

**MUST TELL CHILDREN
FACTS OF LIFE**

**Ignorance is Not a Moral Safe
Guard--There is Nothing
Wicked in Nature**

The teaching of eugenics, or, as the headmistress expressed it, of the facts of nature, is now included in the time-table of an up-to-date Hertfordshire, England village school.

At present the subject is not recognized in the school curriculum, and is tacked on to the Scripture lesson two or three times a week.

This week many visitors at the school, which numbers sixty children boys, curiously enough, outnumbering girls by four to one, were present while the eugenics lesson was given, only the top form of boys and girls between ten and fourteen being taken in the subject.

"There is nothing wicked in nature," began the headmistress to her class, and went on to talk to the eager, attentive little boys and girls about their future responsibilities in life.

"You are all going to be fathers and mothers some day," she said, "and if you don't grow up with strong healthy bodies you will not have strong, healthy children."

"To have such bodies you must breathe fresh air, take plenty of exercise and keep clean."

Next she drew a homely simile from a fruit tree.

"You know what sort of fruit a poor half-withered tree produces, don't you?" she asked. "Well, if you are like such a tree your children will be like its fruit."

Afterwards the headmistress told me why the subject of eugenics has been introduced into the school, and the benefit of it.

"If you don't teach children the facts of nature in a sensible open way, they find them out for themselves in a vulgar, improper way," she said.

"I believe in telling children those essential facts concerning life which they must know sooner or later. They ought to know; their ignorance is not a moral safeguard, it is the reverse; in fact, sometimes our educational methods make me want to scream."

"Up till fourteen a child is strictly cared for by the government—even the temperature of the school-room has to be registered—but directly he is fourteen he can go straight to the devil for all the government cares."

"With girls the case is far worse than with boys."

"So long as a girl keeps straight no one bothers to help her at all. Let her go off the rail, however, and rescue homes galore will take her in hand. It is like shutting the stable door after the horse has been stolen."

"I think eugenics should be taught in every school in the kingdom. If you can make a child understand the blessedness of a sound body and the awfulness of an unsound one, you are doing as much or more as all the rescue homes put together."

"All the children over ten in this school know the facts of nature, and there has been no instance of a child going wrong since I started to teach them."

"I have got the last thirteen girls to leave school to go into domestic service and this is far better for girls than going on the land."

"In domestic service they generally do not marry until they are past twenty, whereas if they dangle about in the fields at home they are often immature wives at seventeen or eighteen."

**Whisky Served
A Good Purpose**

All the temperance people in Walkerton, Ont., would join the hotel-keepers in one grand rally for booze if all the beverage were put to the same use as that which Mr. John Kormann of the Hartley House here did with a flask of whiskey last week. It was while returning in his auto from the Leifso wedding in Brant at a late hour of the night that the lights on John's car went out for want of water in the carburetor. As the night was too dark to proceed, and there was no water to be had, the situation seemed desperate until one of the party produced a flask of whiskey from his pocket. This was poured onto the carbide and produced a beautiful light that guarded the party home. While booze has put many a man astray in this was probably the first time it was ever used to pilot him aright.—Walkerton Herald and Times.

**CORN HUSKING A
NATIONAL PASTIME**

**And According to George Fitch
Begins About the Time Base
Ball Peters out**

Corn husking is a national game which begins about the time baseball peters out and continues until the blizzard season. It produces the same distressing results to the fingers as baseball does, but as a dividend producer of is about a thousand times more effective.

Corn husking is not a college diversion but has sent thousands of boys to college and has given them their sinewy wrists with which to grasp the flying halfbacks by the spinal column and check him in his mad career. Corn husking cannot be played in a stadium or amphitheatre. It requires as much room as golf. A forty acre field will keep 100 golfers busy for years, but a 100 acre field will only last two expert corn huskers for a few weeks.

Corn husking is the most valuable exercise in America. Corn that hasn't been husked is as valueless as a Salome dancer in street clothes. Hundreds of throbbing geniuses have spent their lives in trying to invent a machine which would deftly remove an ear of corn from its garments and toss it into a wagon, but the only entirely reliable machine of this sort in use is the farmer boy who rises at 4 a.m. and grasps 100 bushels of corn ears firmly between his aching thumb and forefinger before the sun goes down.

The rules of corn husking are very simple. The husker arms himself with a pair of large mittens with armored thumbs and follows a wagon across a cornfield denuding two rows of stalks as he goes and trying to keep the horses from eating themselves to death while waiting for him. The wagon keeps moving all day long and if the husker is beside it at night he wins. If he doesn't the wagon wins. It is a very exciting game, but not suitable for delicate young athletes with fragile, manicured fingers. Many a young man who can follow a golf ball all day long with the grim tenacity of a foxhound following an amise seed bag has retired from a husking game at noon with a low moan and a bunch of desiccated digits.

There are many husking experts who can keep three ears in the air right along and can hurl 200 bushels of corn into a wagon in 10 hours only missing it occasionally. A man who can do this is more useful to humanity than the man who can hurl 200 spit balls per day before shouting thousands of the daredevil who can travel 200 miles an hour on a motorcycle in the last stages of hydrophobia. There are 4,000,000,000 bushels of corn to be undressed and hurled in this country each fall, and only a few million red-necked and horny fingered farmer boys stand between us and ruin.

Somebody Pays

You simply load someone else. Somebody pays for whatever is made Cradle or coffin or jewel or spade.

With labor and suffering, sorrow and sweat;

Somebody pays for whatever we get—

You may dodge YOUR share, but the bill must be paid.

Whatever you shirk on another's back laid;

And so, when your portion you seek to evade,

down with the debt—

SOMEBODY pays.

It's true in all science and morals and trade,

The score must be settled—not altered a shade;

If little child faces with tears-drops are wet,

If Greed is triumphant, the bill must be met,

And the total is one to make brave men afraid—

SOMEBODY pays.

—Berton Braley in Wisconsin State Journal.

WHO WAS BOSS.

Waitress—Have another glass, sir?

Husband (to his wife)—Shall I have another glass, Friedrike?

Wife (to her mother)—Shall he have another, mother?

**GIVE WOMEN A
CHANCE TO VOTE**

**Francis J. Heney Says Men have
Made a Mess of it For
Over a Century**

"After over a century of the ballot with such disastrous results, you men ought to be ashamed to look your wives and sisters in the face, instead of telling them they are not fitted for the ballot," declared Francis J. Heney, the famous San Francisco graft prosecutor, in an address on "A Man's View of Equal Suffrage," under the auspices of the Dane county equal suffrage league, at the gymnasium last night.

"Arguing suffrage for women is like arguing the 'whole is equal to the sum of its parts'; it is equally axiomatic," the speaker continued.

"Over 600,000 people in this country die every year of preventable diseases. If woman had the right of suffrage, she could, on account of the children, take steps to make laws against the prevention of occupational diseases.

"The question of the inalienable right of woman to be treated the same as man is obvious. We are all equal beings, and we are created to live on the earth in equal happiness. There would not be any males on this earth if there were no females, and vice versa. The argument is often made that a woman should not vote because she cannot be a soldier or a policeman. For my part I should rather give my vote to the woman and take it away from the policeman. The woman in war do their share of the work and more than bear their share of the suffering. The red cross nurse is almost as indispensable as the soldier. And so when it comes to the making of the laws in our state and nation, the women should have their share. The laws are merely rules of the game under which civilization has developed.

"There are three things which civilization must have, food, shelter and clothing. The primitive woman supplied the clothing, prepared the food and helped in the making of the shelter. Since then she has continued to perform her part in the preparation of food and clothing. Today she is doing her full share of the work in the bake shops, in the factories and in the home.

**High Price
Of Silver Bullion**

New York, Oct. 24.—Owing to increase in the price of silver bullion, manufacturers of sterling silver flat-ware have advanced the price of spoons, forks and tableware approximately 10 per cent.

In January last silver bars were quoted in the New York market at 57 cents an ounce. The price today is slightly above 65 cents an ounce.

The reason given for the upward movement is the fact that the Indian Government has come into the market as a heavy buyer of silver bullion.

**Into Hundreds
Of Millions**

Dividend and interest disbursements by railroad, industrial and traction corporations next month in the United States will amount to \$104,425,275 as against \$94,090,471 in November a year ago, or an increase of \$10,325,804.

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PIPE COMES FIRST.

'Charlie—The doctor says I have a tobacco heart.

Madge—I knew it all along dear. You always cared more for your old pipe than you did for me.—Judge.

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