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### A TWO-SIDED PROBLEM.

FATHERS and mothers usually think that the problem of their relationship to their boys and girls is all on one side—their own side—but it isn't.

The problem is two-sided. Children are perplexing to their parents, oh, so often, but the truth is that parents are about as often perplexing to their children.

This other view of the matter, the children's view, is uniquely presented in a little story in a recent Magazine by Lucy Pratt. She quotes a boy on "Fathers and Mothers," as he writes it—a fictitious boy, but a real boy after all—and as he discusses parenthood he says:

If you have a new teacher and she isn't a good one, they change her and get you a better one. But if you have a new Father and Mother and they aren't good ones, you have to keep them just the same.

It is the same always. You can change a bad teacher any time for a good one, but your Father and Mother have to stay your Father and Mother whether they are bad or good. You can't change them. Not ever.

Doesn't it seem kind of dreadful to think of?

This other view of the relationship is one that should be pondered by parents. It is profitable for parents to get, now and then, this other view of parenthood—the children's they can not ever change bad fathers and mothers for good. If boys and girls are trials because they are needless and careless and naughty and so many other things, fathers and mothers should remember they themselves are probably trials to the boys and girls because they are so often unfair, unkind, impatient, inconsistent, unsympathetic, and even deceitful.

The problem of the relationship of parents to children is assuredly a two-sided problem.

## Saturday Evening Thoughts

Pendleton, Ore., is probably sorry that she did not get a copyright on the word "roundup" when she planned a celebration of that name. There is now said to be a roundup hat and hat band for men, a roundup belt for women, a roundup cigar and whisky, and from Lebanon, Ore., comes the announcement that there is soon to be manufactured a roundup cleansing powder. It is difficult, under these circumstances, to understand the failure of the dressmaker to get up a roundup skirt.

Pigs is pigs and cats is cats, but kittens, according to a Portland court, are worth \$4.50 a piece. At least the 10 kittens belonging to Mrs. Chute, the cat farmer of Two Rivers, were so valued after they had given

up their nine lives when under the roof of the Portland Bird company. In short, nine lives apiece for 10 cats makes a total of 90 lives, at \$45, which places a value of 50 cents upon the single life of a single kitten. In case this decision of the Portland court should lead some ambitious capitalist to organize a feline insurance company there would be more work for the statisticians.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho stood on his dignity in the Senate the other day. One is not surprised to hear that he stood alone. Dignity is an important element of character, but as a pedestal it is no better than a soap box. When a person gets up on his dignity he loses the very quality he wishes to sustain. He becomes no more impressive than a man chasing his own hat. The senator it seems resented the statement of a certain Washington newspaper that the president had the whip hand over the Senate. "Can we sit silent under such charges affecting the dignity and honor of the senate?" he asked. Apparently the Senate could, for no one said a word.

Representative Macon of Arkansas is something of a sizzler. And apparently the farther north he goes the hotter he becomes. While Mr. Heyburn was trying to stand on his dignity in the senate the member from Arkansas in the House was stamping dignity in the waste basket with one foot and kicking Commander Peary with the other. He called the commander a "fake hero" and accused him of conspiring with Doctor Cook to foist a make-believe discovery upon the world. "Oh slush!" seems the only proper comment upon such a statement. Peary was not as good a sport as some would have wished to have him, but there is no reason to doubt his sincerity or his honesty.

Some poor advertising noticed on the streets yesterday: A butcher with a dirty apron; a tailor with his clothes unpressed and spotted; a bootblack with shoes unshined; a salesgirl with frowny hair; a grocery store with spoiled fruit in the window; a clothing man in a soiled collar; a shoe man with his heels run down. Generally, the customers you want are the ones who notice those kind of things.

### WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

A man near Spokane shot 16 times at a toadstool and only hit a house. He ought to join the Mexican revolutionists.

A Spokane paper announces that a woman has invented a new guessing game. A new game to keep the men guessing, most likely.

Valeska Suratt says she married just to be in fashion. And presumably she doesn't care how often she will have to change husbands to keep in fashion, either.

There may be something to be proud of in this discovery that the human race has been on earth 170,000 years, but there evidently was no effort at promoting a railway to Coos Bay during the early years of the race.

"From what I read in the papers about it I think that 'Harem-Scarem' would be a better name for that new skirt than just plain 'Harem,'" remarked Dorsey Kreitzer as he "broke" a \$5.00 bill for Doc Straw by letting it fall on the bank counter.

A San Francisco news item says "two automobiles, going at sixty miles an hour, on the same road but in different directions, crashed together." Um-m. Well, the only remarkable thing we can see about it is that both machines happened to be going at the same rate of speed.

E. C. Paddock probably caught the inspiration from the fact that he sells tin to the trade when he ground out this little couplet:

"Now Lent is here,  
All sins are banned,  
There's naught to fear,  
The devil's cussed"  
But Harry McKeown, who has had experience with "cussed things" came right back with this:  
We view him yet  
With much alarm;  
Tinned devil can  
Do lots of harm

Take your SUNDAY DINNER at The CHANDLER, Special menu, RESERVE tables for PARTIES by PHONE.

## LITTLE TALKS ABOUT TOWN

Interesting Gossip About Various Topics by Well known People

"Men are like cigars," remarked Dave Stafford as he lighted a fresh one. "Often you can not tell by the wrapper what the filler is. Some times a good old stogie is more popular than an imported celebrity. Some men are all right in the show case, on display, but are great disappointments when you get them home. No matter how fine a man is, eventually he meets his match. A two-fer often puts on as many airs as a 50-center. Some men never get to the front at all except during campaigns. Some are very fancy outside and are selected for presents. Others have a rough exterior, but spread cheer and comfort about them because of what is inside. But all men, as all cigars, good or bad, stogies, rich or poor, come to ashes at last."

**Men and Cigars.**

"Sometimes these railway rumors are a bit stale and get a little tiresome," remarked Col. Grimes as he stopped on his way to the regular session of the solo club. "but after all we like to hear 'em. 'BHI' Warwick" expressed it about right when he said the other day, "I don't care if it is all hot air, I must have a railroad story once in a while anyway. Give it to me 'hot air and all', and he's about right," remarked the colonel. It only goes to show that after all we like the 'Hooray Fellers.'"

**Hot Air and Railways.**

Not much doin' In the thunder's sound, Yit the hooray fellers Help the world go round. Start things movin' In the lonesome ground— Oh, the hooray fellers Help the world turn round!

"There is a movement on foot for the establishment of watchmakers' schools of instruction in every state in the Union," said a traveling jeweler salesman at the Chandler the other day. "They are considered an excellent thing. Every detail of the watch adjustment is thoroughly gone over, and it is only a question of time until watchmakers will be seeking men who have had instructions at these schools. The National Retail Jewelers' association as well as state organizations have indorsed the movement for the establishment of schools."

**Watchmakers' Schools.**

"Did you know," remarked Albert Mendel of the Hub as he twisted the large solitaire on his finger, "that more than one-half the entire diamond production of the world finds its way eventually to New York City. I was reading an article the other day that stated that during the last year this country paid at the docks about \$46,000,000 for precious stones of all kinds and pearls. Nearly \$45,000,000 of this amount was paid in New York. The diamonds made up the principal part of these imports and were valued at \$38,000,000, almost three-quarters of which were in cut stones. Since the finding of diamonds in South Africa in 1888, Great

**The Diamond City.**

Britain has produced 75,000,000 carats, valued at \$650,000,000 at the mines. The public, of course, paid much more. More than \$200,000,000 has been put into diamonds and pearls by Americans. Germany also has extensive diamond interests in South Africa. Although a few large stones have come from the German mines, ranging in weight from five to seventeen carats, the average weight thus far is one-third of a carat. It is interesting to note that the cost of production in the German fields of the German colony is from fifty cents to two dollars a carat. This gives an advantage over the companies operating mines in the British colonies, where shafts have been dug to a depth of a half mile and where the cost of production ranges from four to five dollars a carat. In the German fields the stones are taken from the sands or are dug within a foot or two of the surface."

**Liberty Growing.**

"The increase of the circulation of books taken from the public library continues," said Miss Jameson, the Marshfield librarian. "The most gratifying feature of the increase is that an inspection of the character of the books taken out shows that patrons are taking more and more to the good, solid reading, that will improve the mind and contribute greater mental treasures than has been observed in the past. The public library is a vital factor in the intellectual life of the city, and the more one studies and analyzes its work, the more the pride taken in the great and abiding good it is doing."

**Some Poor Writing.**

"Never look for good handwriting on a hotel register," said Harry McKeown of the Chandler. "In the first place, most men carry their grips in the right hand and the hand is not in condition when they reach the desk to write their names so that even the brilliant hotel clerk, versed as he is in all kinds of handwriting, can read it. In addition, they write standing up, are usually in a hurry and ordinarily do not care how their names look, just so they get up to their rooms in the shortest space of time. The man who can sign a copper plate at the hotel desk is one of the exceptions, even among men who sign registers every day of the year, as many traveling men do."

**TOPICS OF THE TIMES**

A woman in Baltimore tried to give her husband 46 kisses on his birthday and was swatted and kicked out of the house. Probably he did not want to have his age rubbed in.

A Minneapolis man courted a woman eighteen years and lived with her only two months after marriage. She should have known that a man who hesitates that long will develop into a quitter.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson declares that the boy should be given all the pie he wants and permitted to sleep late in the morning if he feels like sleeping. Looks like Doc is trying to crowd George Washington out of first place in the small boy's list of great men.

**DR. SCHOONMAKER LEAVS**

Dr. B. E. Schoonmaker will leave for Portland June 1, where he will open one of the most modern equipped offices for crown, bridge, gold inlay and porcelain work, of which he will make a specialty. Dr. D. Vaughan of North Bend has arranged to occupy the office Dr. Schoonmaker now has, on June 1.

## Little Talks on Advertising TALK No. 8

THE death a few months ago of Andrew Pears, a great grandson of the original Andrew of Pear's Soap fame, supplies still another vivid reminder of the possibilities for any enterprising merchant who will raise his eyes to look beyond the confines of his own garden patch or sequestered isle. Since starting in business the house of Pears has spent over \$15,000,000 in advertising, and their name is practically as well-known in America today as it is in England. Yet after all, the house of Pears really accomplished nothing which any enterprising American advertiser might not have achieved with equal facility, provided he could have mustered the necessary equipment of personal qualities that enter into the make-up of the successful merchant. Such are the advertisers whose prudence anticipates the fact ahead of the event, and who invariably are found occupying the exceptionally advantageous positions on the ground floor and already turning over their profits while their imitators are beginning to rub their eyes and ask how the trick was done.

**STEAL OLD CANNON.** being taken in the direction of the Mexican border. A salute to President Harrison was fired from this cannon when he visited El Paso. Take your SUNDAY DINNER at The CHANDLER, Special menu, RESERVE tables for PARTIES by PHONE. Try Times Want Ads

El Paso City Park Decoration Is Taken By Mexicans. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times) EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 18. — Last night somebody stole an ancient brass cannon from the City Hall park and it is reported it was seen today

# Stationery

Is one of our side lines in which you can always find

# Money Values

We carry a complete assortment and you will find everything up-to-date.

# Red Cross Drug Store

### COAL STRIKES AND COAL PRICES

worry not the man who relies upon central station electric service for his power. The fear of waste and extravagance in the engine room disappears when the *Electric Drive* is installed. Expensive boilers and engines do not have to be maintained, repaired and replaced. Electric motors do away with line shafting and losses in power transmission. In nearly every possible power application, the *Electric Drive* shows a big saving over other forms of power. *Electric power means energy only when you want it, and then all you want.* Every year shows improvement, economies and developments in electric power machinery. The estimate you had made last year is probably out of date now. We employ competent experts to investigate your power needs and *you can depend on their reports.* Telephone 178, Oregon Power Company.

# CHEER UP

## We Have a Suit For You

**\$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00**

# Buy a Suit

## A MAN'S SUIT

See the Window

# EVERYTHING FOR MEN

# FIXUP

Opposite The Breakwater Office