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## Successful Parenthood



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**Pleasure of Child Tending**  
Missed by Youth of Today.

Did you ever think of borrowing a baby for a day or two to give your children the fun of looking after him? You probably know a young mother who would welcome a carefree day and your children will have the opportunity to learn how nice babies are, so both families will benefit. When families were larger, babies were part of most children's experience, but nowadays, many a child never discovers the delightfulness of playing with a baby. This is unfortunate, for the seeds of desire for parenthood are planted in happy childhood association with babies or doll substitutes.

Of course you can't turn a baby over to inexperienced children, but you will enjoy instructing them in baby care. Besides, wouldn't you yourself like having a baby around the house again if only for one lovely day?

Children love to play school, so why not initiate them into the realities of nursery school teaching by inviting several two and three year old children for an afternoon or two in your backyard? Again, you will have to supervise but we guarantee you'll all have a good time. In these days when children are picked up in cars or bus for most of their excursions away from home there isn't ten-year olds to escort little children to Sunday school or to dancing class. But if distances aren't too great this would be a nice custom to revive. It's a thrilling step in growing up to be entrusted with younger children and one today's youngsters shouldn't miss.

And while your family is considering the pleasures of child tending, why not use vacation days for home courses in cooking and housekeeping, too? I know, you've probably had a struggle to get your children to help about the house so you can't imagine any fun for them, or for yourself, in an intensified battle.

But did you ever try giving your 12-year-old daughter responsibility for a few days' meals — planning, shopping, preparing and serving? There's a vast difference in enjoyment between helping someone else cook and in doing it yourself. Naturally you have to limit the young shopper so she won't use up the whole week's food budget, on her fledgling efforts at meal getting. But having given her a certain amount to spend let her get what she wants.

It is part of the "course" for you to insist on balanced menus, otherwise daughter wouldn't be learning any of the rudiments of feeding a family properly. But after you've instructed her in nutritional values let her decide which protein (meat, fish, chicken or cheese or egg casserole), which green vegetable, and what kind of salad. You may have to remind her that men want potatoes and bread, no matter how elaborate the rest of the meal. And don't scoff if dessert is the first item of the menu to be decided on. You can still achieve a proper balance by having less starch in the main course.

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

By STAN WHITE

Tarnish may be removed from old leather shoes by suspending them in gallon jugs of creosote for two or three weeks.

A hostess I know on Toke Street has made little table runners out of the old bell-pulls which formed part of her dowry when she was married from her Balsam Street North home. She's also made bell-pulls out of old table runners, but they didn't work out too well.

Try making your Japanese rollmops with vetch, rather than the usual eggplant, and serve with just a hint of rose-water.

After a party, alcohol stains may be removed from walls, ceilings, woodwork, rugs and furniture by applying a 50% solution of potassium permanganate in lard and letting it stand for two days. The permanganate may then be removed by sponging with gelatin heated with oil and Gillet's lye in

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The Church of the Nativity was the setting for the wedding of Lillian Monette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Monette, 119 Mounjoy-street S., to Redvers Vickers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vickers, 124 First avenue, Schumacher, on Wednesday morning. Against an altar banked with flowers and lighted candles, Father F. B. Murray officiated at the ceremony.

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Pictured above following their wedding which took place in Trinity United Church, Schumacher, recently are Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Ste. Jean. The bride is the former Olga Lucyk, daughter of Mrs. Emma Lucyk and the late Mr. A. Lucyk. The groom is the son of Mr. Joseph Ste. Jean and the late Mrs. Ste. Jean.

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equal parts, to the consistency of thick soup. The gelatin may then be removed with Absorbine Junior applied with a damp rag in a rotary motion. Boer War.

The Absorbine Junior may then be removed with alcohol.

I guess you won't entertain that crowd again.

How about a crocheted slip-cover for the meter in the basement? Mrs. Wellsnitch on Patricia Blvd. has made one out of some old army socks she found in the attic. She started, she says, to crochet a watch fob but it got away from her. Mrs. Wellsnitch

has made a little cover for the Square-soup. The gelatin may then be removed with Absorbine Junior applied with a damp rag in a rotary motion. Boer War.

An Indian in Porcupine Junction has written in a grand new exercise for excessive fat under the armpits. He got it from his wife's physio-analyst who is a thyroid case himself. Ready girls?

Stand in front of an open window and inhale steadily for fifteen minutes without once exhaling. Your head should now be touching the floor in back of you. Reach out and grasp the bed springs with your left hand and using it as a lever propel yourself about the floor crabwise. With the discovery of steam power and the subsequent invention of the chaise longue, Dr. Osier fled to the lake district. I think that sentence must belong to another article, but what article I can't quite fathom.

Exhale.

Did you know that Hannibal was really a woman, and a five-foot-two woman at that?

## EASY DOES IT

To keep scatter rugs from slipping on the floor, place old jar rings of the rubber variety under the rugs, at each of the corners.

IF A WAXED SURFACE has been spotted or scratched, wash with turpentine and re-wax. If the wax is too light, color it to match the finish of the wood.

Save needless mopping up of the floor near the refrigerator by placing several thicknesses of newspapers on the floor near it when you defrost and clean.

OIL THE SEWING MACHINE after five or six hours usage to keep it in good running condition.

Irons that have become rusty and rough can be smoothed easily to a nice glass-like finish simply by rubbing with salt and a piece of paper.

SHIRT CARDBOARDS laid against the wall as you paint or wash woodwork will help keep the wallpaper spotless.

Before hanging freshly laundered curtains, slip a dull, flat table knife through the rod hem. Then the curtains will not tear when they dry and you are ready to put the rod through them.

A large old cookie tin is easy to slide in the oven to catch drippings from fruit and berry pies. It's easy to remove for cleaning and helps to keep the oven spotless.

SAVE CORD from wrapped packages on spools in the kitchen. These come in handy when you do wrapping of your own.

Dishes in which you have had milk or eggs should be rinsed in cool rather than hot water before washing to loosen the food.

Containers in which you have had fat foods should be rinsed in hot water to loosen the grease. Add ammonia if the grease is stubborn.

WATCH SCRATCHES

Those minor scratches and cuts which are so common, particularly when healthy young children are about, won't matter too much if they are given prompt and skilful attention. The family doctor will be glad to advise what first aid kit and home remedies should be kept on hand for treatment of scrapes and burns and pricks. Early care and close liaison with the doctor are essential to safety in the home.

## My Day

HIDE PARK. -- There must be a great many people in this country who are interested in Scotties, and those who love dogs, particularly of this breed, write very often not only to Fala but to Fala's mistress. So I take it they might be interested in the solving of one of the difficulties that I have experienced since I acquired Fala's grandson, Tamas McFala.

Whenever I let the two have their freedom as we walked through the woods, at some particular point they would forget me. My calling would be completely in vain. They had found something to hunt, and they were off.

Anyone who has Scotties knows they are independent little dogs and stand on their own. Also, they are good hunters. After several hours I begin to worry and start looking for my treasures.

One day they were seen on the main road, nearly four miles from our house, where an automobile almost ran over them. On another occasion a lady telephoned me two miles away, asking if I would please come and get my dogs, as they had treed her cat in the backyard. On going down I found that quite a number of children living there had been swimming in the brook and the dogs had followed them into the brook and up to the house. Of course, when the cat tried to chase them, they had to chase back.

I brought them home in disgrace and for a day I tried to keep them constantly on their leashes, except when they were in their own yard. I soon found, however, that the wire mesh around their yard is big enough for Tamas, the younger one, to squeeze through. After running around for a while, he always came to the door and cried to get in.

That gave me an idea and the next morning and every day since, on our

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