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Successful Parenthood

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Keep Love Flowing Steadily for Child

A little perspective is always needed for self-evaluation. So for this moment put your children out of your mind, and ask yourself, "If I were a child would I like myself as a parent?" For example, when you were little didn't you enjoy those grownups who obviously liked children, not just you yourself because you meant something special to them? In the new motion picture, "The Search," a little boy, typical of the pitiful children wandering around Europe, having lost track of parents and friends, hoping only for a scrap of food, is befriended by an American soldier. The American feeds the child, binds his wounds, clothes him. Anyone perhaps would have done as much. But the young lieutenant in his fondness for the child, pain-

takenly wins his confidence, teaches him to speak English and gradually erases the marks of the child's past suffering.

Eventually the solemn-eyed, frightened little boy is laughing and rough housing with his soldier friend. And it's easy to see that the American is not acting merely from a sense of duty. He's genuinely fond of children.

This is a trait Americans have to a marked degree. If you lack it, however, it doesn't necessarily make you a formidable Monty Wooley. But if you are a parent it would be well to cultivate a liking for children in general if only for the added warmth this will contribute to your love for your own family.

Now few of us are equally attracted to all ages of children. You may, for instance, adore babies, but you may be squeamish about rough-and-tumble school children or stand-offish with the teens. Or you may actually recoil from infants and be endlessly fascinated by bumptious eight-year-olds. All right, face the fact of your natural preference in types and ages of children, but resolve that you won't let it make any difference in your relations with your growing family.

Too many mothers who take wonderful care of their babies seem almost to become antagonistic when the child is old enough to be a person in his own right. So resolve further to find the most rewarding relationship for every stage in your child's growth. There will be lovely stretches of easy companionship, then times when you seem as far apart as the poles. That is one of many reasons why parents must keep their love flowing steadily to their children, for the times when they seem to reject it are the very times when the need is most.

"Food For Fun and Fitness"



THE MIXING BOWL

By Anne Allan
HYDRO HOME ECONOMIST

SHOWER IDEAS

Hello Homemakers! Shower gifts can bring pleasure to all concerned when they bespeak special thoughtfulness. One way to select a gift which is "just what the bride wanted" is to choose from the common-place necessities we use every day. You can add a surprise element to a clothespin bag by filling it with commercially prepared packages of quick cooking foods. A flower pot when it dons an apron with garden necessities (gloves, trowel, seeds, etc. stuck in the pockets). A pair of oven mitts will hold a few companion items such as tongs, brook and mixing spoons. Then too, bottles of spices become a kitchen decoration when they are housed in a gaily coloured box or rack.

If the party is an informal one the hostess may wish to decorate a place for the guest of honour. Try using some of the gifts. A clothes hamper for a bench and a clothes horse festooned with crepe paper as a trellis makes a good imitative rose arbor.

After the presentation of gifts the gathering of the clan may wish to play cards, enjoy a sing-song, play records, make a bride's book or sew for the bride. This is the time for you to put the finishing touches on the refreshments. A fruit salad or a jelly vegetable salad and a cheese tray with accompaniments of rye crisp, biscuits, cheese sticks and melba toast with small cakes and coffee are favorites.

PERFECTION SALAD

1 pkg. lemon-flavored jelly powder, 1 1/2 cups boiling water, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 4 tbsps. lemon juice, 1 cup shredded cabbage, 1 pimento (chopped), 1/2 cup shredded raw carrots, Lettuce, Watercress, Mayonnaise. Dissolve jelly powder in boiling water, or as directed on the package. Add salt, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and chill until slightly thickened. Add cabbage, pimento, and carrots. Chill in electric refrigerator until firm. Unmold on lettuce and serve with garish of watercress and mayonnaise. Yield: 6 servings.

QUICK TOMATO ASPIC

1 can condensed tomato soup, water, 2 tbsps. onion juice, 1 1/2 tbsps. granulated gelatine, 1/4 cup cold water. Heat tomato soup with an equal amount of water. Add onion juice. Soak gelatine in cold water for 5 minutes. Add hot mixture to soaked gelatine and dissolve. Mix thoroughly and pour into oiled or moistened individual moulds or one large mould. Chill in electric refrigerator until set. Yield: 6 servings.

SWEDISH PASTRY

1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 egg yolk (slightly beaten), 1 cup sifted flour, 1 egg white (slightly beaten), chopped nuts, raspberry jam. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, creaming well. Add slightly beaten egg yolk and blend. Stir in flour and combine. Form into small balls, dip in egg white, then in chopped nuts. Make a small dent in the top of each ball. Place in a moderate electric oven of 350 degrees and bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven, press into dent to make it deeper, using spoon or other blunt utensil. Return to oven and continue baking for 15 minutes longer. Remove from oven and immediately fill hollows with jam.

PINK COCOANUT MACAROONS

2 egg whites, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1/2 cup dates, chopped, 1 cup finely shredded coconut. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Beat in sugar gradually. Add salt, vanilla and red coloring to tint. Fold into chopped dates and coconut. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a well-greased baking sheet. Bake in a low oven of 275 degrees until dry on the surface, or from 20 to 30 minutes. To test macaroons, lift those from the sheet with spatula and let stand for a few minutes. If it holds its shape the entire pan may be removed from the oven. Remove macaroons from the baking sheet with a spatula while still warm.

EASY DOES IT

By M. H. HALL

To put real life back into feathers, used in pillows, divide them in three or four cheesecloth bags, large enough to allow the feathers to expand as they fluff. Choose a sunny, breezy morning and let the bags hang on the line all day. Shake them and turn them around to sunny side occasionally. At day's end, stuff the feathers into their clean pillowcases.

When putting away household linens from the weekly wash, place them at the bottom of each pile so that all of them will have an equal amount of usage.

When wringing your clothes, avoid undue wringing. Shake out most of the wrinkles while they are wet and the ironing will be much easier.

That special china of yours should be put away with extra care. Use rounds of felt or soft dollies between pieces, to protect them from being scratched.

When refinishing furniture or wood paneling, wait at least two or three days before waxing it, if you desire a wax finish. The wax recommended is paste form finishing wax. After waxing wait a day or two before polishing.

WATER RINGS left by glasses on furniture should be wiped off immediately. If circles appear, use a clean blotter and a warm (not hot) iron.

Other blemishes such as heated objects placed on furniture and other white markings may be treated with camphorated oil.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pineapple Refrigerator Cake (Serves 6-8)
4 egg yolks
2 tablespoons flour

The Poet's Corner

QUITE SUDDENLY

Wielding the cloth,
Shifting books,
Flicking a moth,
Dusting nooks,
Suddenly
My stealthy search
Unearths for me
A piece of birch.
A gray white square
Cut from a tree—
And I am there
I see suddenly.
I see the lake,
The gleaming trees,
And watch them shake
Their tapestries.
I breathe again
New Hampshire air
And feel its rain
—for I am there.
Marel-Brown

SOON OR LATE

They all rejoice in our dear Autumn weather,
Those who from misty Scottish glens have come;
They all rejoice, but they still miss the heather,
And sigh "There is none here," when writing home.
But soon or late their words that cross the waters
To those far glens their feet once fondly trod,
When they were wholly Scotland's sons and daughters,
Will boast the beauty of goldenrod.
—Ernest H. A. Homer

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My Day

by Eleanor Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Sunday -- I am not quite sure I feel very happy over the barrage we have felt it necessary to put out to deny Soviet accusations that we were making a move for peace. I thought the Russians a little childish in being so quick to insist that, whatever was said, we were the ones who felt the need for further conversations. As a matter of fact, most of us knew the USSR couldn't make any one, except their own people believe that. Perhaps their own people needed a little encouragement.

Nevertheless, why should we feel it necessary to deny so vehemently that we intended to make a move for peace when heaven knows everything that we do in these days is directed toward that end? We do not want the Russians to think that we are afraid of them and are coming hat in hand to beg for more conversations. But I can't see why we have to deny that we try to bring about better understanding between us. It is fairly obvious to all the world by now that the one thing Russia enjoys doing is to talk. She can talk indefinitely and never seems to think it is a waste of time. By now even Russia must know that we and certain other nations consider talk which leads to no results futile and unnecessary.

Because so few people and so little news flows back and forth between Eastern Europe and the rest of the world, and because we have different economic systems and political beliefs, a cooperation which was easy in wartime -- when one overwhelming necessity overshadowed everything else -- has vanished into thin air. We are suspicious of each other. We know nothing about each other and each one thinks that the other is trying to hoodwink us, to put up a show for our benefit, to make us believe something which isn't true.

Russia gets a little beyond that, unfortunately, as in her latest move in Korea, where electric power for the southern part, which we occupy, is derived from the northern part, occupied by Russia. The action of the Soviet commanding general, who cut off all power supply to the southern part, might lead to really serious results.

This game of seeing how far you can go in irritating other people and still not goad them to more than verbal protest is a dangerous game. It reminds me of my two youngest sons when they were very small. The youngest looked like a small cherub, while the next oldest was big and strong for his age. He could have made mincemeat out of the younger one, and so everyone used to caution him: "Of course, you won't hurt your little brother."

But the little brother took advantage of the situation and kept irritating the older one without letup. Finally the elders realized what was going on and they lifted the ban on retaliation. One evening the older brother could stand no more, and with vigorous measures put his small, angelic-looking tormentor into his proper place. The older members of the family watched without a single word of protest. The lessons was excellent, and perhaps might be applied to international relations now and then. E. R.

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