments and a man as weak as several links in the chain of his life.

It is the contributing causes or the connecting links that create a real effect.

Associate with Kids

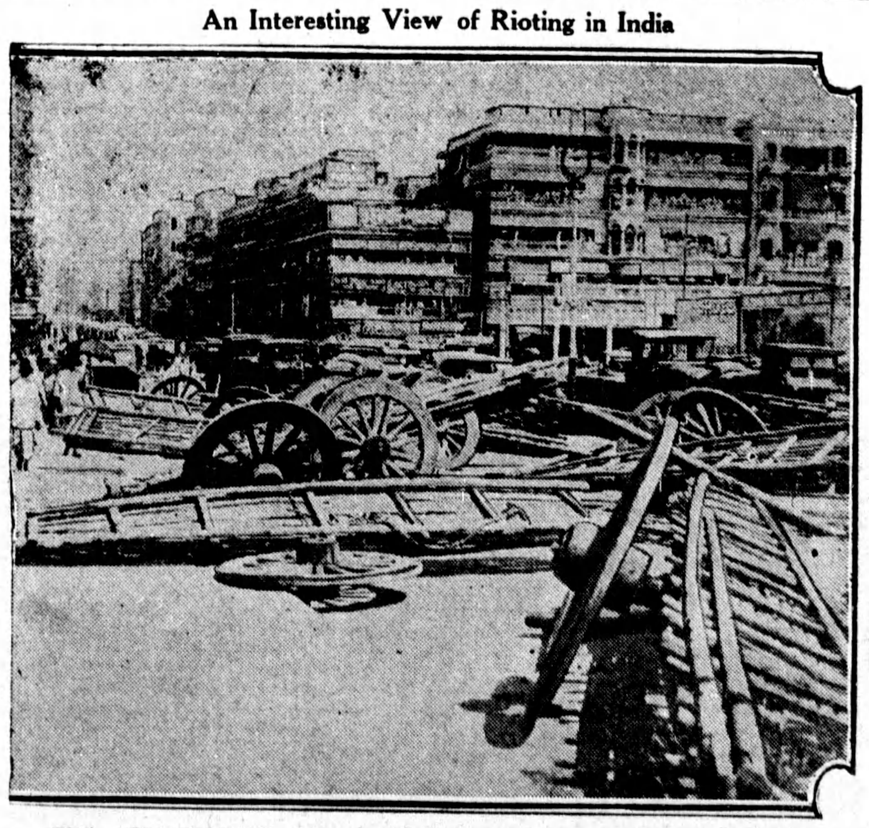
If you want to get a real kick out of life, associate with kids.

A child's mind sees clearly. The mature mind is often clouded by circumstances, environment and experience.

ONE WAY

One way to supply human needs is by encouraging words and kindly deeds.

An Interesting View of Rioting in India



THE ARCHITECTURE AND STRANGE CARTS FORM CONTRAST TO ONTARIO

Barricade of Buffalo carts completely blocking traffic at Howrah Bridge, Calcutta, India, in demonstration followng riots in which six were killed.

Warship Scrapped! What it Means

Many People When They Hear That a Warship is Scrapped Wonder What Happens.—The New Naval Treaty Deals With this Matter, and Lays Down Specific Conditions on this Point

The present Treaty provides for the disposal of vessels of war in the following ways:

(i) by scrapping (sinking or breaking up);

(ii) by converting the vessel to a hulk;

(iii) by converting the vessel to target use exclusively;

(iv) by retaining the vessel exclusively for experimental purposes;

(v) by retaining the vessel exclusively for training purposes.

Section I.—Vessels to be Scrapped

(a) A vessel to be disposed of by scrapping, by reason of its replacement, must be rendered incapable of warlike service within six months of the date of the completion of its successor, or of the first of its successors if there are more than one. If, however, the completion of the new vessel or vessels be delayed, the work of rendering the old vessel incapable of warlike service shall, nevertheless, be completed within four and a half years from the date of laying the keel of the new vessel, or of the first of the new vessels; but should the new vessel, or any of the new vessels, be a surface vessel not exceeding 3,000 tons (3,048 metric tons) standard displacement, this period is reduced to three and a half years.

(b) A vessel to be scrapped shall be considered incapable of warlike service when there shall have been removed and landed or else destroyed in the ship:

(1) all guns and essential parts of guns, fire control tops and revolving parts of all barbettes and turrets:

(2) all hydraulic or electric machinery for operating turrets;

(3) all fire control instruments and range-finders;

(4) all ammunition, explosives, mines and mine rails;

(5) all torpedoes, war heads, torpedo tubes and training racks;

(6) all wireless telegraphy installations;

(7) all main propelling machinery, or alternatively the armoured conning tower and all side armour plate;

(8) all aircraft cranes, derricks, lifts and launching apparatus. All landing-in or flying-off platforms and decks, or alternatively all main propelling machinery;

(c) Scrapping shall be finally effected in either of the following ways within twelve months of the date on which the work of rendering the vessel incapable of warlike service is due for completion:

(1) permanent sinking of the vessel;

(2) breaking the vessel up; this shall always include the destruction or removal of all machinery, boilers and armour, and all deck side and bottom plating.

Section II—Vessels to be Converted to Hulks

A vessel to be disposed of by conversion to a hulk shall be considered finally disposed of when the conditions prescribed in Section I, paragraph (b), have been complied with, omitting sub-paragraphs (6), (7) and (8), and when the following have been effected:

(1) mutilation beyond repair of all propeller shafts, thrust blocks, turbine gearing or main propelling motors and turbines or cylinders of main engines;

(2) removal of propeller brackets;

(3) removal and breaking up of all airiraft lifts and the removal of all aircraft cranes, derricks and launching apparatus.

When the Critics Boasted ..

Mr. Lloyd George in the Budget debate quoted from Conservative literature the claims of that party to have expended vast sums on social legislation.

"It was extraordinarily interesting," he said. "Here was one leaflet—in red—all promises of expenditure; bribery arrayed in scarlet. This was the party that was criticising. Of what did they boast? In 1928 the Conservative Government spent £1-000,000 more on education, £3, 000,-000 more on housing, £1,000,000 more on health services and £13,000,000 more on pensions than the Socialist Government spent in 1924.

"Another leaflet stated: 'During the lifetime of the present Conservative Government expenditure on social services by the State and local authorities increased by £50,000,000, from £332,000,000 in 1924.' That was the year when the Socialists were in office. They only spent £332,000,000, but 'in five years of Conservative government it was raised to £382,000,000 in 1927.' Since then Mr. Churchill had put on another £30,000,000.

"They boaster of it when there were votes to be had. The heading of this leaflet was 'From the cradle to the grave.' This was how they summed up:—'From the time that he is born until his declining years the worker is protected and helped on his way by the State under Acts of Parliament which were either originally passed by Conservatives or whih have been improved upon by Conservative Governments.' They could not have it both ways."

He who always wants his own way is soon left to travel alone.