

SENSE TRAINING FOR LITTLE ONES

NATURE STUDY—GOOD METHOD FOR TEACHING FACTS AT First Hand.

(Mrs. Bertha Emelin) From about the age of 3 and extending indefinitely through childhood years, there is no more valuable aid for the mother who desires to promote the well-being of her children than walks and talks. It is usually most difficult for the homekeeping mother to find sufficient leisure—or rather, uninterrupted leisure—to concentrate on work or play with her children. We are all only too familiar with the interruptions of the butcher, the baker, the telephone, the friendly neighbor, which break in repeatedly until one 'gives up' in despair. But when you leave your home and its distractions behind you, you begin to realize that you have found a way in which you can say with Froebel, "Come, let us live with our children."

These walks and talks can be useful both to the city mother and the country mother, though it will be easily seen that the country mother has the advantage in this respect. The city mother will have to substitute, for the suggestions below, the city parks, the river or lake front, visits to the large factories, museums and historic points of interest. You can make the walks as long or as short as your leisure permits; you can plan them for every day or every other day, morning or afternoon; and after a month's trial you will begin to realize their value for yourself as much as for the children. The blue sky and the great outdoors will take you away from the pettiness of the thousand and one trifles that continually intrude themselves upon your attention while you remain within four walls, and they will be equally uplifting in taking the little ones away—especially is this true in small towns—from the petty small-talk that emanates from the porches and the front stoops and passes along the sidewalks from house to house and from child to child.

It is well for you to decide upon your destination before you call the children with "Let's go to the pond today!"—or "This is a great day for the woods!" A playmate or two taken along occasionally (and frequently if you have but one child) will lend additional zest to the walks and will enlarge your opportunities of getting better acquainted, not only with the playmates, but with your own children in relation to their playmates.

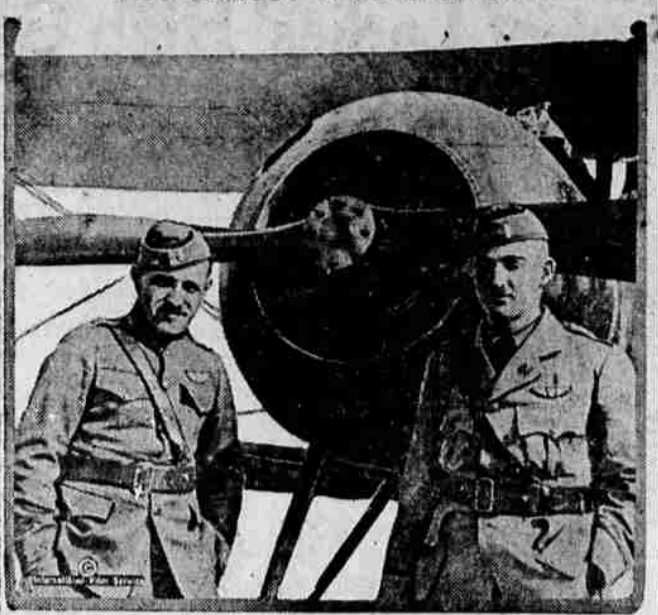
In the case of very young children, places very near home will serve as well as the more distant goals which are usually more attractive to the other children. She pond or the stream under the bridge, or the waterfront, the beach, or the rocky boulders that can be scaled, or the woods—seek them out in your vicinity. Try every road and see where it leads to. The adjoining town, if it be within two or three miles, makes a splendid objective point with older children, and a trolley ride will bring you back should time or fatigue make it necessary.

Try to forget all your grown-up dignity on these walks (especially if it be a country road, and have as much fun and laughter as the children are ready for. Wear only stout shoes and "roughing" clothes. Sometimes permit the children to take skates, or a bicycle, or a velocipede, a wagon or jaunting cart, or a sled, a hoop, or home reins. All these will provide additional attractions when the children seem loath to leave their street play.

These walks will develop your children physically, fully as much as any systematic exercises, and the variety of "stunts" that will be initiated along the road will astound you. In some of them you may join; others will teach you to have control of your nerves, while the children develop strength and independence thereby. So far as the physical activities are concerned, you need suggest very little; the children will initiate as much as there are time and energy for. There will be walking forward and backward, sometimes with eyes shut, sometimes on stone walls and in ditches; there will be running, skipping, hopping, jumping from different heights, whistling and singing, games of "follow master," racing, stone-throwing and stick-throwing into ponds and trees, and tree-climbing.

That the "walks and talks" are a great mental stimulus is readily apparent, when one reflects for a moment upon the opportunities for asking and answering questions that seldom arise in the school-room; the opportunities to observe public work that is going on away from one's immediate neighborhood; the roadbuilding, the digging of trenches and laying of mains, the setting and taking down of telegraph poles, the operation of the switch towers near the railroad bridge, the regulation of traffic, the construction of buildings. There is a deepening of sense impressions; there is training in the correct use of good English in conversations and story-telling by the way-side, there is reading and dramatization in the woods and in the shady nooks and on the rocky heights, that aid so much in creating a congenial atmos-

TWO FAMOUS AMERICAN ACES



Aviators Hill and Hoover, an "H" of a combination for the Boche. These two flyers are considered to be among the best Hun-getters of the American squadron.

There for the play of the imagination, and last but not least—perhaps the most valuable feature—there is a tremendous field for developing a knowledge for nature's workshop.

Perhaps some concrete illustrations will serve to good purpose: Sense Training

Stand still a few moments with eyes shut; listen intently, then tell what was heard.

Look intently in all directions, close eyes, and tell what was seen. Name objects (seeds, flowers, twigs, etc.) by touch alone with eyes shut.

Point to every bird's nest observed on the walk.

Find all the maple trees along one road. By taking one tree at a time you will soon be surprised to discover how many trees you and the children can name.

These walks will also contribute to spiritual growth in no small measure. They will afford a basis of companionship that with the older years is not readily outgrown, and many fond memories will cluster around these little trips.

Perhaps the same walks, though less frequent in the adolescent years, may afford opportunity for the confidences, the ideals and ambitions that are so often into someone else's ears because the mother seems so busy in the home. At any rate, you will not stop the walks and talks when the kindergarten age has passed. You will keep it up from year to year, and each year will make them seem more worth while. You will have to increase your knowledge of nature story as the years go by, but with your interest to spur you on, and the many books on the library shelves that are now ready to help you, this ought not to be difficult nor burdensome.

Faulty Judgment. "Miss Jones," sternly inquired the superintendent, "what has happened here? Five of your boys have black eyes and bruised faces." "The worst battered and most cheerful one is the new boy," answered the sixth-grade teacher. "The others thought he was for peace at any price. But he wasn't."

Patriotic Air Rounded Her. A Quinny girl returned from a dance recently at about 3 a. m. and could not be awakened for work. The alarm clock had no effect, nor did repeated calls from members of the family. Her little brother teased the revivify, but the girl was no soldier. Finally "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played, and to that the patriotic girl immediately responded.—Boston Globe.

Observer advertising will bring results.

SERGEANT WEBB



Sergeant Webb of a field battalion of the signal corps was decorated with the Croix de Guerre for bravery under fire. He was wounded in the fight and is shown wearing his well-earned honor decoration.

Kaiser Remains An Autocrat

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ports that his body was found in a military train bound for the Dutch border covered with bayonet and bullet wounds.

The official German Wolff bureau announced that the crown prince was with his troops at the front.

Reuter reported that he had arrived at Maxstriet at four yesterday afternoon.

Is With Father AMSTERDAM, Nov. 13.—There are unconfirmed reports here that German soldiers assassinated the former crown prince while he was fleeing to Holland. A Berlin dispatch says the workmen and soldiers council announced the arrival of the former kaiser and the prince in Holland.

Comb Old Toilet Adjunct. Combs have been used in the toilet since very ancient times. The Greek, the Egyptian and the Roman ladies used them to arrange and hold up their hair; even ladies among the Swiss lake-dwellers seem to have been familiar with them. Some of these were made of wood, some of bone, of horn or of ivory. Specimens have often been found in recent years.

District Residents Disfranchised. Residents of the district of Columbia never had the right to vote there in for national officials, which would include the president, or on other matters of national concern, after the territory embraced in the district was ceded to the United States and became the seat of the general government.

You Understand This? Not to perceive is the gift which softens the prospect for man who in his present, in his intimacies, in his necessities, sees more than suits his happiness, but who for his prospects finds radiance only softening and in its mellowing gaining glory, who looks for his greatest good in the west and seeks the deep purple with an illusioned soul.—Chicago Tribune.

NEW TODAY

FOR RENT—A newly papered and painted 5 room house, with barn, 504 K. Ave., near 1st st. S. Enquire 1710 4th st. 11-13-18.

FOR FIRST CLASS home cooked meals at reasonable price call on Mrs. Nora Webb, 1195 O. Ave. 11-13-18-19.

FOUND—Auto crank. Owner can have same by paying for ad. Call Observer office. 11-13-18.

RED CROSS DRUG STORE
The Kodak Store

Social and Personal

A. L. Lorenz is over from Cove.
J. A. Russell is in Portland on business.
Geo. Conley, of Cove, was in the city today.

Mrs. Gibson, of Pendleton, is in La Grande today.
A. H. Flexer, of Portland, is in the city on business.
G. A. Reilly, of Spokane, is in the city on business.

J. F. Graham, of Portland is stopping at the Foley.
Mrs. Burnett, from Baker, is visiting with Mrs. Mires.

A. B. Anderson, of Weiser, Idaho, is stopping at the Savoy.
A. C. Barnekoff, of Portland, is stopping at the Sommer.

Virgil Corn is up from Palmer Junction for a short stay.
Miss Mary Shirley Tuttle, from Elgin is registered at the Foley.

J. S. Smith and J. H. Sutherland went out the branch line today.
Mr. and Mrs. Downs, from Walla Walla, are stopping at the Somner.

Mrs. Lloyd Scriber is again able to be out, after an illness of several days.

Mrs. Hunkey and Miss Courtney are registered at the Foley, from Hot Lake.

Miss Rockwell is again able to be out, after being ill with influenza for a period of ten days.

Miss Mildred Minshall, of the Observer news force, is unable to work today on account of illness.

A. G. Birk was called to Baker on account of the illness of his wife. They are former residents of this city.

Chester Koyle, former Observer employee, and Mrs. Koyle are visiting relatives in La Grande. Mr. Koyle is now working in a Portland ship yard.

The ban on flu will be raised, and all the local moving picture houses are preparing to give their first exhibition on Friday night.

The newest thing in footwear is on display at the L. J. French Shoe Co., being a pair of wooden shoes sent from France by Lester Kingsley to his sister, Mrs. H. R. Rowe.

Mrs. George A. Bordwell, of Alameda, California, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe. Mrs. Bordwell is returning from a year's stay in China, with her youngest son. She has three sons in France, Major Percy

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Opportunity to Be Seized.
A porter in London was engaged in cleaning a luggage van, when the door swung back, striking him violently on the head. "Oh! Pat," he exclaimed to an Irishman standing on the platform, "I believe I've cut open my head." "Well, begor, now's the time to get something into it," was Pat's witty reply.

Famous Names Come High.
A collection consisting of the autographs of Lord Nelson and the captains who fought under him in the battle of Trafalgar was recently sold at auction for \$350.

OVERCOATS
\$20 to \$32, ready made.
11-13-18.
TOGGERY.

Japanese Taught to Repress Emotion.
Until late years the repression of any appearance of strong emotion was carefully drilled into the mind and life of every Japanese child of the better class. There is much more freedom now than formerly, but the influence of past training is seen everywhere—in art, in literature, on the stage and in the customs of daily life. Artists paint the autumn moon, which every Japanese adores, but he wraps the brilliant disk within a veil of cloud.

Mrs. P. O. Sturcell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold
"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Sturcell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take. Adv.

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