Routine Duty Training Essentials

Self-Expression Should Also Predominate Beginning in Pre-school Age—Wisdom Needed.

Just what is the regimentation of children? It means, borrowing an army term, learning to work automatically under orders. And largely speaking, routine duty predominates.

All of us are regimented by the very requirements of life. First of all, we have to eat. We have to exercise, and to avoid danger to keep alive. That is primal. Next we have to work, in one form or another, force ourselves to some things deny ourselves others. From here on we can narrow it down to individual cases. But there is no escaping the fact that regimentation is a factor in living.

If the adult is to be ruled thus, by circumstances, does it not seem sensible to prepare the child for such contingencies?

The big trouble was that some years back, before we began to see daylight about individual happiness, discipline and regimentation made up almost all of a child's life.

Reaction From Strictness.

Once we had our eyes opened to the truth, we held up our hands in horror and began to kill Johnny and James with kindness, called liberty, the kind of liberty that killed much more quickly than it saved.

But it served (it still serves) its purpose, even though a few thousand children were sacrificed to the cause of the extremists. Every reform goes to extremes at first. Every new system of thought claims its victims.

Now, I am not out picketing for regimentation as a counter-reform measure. That would be to go back to the dark ages of Victorianism and the child "workhouse" of Dickens. But I have lived long enough to know that the only happy adult is the result of a very careful blending of both regimentation and personal liberty, of conforming and also of self-assertion.

This is why it seems to me, every child should have three stars to guide his up-bringing.

First, things that he has to do as routine, such as the baby learning to eat and sleep at regular hours; the child attending to his dressing and helping with regularly assigned tasks; the adolescent with still more responsibility.

Learning to Accept Emergencies

Next comes acceptance of emergency duty, as it arises, or the cheerful relinquishing of a privilege. Even though the child cannot always see reason behind this, the experience (if not too frequent) is a way of preparation for the multiple things that life will be sure to expect of him later.

The third is his right to selection and to do many of the things he craves to do, and by which he developes himself directly.

This last item is a big subject. Beginning in the pre-school age, the age of real self-development, self-expression should predominate, with general regimentation as a background. Gradually the regimentation may be increased, to be eventually eased off again when self-control or self-government is established as a habit.

Wisdom is needed more in child handling than in all the scientific laboratories on earth. Wisdom, kindness, confidence, but firmness, too. It is the most difficult formula ever handed to anyone.

Co-operative Houses Avoid In-Law Worry

Urbana, Ohio — Mrs. W. V. Jackson of North Lewisburg, while serving as matron of an Ohio State University fraternity house, watched members pool their living costs to provide a comfortable home in an atmosphere of congeniality.

Recently, this classified advertisement appeared in an Urbana newspaper: "Wanted, ten women, with references, to live on co-operative plan in a modern home, sharing the work, each to furnish her own bed and bedding. Total cost $15 a month."

Mrs. Jackson said she decided to start the co-operative home for elderly women because "I have more time on my hands than I can find a way to kill."

"Such a plan would obviate the necessity of parents living with married children. Members would not be burdens and inconveniences at the homes of their children, but rather would live independently and be happy in their own right.

She plans to use her own home for the experiment. Each co-operating member would preserve her own individuality and privacy by furnishing her own room.

Salt was a needed commodity not easily obtained in early Roman days. Soldiers of the time drew, as part of their pay, an allowance for salt. This was called "salarium" and, in due season, the word became "salary" and meant fixed wages.

The Papers Say

EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

CANADA

The McIntosh Red

The facts of the case are that a certain John McIntosh who came to Canada in 1801, bought a farm close to the St Lawrence in the county of Dundas which he subsequently exchanged for the west half of lot No. 9 in the fifth concession of Matilda, where he built a shack to which he moved his family.

While he was making a clearance on his new property, he discovered a few wild apple trees which were spared the axe. One of them was carefully tended by his son, Allen, who propagated and developed the species since known as the McIntosh Red and established a nursery at Dundela which served as a centre for McIntosh culture.

The McIntosh Red is now, of course, widely disseminated. It is still grown considerably in its native soil of Eastern Ontario, but in even greater numbers on the Pacific coast of both Canada and the United States, whence it is shipped to contribute to the food supply of more than one continent. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

The Trillium

What native bloom should Ontario adopt?

There is a difference of opinion on the subject, although the Ontario Horticultural Society sponsors the three-petalled lily, the trillium. The St. Thomas Times-Journal which represents a city which has become in recent years very much flower conscious, submits the following:

The Ontario Legislature is divided over a provincial floral emblem. We like the suggestion of Hon. George S. Henry that the question be settled by referring it to the school children of the province. A referendum of the pupils in the schools should not be difficult to take nor entail any great cost. It would give the pupils a feeling that they are worthy of being consulted and would have its educational effect as well.

There is very much to be said for the view as expressed. The love of flowers and the spirit of kindness to animals should be inculcated into the lives of all children, both boys and girls. — St. Catharines Standard.

Smiles of Spring

To the gardener, amateur or otherwise, March snows are just something which stand between him and good brown earth bursting into life in beds and borders. Anxiously the real flower lover is wondering how the tulips are doing under their cold white blanket. If really in earnest he is harassed by the thought that on down-to-zero days long chilly fingers may have reached his precious bulbs, and cruelly killed the jonquils.

Concern for growing things is deep in the minds of many quite unconscious of the feeling. Few pass a florist's display without a thrill of interest. Something blooming on a window sill never fails to appeal. A garden in full flower compels more than admiration — it makes life easier to accept. — Ottawa Journal.

$21,900,000 Windfall

The late James Couzens of Detroit, a Canadian by birth, left an estate worth $31,000,000. By way of succession tax the United States Government takes $18,500,000 and the state of Michigan $2,400,000. Windfalls of this sort are a great aid to budget-balancing. — Ottawa Journal.

Saturday Night

Ploughind and seeding operations generally may start in two weeks and spring will bring with it the full glory of the shopping on Saturday nights The sidewalks will be filled with people from eight till twelve o'clock. Saturday is a long wear yday for the people in the shops. Anyone who will try it for one day will cease wondering why the people who serve in shops are unable to attend church on Sunday morning. But a few have visits with good friends on Saturday evening and this seems to be a compensation for a week of hard work. In larger towns the farmers have to do their shopping earlier on Saturday nights, for the shop keepers are compelled to close earlier. — Port Rowan News.

No Chance

A Hollywood expert says that no man should propose who has not seen the girl's lips without makeup, as "the shape of a woman's mouth gives the whole story of her nature." On this basis, the true tendencies will seldom be known, as a speaker at a Rotary Club meeting in Montreal, in dealing with the cost of cosmetics, estimated that in one well-known university the co-eds used as much lipstick in one year "as would paint four good-sized barns."
good-sized barns — Brantford Expositor.

Ban Them All

A despatch from St. Thomas states that since the imposition of the $.-100 license fee, there is not one slot machine left in that city. The St. Thomas authorities made it a point in their by-law to tax all machines whether they were in use or not. This provision is said to make the by-law doubly effective. — St. Catharines Standard.

Looking Backward

As the fourth decade of the twentieth century draws nearer its close, we look back over many regrettable incidents, especially the conquest of Abyssinia, but we can console ourselves with the reflection that matters might have been worse. So long as the nations realise the cost of war they will refrain from embarking rashly on reckless adventure. There is yet hope that they will perceive clearly the great advantages to be gained by co-operation in promoting causes which concern the welfare of all. Greed, ambition and mutual distrust can produce nothing but disappointment in the long run. Belfast Telegraph.

Won't Slide for a While

There's a boy in Pontiac, Michigan who probably has been cured of the habit of sliding down the school bannisters. The other day he was indulging in his favorite pastime when a celluloid comb in his hip pocket caught fire, blistering him in such a spot that he is doing all his studying in an erect position. — Niagara Falls Review.

Not Ready to Rust

The total number of railway passengers carried in England during November was over one hundred millions. The iron horse is not by any means yet ready to rust on the scrap heap. — Brantford Expositor.

THE EMPIRE

Population

That population problems are intimately tied up with economics normally intelligent people have long recognised. But that does not mean that those who govern our present system of society have achieved that recognition. To them Mr. Keynes has delivered a salutary reproof. A stationary or shrinking population can, he said, lead to a breakdown in distribution, increasing unemployment, and the final collapse of the capitalist system. Or it can make easy the raising of "the standard of life to what it should be." These are the alternatives. Which road are we to tread? —London Daily Herald.

For Higher Wages

What is the average wage in industry? Not many pub, club or cafe political arguments end without a clash on that question. Now the Ministry of Labour says it is 43s a week; at least that is the figure which results from a private census of two million workers in these trades: Textiles, clothing, brick, pottery, glass and chemicals. The figures are sixteen months out of date, and there has been some improvement. But the highest wage making the average given is 87s 10d, so that there's still plenty to do in levelling up wages.—London Daily Express.

IT'S A FACT
By KENN EDWARDS

Sport examination day, my lads. How many can "you" answer?

1. Who was the first person to swim the English Channel? — Captain Matthew Webb of England in 1875.

2. Who was known as the "Fighting Marine"? — Gene Tunney.

3. Who is known in the tennis world as "Poker Face?"—Helen Wills Moody.

4. What is a camel's record for the mile? — 3 min., and 40 seconds.

5. What is a birdie? — Making a hole in under par.

6. What is the technical definition of the word "green" — Twenty feet in any direction of the cup.

7. Do you know the name of the boxing champion who was a deacon of a church and who recited to himself the 144th Psalm before each contest? — He was Theodore "Tiger" Flowers, who took the middleweight crown from the late Harry Grebb.

Now for a few interesting facts that are worth placing in that old dog-eared scrap books of yours.

Some years ago there was a featherweight champion named Eugene Criqui, who fought his way to a boxing title despite the fact that part of his jaw had been shot away in the Great War and he had a sheep nose bone grafted into the remaining part.

That old time battler, John L. Sullivan, toured the country playing Simon Legree in "Uncle Tom's Cabin".

It's a fact, too, that Hank Gowdy of the Boston Nationals was the first major league baseball player to enlist in the army after America entered the Great War.

Bear me out mascot — yes, the Brown University football team actually have a bear for their mascot.

And now friends in closing, here is a "Believe It or Not" that Ripley would bite his nails to get. Yes, and speaking of nails — did you know that the size of the finger-nails on the Statute of Liberty are 13 in. by 10 in.

We'll be knockin' on your door——
——so long.

Men and Women

A man distinguishes himself by groping in his pocket for the front door key while still half a block away on a frosty night, while if the woman has the key in her purse she will wait until she is safely on the verandah before starting a search for it.

When a man is being introduced to an audience by a flowery and flattering master of ceremonies, he will twiddle his thumbs, run his adam's apple up and down his neck a few times, yank on his collar and generally squirm about on his chair. A woman regardless of the heights of oratory reached in the introduction has the power to remain calm and serene.

When returning the first visit to a new home, the woman will have noted at least 26 things regarding the get-up of the place, while the man will scarcely be able to recall whether he was entertained in the drawing room or the kitchen.

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OTTAWA—Britain's preparedness program has led to an exodus of nearly 160 pilots, holding civil flying licences, from Canada to serve with short service commissions in the Royal Air Force Government officials said recently

It was emphasized the movement was not organized but was voluntary on the part of the pilots, who found the R.A.F. willing to accept their services. The pilots were generally young men attached to Canadian flying clubs.

Sale of Codeine, Veronal Prohibited in Drug Stores

TORONTO—Free sale of codeine and veronal in drug stores is prohibited under an amendment to the Pharmacy Act introduced in the Legislature this week by Hon. Dr. J. A. Faulkner, Minister of Health.

Dr. Faulkner proposed to list codeine, veronal, amidopyrine and barbituric acid in any group as "habit-forming drugs." Under his bill, druggists will be able to sell the drugs only on doctors' prescriptions.

The same bill will authorize the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, the Ontario Veterinary Association, and the Ontario College of Pharmacy to discipline members of the profession who are guilty of selling or prescribing an "excessive, unreasonable or improper amount" of these and other drugs said to be habit-forming.

This drastic legislation is reported to be a result in part of a widespread agitation about a year ago against the use of codeine, normally prescribed as a pain-killer. It was stated then that a class of "codeine addicts" was being developed.

Mourn Chamberlain

LONDON— This week the House of Commons paid tribute to the memory of a great Parliamentarian, Sir Austin Chamberlain, who died last Tuesday.

From all quarters—from the right to the extreme left—came no words but those of affectionate remembrance of Sir Austen Chamberlain, his loyalty, his honesty, his chivalry, his studied courtesy, his unfailing belief in democratic institutions.

"He reverenced his conscience as his King," Premier Baldwin said in apt quotation. "He spoke no slander. He always regarded public service as the highest career. In that belief he lived. In that belief he died.

"He had infinite belief in the Parliamentary system of this country. I think we can best keep his memory bright by confirming our own resolution that ' government of the people by the people shall not perish from the earth.' "

West Gets Queen's Books

SASKATOON, Sask.—The thrill of reading a book which was once the personal property of Queen Mary will come to many a prairie woman, as the result of a gift of about 50 books by the Queen to assist Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, to start libraries in prairie communities.

The books will be distributed through the libraries which will be sponsored by the Homemakers Clubs of the Province.

At present less than 20 per cent of the population of the province is served by public libraries.

Blind — Ran Farm 2 Years

BRANTFORD, Ont. — One-time pupil at the Ontario School for the Blind here, Miss Jessie McPhatter has decided to retire after managing a farm just beyond the village of Clyde for the past two years.

Now in her 70's, she was blinded at the age of three when a metal buckle on a belt twirled by a younger brother, struck her across the eyes.

When her brother died in a farm accident, she and a sister took up management of the farm. Two years ago Charlotte, the sister, died, and it was up to Miss McPhatter to carry on She did all the work in the two-storey farmhouse and helped the one hired man, when he was rushed, by milking six cows. Now, although she has leased the farm for three years, she will continue to live in a portion of the farmhouse.

A Farmer's Dilemma

WOODSTOCK—A young farmer reported to Chief Constable Moore the loss of $70 which he believed he had left loose in his pockets and pulled out with his handkerchief. In the station he thoroughly searched his pockets without success, but some hours later he notified the chief he had found the money in his wallet where he had placed it for safe-keeping, and forgotten it.

Her 16th Child

CHICOUTIMI, Que. —Mrs. Louis Villeneuve of St Thomas Didyme in Lake St. John district, this week gave birth to her 16th child. The mother is 35 years of age.

No Salute — No School

QUARRYVILLE, N.B.— A situation unique in New Brunswick has arisen in this Northumberland county village, where a dozen children have been expelled from school because they refuse to salute the flag and rise for the National Anthem.

The doctrine allegedly being advanced at Quarryville is opposed to the usual forms of patriotism, Government and church service.

Most of the villagers in the cult were said to be holding Provincial Government positions, with at least two receiving pensions from the Government.

The school teacher, Miss Muriel Freiger, said that the matter of expelled children was in the hands of the trustees. The latter made no statement.

Hand of the Heart

Frances Frost in the New York Times.

I set you free from the loves I bound you with;
Now let your leaf-fall hooves discover truly
The mountain edge that cuts the stars in two.

O heart, long chained in the windy cave of bone
And hungrily watched by the hounds of melancholy,
See, the iron fetters were cobweb, the heavy stone
Of despair has vanished, has gone like a drop of dew.

O taut red deer of my desire, depart,
Flash to the thickets, linger here no longer.
Reluctant to be off, nibbling again
The tame sweet grass wherein was laid the snare.

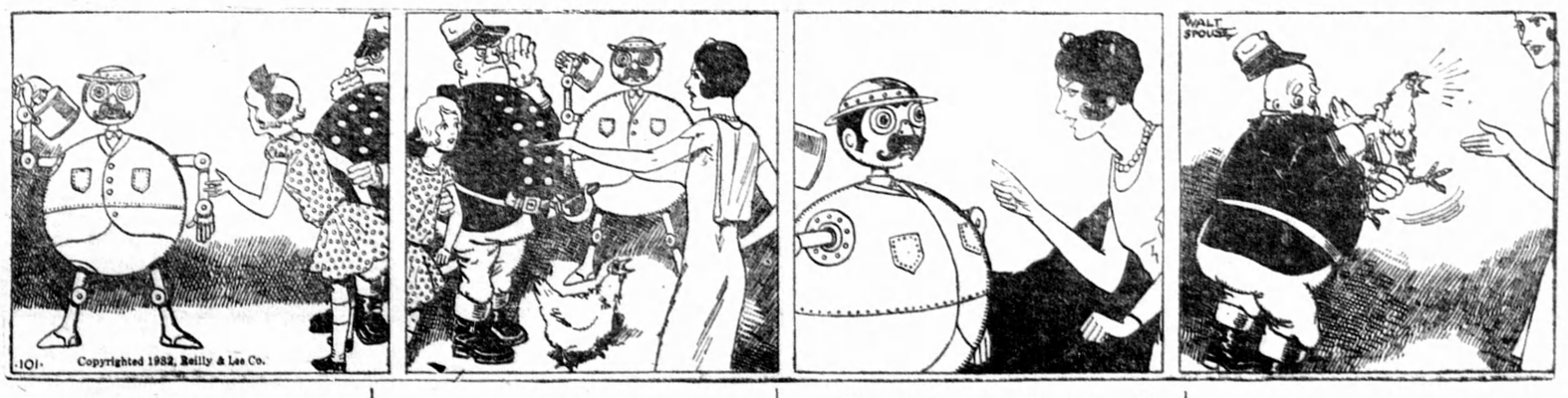
I have set you free, O trembling and foolish heart:
Remember, remember and flee the deathless stranger,
The anguish dark in your soft eyes knowing him plain:
Thrive on the lonely berry, thrive on the air!

Promissory Note

Another of those strange, stray pieces of paper, which people are always picking up and gaily sending to us, has arrived, notes the New Yorker. In scrawly writing, it says:

I, Marion Vandenburg, 8, do agree to pay to my brother, Jack Vandenburg, 11, the sum of 2 (two) cents at a future date (because I can't pay now) for sticking his toe in a mouse trap. (Signed.) Marion Vandenburg.

Alive, But Can't Prove It!—A young Dane is unable to prove that he has ever been born: according to the official records, he is dead. When he was baptized, the parson forgot to enter his name in the register, and a few years later his headmaster by mistake wrote in the records that he had died.



"This is too bad," said Tiktok, "I ought to have run six hours longer, at least, but I sup-pose my long walk and my fight with the Wheelers, made me run down fast-er than u-sual." "Well, it can't be helped," said Dorothy, with a sigh. "Will you change heads with me?" asked the Princess. "No, indeed!" cried Tiktok. "Then lock her up," said Langwidere to her soldiers.

The soldiers led Dorothy up to the highest part of the North Tower, where they left her after bolting the door securely on the outside. In the meantime the Colonel ordered his men to lift Tiktok, but he was so heavy that they could not budge him, so they left him standing in the drawing room. "People will think have a new statue," said the Princess Langwidere, "so it won't matter in the least, and Nanda can keep him well polished."

"What shall we do with the hen?" asked the Colonel, who had finally succeeded in capturing Billina, after chasing her around the room several times. "Put her in the chicken coop," answered Langwidere. "Some day I'll have her fried for breakfast." "She looks rather tough, Your Highness," said the Colonel, doubtfully. "That is base slander" cried Billina, struggling frantically in the Colonel's arms.

"The breed of chickens I come from is said to be deadly poison to all princesses," she continued slyly, seeing she could not escape. "In that case," said the Princess frightened, "I will have you drowned in a bucket of water." Then, turning she left the room, leaving our friends to think upon the terrible fate she planned for them.