

PLANNING TO SAVE NATION'S BABIES

Expert Says We Do Not Know How to Raise Children.

EXPECTS TO HELP 100,000.

Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson Asserts That Schools and Colleges Teach Everything but the Mechanism of the Little Body—Congress of Mothers Starts Campaign.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, who has attained nation wide fame through the successful conducting of "better baby" contests throughout the country, expressed the opinion here that the women of this country are being trained to do everything except raise babies.

"Girls in the high schools and in private schools may be taught to sew a little, to cook a little and may know something of biology, but when these same girls become mothers they only know that the baby they are so proud



MRS. ANNA STEESE RICHARDSON.

of is something sweet, cuddling and adorable," said Mrs. Richardson. "They know nothing whatever of the mechanism of the little body, how it should be fed, nor how it should be clothed.

"This is not only true of the mother of the slums, but of that great army of mothers that belong to the middle class, who would give their very lives for their babies when they realize they are the victims of ignorance.

"The great mistake of the baby saving campaigns in the larger cities is that they have been conducted for the poor mother. To interest the mother in the all around development of the child is one way to stem wastefulness, idleness and degeneracy."

Mrs. Richardson, who is chairman of the hygiene committee of the National Congress of Mothers, also said she did not think it possible for public school teachers to give instruction properly in sex hygiene.

Plans were outlined whereby it is hoped to save at least 100,000 babies under the age of two years during the coming year through the co-operation of all the branches of the Congress of Mothers. This will take the form of better baby contests, under the auspices of the organization, and the distribution of pamphlets and bulletins.

TO GET SCHRANK'S WEAPON.

Roosevelt Will Receive Revolver With He Was Wounded.

Milwaukee.—Theodore Roosevelt will come into possession of the revolver used by John Schrank in his attempt upon the ex-president's life in Milwaukee two years ago.

Judge A. C. Backus of the municipal court has entrusted the weapon to E. E. Martin, one of the stenographers who accompanied Colonel Roosevelt at the time of the attack. Mr. Martin jumped upon the assailant after the first bullet had been fired at the ex-president. He will take the weapon to Oyster Bay and present it to Mr. Roosevelt upon the latter's return from the South American trip.

The revolver still contains the six shells placed in the chamber by Schrank. Only one was discharged.

HOPE FOR JESSE POMEROY.

After Thirty-eight Years He May Be Taken Out of Solitary Confinement.

Boston.—Hope is dawning on the horizon of Jesse Pomeroy, boy murderer of other children, after thirty-eight years of solitary confinement.

Pomeroy is not to be freed, but through the kindly interest of Frank I. Randall, who came from St. Cloud, Minn., last year to be commissioner of prisons, the most widely known of all American life prisoners probably will be taken out of solitary confinement soon and placed where he can have the companionship of his fellows.

Deaf Mute Wins Cambridge M. A.

London.—Cambridge university has just conferred the degree of master of arts on Armand Mackenzie, the first deaf and dumb man who ever won the master's hood in a British university. Mackenzie, who was born deaf and dumb, paid the university fees out of his scanty earnings. He married a deaf wife.

TO MARRY COUPLES FREE.

One of the New Social Plans of Trinity Church in Chicago.

Chicago.—Marriage ceremonies for which no fee will be accepted is one of the innovations which will be inaugurated at Trinity Episcopal church in case a fund of \$10,000 a year can be raised to make possible the extension of the church's activities.

"We wish to make historic Trinity something like the Little Church Around the Corner in New York," declared Andrew R. Sheriff, chairman of the campaign committee. "It is proposed to have a clergyman in attendance at all hours of the day and night to offer spiritual consolation, perform baptisms and marriage ceremonies and attend to the physical needs of the poor. An after midnight service on Sunday mornings for actors, newspaper people and those detained downtown late is also probable, while the social center work of the church will be greatly extended."

At one time Trinity church had eighteen multimillionaires as members of its congregation. Many of the wealthy members have moved away, making the task of maintaining the church a serious problem.

"SABLES" OF RABBIT SKINS.

America Sends Many Pelts to Paris Every Year.

Spokane, Wash.—Local postoffice employees who loaded and unloaded four wagon loads of rabbit pelts consigned to Paris believe they have discovered the source of some of the "sable" furs of the world's fashion center.

Homer Elwell, superintendent of the railway mails, was astonished not long ago when the postmaster at Chewelah wired him that sixty big mail pouches would be required to ship a consignment of rabbit skins to Paris. While Mr. Elwell considered the request a joke, he finally sent the pouches.

Railway mail clerks declared that they had been receiving small shipments of the pelts for several weeks.

The latest shipment is said to have been made by a Mr. Oppenheimer, a buyer. The parcel post rules provide dried pelts may be sent through the mails.

BE A SPINSTER AND LIVE LONG, HE SAYS

Life Insurance Man Gives Statistics on Death Rate.

New York.—The spinster lives longer than the married woman.

The business woman lives longer than the business man.

The woman who takes out an endowment insurance policy lives longer than the woman who takes out a straight life policy.

These facts—and Arthur Hunter, secretary of a leading company, said they were facts—were gathered last year by experts in the employ of the forty-three leading companies in this country.

Mr. Hunter didn't explain why the unmarried woman survives the matron nor why the business woman outlives the business man, but he revealed why the woman who takes unto herself an endowment policy lasts longer than the woman who has to die to win.

"The endowment woman just gets up her spirit and determines to live until the policy matures," he said. "The other woman sighs, 'Oh, what's the use?' and shuffles off."

Mr. Hunter said there were more fatal accidents in this country than elsewhere because of the American "I'll take a chance" spirit. The American, he said, takes all sorts of risks to save time and inconvenience. The foreigner doesn't do that at home, but when he comes here he becomes infected.

"The mortality rate among engineers and firemen is eight times that of men in other callings," he said, "and among policemen about 40 per cent higher. With policemen it is on the increase."

Mr. Hunter said that the business woman kept herself going by a determination to fight it out. She had something tangible, something to live for, whereas the business man takes his work as a matter of course and is apathetic.

"JAG" CURE COSTS \$10,000.

Minnesota Experimental Farm Saves Thirty-nine Patients in a Year.

St. Paul.—Minnesota's "jag farm" at Wilmar has succeeded in its mission, but it has been an expensive enterprise, according to the report.

The cost of running the farm for a year was \$385,823. Eighty-eight men were admitted for treatment. Thirty-nine were said to have been cured. Thirteen were relapsed. Eleven are missing and thirteen are back for more treatment at \$10,000 per cure.

Feel of Corpse Revives Him.

Elwood City, Pa.—When Ed Williams, a negro, who was thought dead, revived, stretched his arms and touched a nearby corpse he "came to life" suddenly. With a yell he sprang from a stretcher on which he had been placed and raced down the street with only a sheet as a covering.

Police to Stop All Swearing.

Cleveland, O.—The police of this city have been ordered to halt all persons heard swearing and scold them.

SPEAKING ABOUT HOGS.

Ohio Editor Grows Earnest in His War on Cholera.

Washington.—Representative White of Ohio is showing his friends in the house just how the hog cholera lobby is working here. Mr. White has a constituent in Ohio, an editor, who stands close to him in many ways. To this editor came A. P. Sandies, most ardent exponent of the projected law, with the plea that he "get George busy for the hog cholera bill."

Here is a part of the letter which the congressman received from the editor:

I had a sort of idea that the white plague was about the worst thing we had to contend with in this country, but no, a thousand times no! For frightful destruction and stupendous havoc and gigantic loss of money—the hog cholera has the white plague backed up in the corner yelling for ice water. I firmly believe this because "Put" says so. So I wish to add my urgent insist that you fly to the protection of the innocent hog instant. If a few old thousand children should die during your errand of mercy to the hog that is one of the exigencies that cannot well be avoided, because there are plenty more where they came from. Not so with the hogs. They are bringing from 9% to 10% cents in Pittsburgh today, and the visible supply is limited.

THESE CHICKENS ARE VAMPS.

Survived a Fire and Wouldn't Leave Shells Till Bell Rang.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Fire destroyed the North Tarrytown fire house. Water played on the blaze flooded the house of Charles Minnerly next door, and a box with a sitting hen and fifteen eggs floated around the cellar. The hen, however, stuck to the post while the flames crackled around her.

When the eggs were due to hatch no chicks appeared. Minnerly spoke to some of his friends, and they told him they were fire chickens and if he wanted to hatch them he would have to sound an alarm of the bell.

Then Minnerly went to the coop and rang an old dinner bell for fifteen minutes. To his surprise the eggs began to open, and in less than an hour every one of them hatched.

The chicks would not stay with the mother as long as Minnerly rang the bell. He solved the problem by tying a small bell around the mother's neck.

HEAVY SNOWS TO BRING BIG CROPS

Soil in Fine Shape as Result of White Blankets.

Washington.—For a number of years the country at large has not enjoyed such general snows as whitened the countryside during February and March of the present year. Also it has been the occasional catastrophe that one great heavy snow has fallen late in the season to be followed by a quick thaw and consequent floods. Now the soil slumps, seeing that conditions are more nearly ideal this season than for a number of seasons, are encouraged to believe that 1914 is destined to be a year of bumper crops.

Dr. J. A. Bonesteel of the bureau of soils is quoted:

"Since the snow blanket took its time in departing we will have a better crop start this year than for several years. To date conditions could be hardly more ideal. We had snow after snow—not too heavy, but persistent enough to keep the ground covered well and the tender shoots of the wheat in perfect condition.

"This is particularly true of the eastern states generally, but at the same time conditions are far better in the middle west than is the general average."

"In the corn belt, where there was a considerable depletion of the crop through too persistent drought last season, the snow will prove of incalculable benefit. The corn belt ought to have a splendid start.

"Where snow remained a long time and there has been extensive opportunity for it to seep down into the earth, carrying its moisture from one to two feet, the soil is prepared to develop sturdy roots for the cereal crops. The plants therefore stand a better chance against possible deficiencies in the matter of rainfall during the period of their growth."

WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

Statistics Show That Many Females Are in Various Professions.

Washington.—The extent to which women are leaving the home to enter the business world is shown by the following figures for the United States. There are:

- 239,077 stenographers.
- 327,635 teachers and professors.
- 481,150 in various trades.
- 770,055 engaged in agricultural pursuits.
- 7,300 physicians and surgeons.
- 7,395 clergy.
- 2,195 journalists.
- 1,037 architects, designers and draftsmen.
- 1,010 lawyers.
- 429,497 women in various other professions.

Man's Mind Ten Years Old.

St. Paul, Minn.—According to alienists who examined George Preston, twenty-four years old, charged with robbery, his mental age is from eight to ten years. He has the knowledge of a child of that age.

For Sheriff.

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