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Folks say of Jasper Hunka, "That man is worth a million plunks." Which means he has a mighty hoard in some sly place of safety stored. His value, though, to fellow cents, would not amount to fifty cents. He never helped a human soul since he acquired his bulging roll; he never lets a dime get loose on any pretext or excuse, unless he knows that it will earn another dime and then return. He judges all men by their wads; the millionaires rank with the gods, and men who have no pile of kale to Jasper seem both cheap and stale. He kicks at every forward move; he hates to see the town improve, because he fears that better times may tax him for his sacred dimes. He never thinks of aught but cash; all other things to him seem trash; the only books he reads are those which tell of how a fortune grows; the only pictures which appeal to his old heart of rusty steel, are those which on bank notes are seen—which decorate the good long green. He's worth a million, so they say. Ods bodikin! Alackaday! I wouldn't give ten cents a throw for fifty Jaspers in a row!—Wait Mason.

**An Appeal**

The County Superintendent has received an appeal from the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs, asking him to tell their hospital committee about any crippled children in this county who could be aided by a state-wide organization to furnish free medical treatment of the most modern scientific kind in all cases where the family income is not sufficient for expensive consultation with specialists.

The Federation, which includes a hundred women's clubs in all parts of the state, asks anyone who knows of a little victim of an accident, of spinal meningitis, of infantile paralysis, of tuberculosis in the bones or joints, or any other crippling cause, to write the details of the case to Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Secretary Child Welfare Commission, 250 1/2 Third Street, Portland, Oregon.

The club women maintain that these little cripples, besides being the most pitiful of all cases of helplessness, and besides being entirely without organized assistance in contrast with the great state institutions which care for the deaf, the blind, the feeble minded and even the delinquent, are also the most curable if treated in time, and the most able when so treated to make good, strong, useful citizens instead of charges on public charity all their lives.

**An Excellent Paper**

Paper read by Mrs. S. Turrell at the Mothers' meeting Monday afternoon, which will be found to be unusually interesting:

While there may be children with strong natural tendencies to truthfulness and candor which defective training can never wholly eradicate, and perhaps a few who are naturally untruthful, we must admit that, with the majority of them at least, very much depends on early training, and while we know that many parents fully realize this and are carefully leading their little ones in the right way, there are others who are, unconsciously, teaching lessons in untruthfulness which will never be forgotten. If a mother will practice deception in dealing with her baby, she should not be surprised if he puts the lessons thus taught him to practical use a little later on. How can he understand that it is wrong for him to slip away unnoticed after promising to remain at home if she has dealt

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with him in like manner when he has objected to being left? If it is right for mother, how can it be wrong for him? Many children are frightened into being untruthful. A child naturally considers his mother a haven of refuge, a being who can make everything come right, and happy, indeed, is the one who can always come fearlessly to her with his troubles, whether brought about through some fault of his own or through accident; but what of the one who comes to confess some little fault, expecting sympathy and guidance, but is met instead with angry reproach or punishment? Will he come next time and tell mother all about it, or will he try to devise means whereby to deceive her, and perhaps finally resort to downright falsehood in order to escape punishment? Especially should we guard against frightening children into obedience with stories of what will happen them if they fail to obey. Imagine, if you can, the feelings of a timid, nervous child on going to bed by himself after hearing some dreadful story which he, in his innocence, believes to be true; and when he finds he has been deceived who can blame him if he has small regard for the truth? Other children are led into untruthfulness by a too vivid imagination. They do not mean to lie, but it seems impossible for them to relate the most trivial event without adding to it until truth is lost sight of in the effort to make an interesting story. One writer says that this quality is often indicative of peculiar mental ability and should be conserved by direction into legitimate channels. She says one way is to have the child write in a diary her imaginative version of events, at the same time insisting that her verbal statements concerning the same events shall be absolutely accurate.

In order, then, to teach our children truthfulness, we must, from the very beginning, be absolutely truthful ourselves, not only with them, but with others. But when the tendency to lie is there, then what is to be done? They say there is great power in suggestion, that we should always expect the truth, nor by severity make it too hard to tell, and nine times out of ten we will get it. When, however, you are sure a lie has been told, patiently talk it over with the child until full confession has been obtained; then let not the punishment be too severe; let him understand that it is the lie for which he is being punished rather than the fault the lie was meant to hide; and do not be afraid to give him due praise for his courage in confessing. It will help him when temptation comes again. And in the meantime children should be taught to suppress unpleasant truths, especially about the personal appearance of others. It is hard enough for an unfortunate child to bear deformity or whatever his defect may be without being constantly reminded of it by thoughtless children who have never been taught to respect the feelings of others.

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