

THE FAMILY LIFE.

Its Normal Restraints Make Man the Master of Himself.

Modern assailants of the family suppose that by destroying it they can emancipate the individuals who compose it. In their delirium they conceive that the goal of life is the throwing off of all restraints, says William Roscoe Thayer in Harper's Magazine. Nothing could be more mistaken.

Normal restraints, those which build up a man and make him master of himself, are really the means by which he gets his true freedom. A little water in a boiler will generate enough steam to run a locomotive; the same volume on the ground is a puddle and no more.

Discipline is the barrel of the gun, the rudder of the ship. The same law applies to human beings, and such an institution as the family has proved itself indispensable to the highest development of its members.

The man who thinks that by casting off its ties he gets a larger freedom deceives himself. At most he exchanges a higher plane for a lower and secures whatever privileges that descent implies. He retreats toward the plane of the beast, out of which it has been man's mission to rise and climb. He accepts the bondage of a more insistent selfishness.

AUSTRALIAN STORE TALK.

Their Term "Soft Goods" Means What We Call Dry Goods.

The United States is not the only country that takes liberties with the mother tongue. Australia speaks a language of trade that would not be understood elsewhere. For instance, "dry goods" is seldom heard, the Australian term being "soft goods." This generally applies only to piece goods, with some inclusion of ready to wear articles. The house or shop that carries articles for men's wear is known as a "mercery" and never as a haberdasher's. "Haberdashery" means what in America is covered by "notions."

The shop that handles women's wear is known as a "draper's," and the organization composed of members of the trade is called the Master Drapers' association. The "mantle" department is the one that handles women's coats and suits. The manager of the store or shop is known as director, and an "assistant" is a salesman.

"Warehouseman does not mean a man who stores goods for others, but a wholesale dealer in 'soft goods' and the like. The business of what is known in America as that of warehousemen is conducted in Australia by 'bulk stores.'"—New York World.

Corsica and England.

It is an almost forgotten fact that for a period of a little more than two years during the Napoleonic wars Corsica was a British possession. After the evacuation of Toulon the British government felt it necessary to take the island, and Lord Howe, with Nelson as brigadier, was sent to drive out the French. With the capture of Calvi, July 12, 1794, where Nelson lost his eye, the island fell into British hands, and George III. formally accepted the crown of Corsica, appointing Sir George Elliott as British viceroy and allowing the Corsicans to retain their legislative assembly. In 1796 the activity of the French navy in other parts of the Mediterranean resulted in a sudden decision of the British government to withdraw from the island. The evacuation was completed on Oct. 26 of that year, and Corsica reverted to France.

He Was Game.

They had been married three months and were having their first quarrel, which shows that they were a remarkable couple.

"Evidently," she said icily, "you regret that you have married me. The step is not irrevocable, however. If you care to be released from your bonds"—

"Naw," he interrupted impatiently. "I'm no ninety day recruit. I enlisted for the term of the war." She couldn't think of any retort, so she maintained a scornful silence.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

History and Legend.

Not far from the town of Charlotte Amalie, in what was once the Danish West Indies, are two old towers commonly known as Bluebeard's castle and Blackbeard's castle. Legend has it that here these daring old buccaniers had their headquarters and played their romantic roles as "the hornets of the Spanish main," but history disputes legend, for it says that they were really built by the Danish government as a measure of defense in 1680.

Screw Propellers.

Experiments made with two screw propellers for ships, one behind the other, show that but little increased speed is obtained by the arrangement, and rotating the two screws in opposite directions, either at the same or different speeds, has little effect on the results. It is, however, claimed that the double screw gives better control of the vessel.

Not a Gift.

"Did her father give the bride away?" "No. He said that would be a silly custom when he knew very well that in a few weeks they'd both be back living at his expense."—Detroit Free Press.

Breaking It Cently.

Pupil—Now that you have heard my voice, would you recommend cultivation? Teacher—No; conservation.—The Lamb

Experience is the extract of suffering.—Arthur Helps

Our Friends the Birds.

Birds are the friends of mankind. Were it not for their kindly offices, so ill requited, men could not live upon the earth more than a year or two. Insect life would sweep over the earth in a devastating flood. Every green thing would disappear as insects great and small, flying, creeping, swimming, boring and carnivorous, swept over the land. The birds, and the birds alone, are our guardians and keepers, and yet we make senseless war upon them. Because a few birds that guard our peas and cherries take tribute of the fruit they preserve we make senseless war upon them until by sad experience we are taught that it is a choice between plenty of birds and fewer cherries, and without the birds no cherries at all. The hawks and owls rid us of pestiferous vermin and now and then take a chicken for tribute. Therefore we make war upon hawks and owls, and by and by we have no clover, because the mice have eaten the eggs of the bumblebee, and so the clover is not fertilized.—Christian Register.

The Phantom Pool.

The Ozark mountains, which divide Arkansas from Missouri, are wonderfully picturesque, and one of its features, which has come to be known as "The Phantom Pool," is quite a curiosity. Adventurous visitors have been bringing back from time to time the story of the mysterious deception it practices upon the human vision, but there are always skeptics. Recently a party of Nebraskans set out for the place with the purpose of removing all doubt.

The rains had been very heavy and streams and ponds in the mountains were everywhere overflowing their banks. All conditions were favorable to upsetting the claim that the pool was always empty. The members of the group were overjoyed upon looking down from an eminence to find that the pool appeared to be full to the brim. Coming to its edge, however, they found it empty. And now they are encountering skepticism themselves.—Christian Science Monitor.

Peter the Great and Lawyers.

In Russia during the reign of Peter the Great private litigants might have their suits prosecuted free of cost by lawyers paid by the state. The emperor, discovering that his subjects were being imposed upon by their legal agents, who contrived to delay trials until they had sucked their clients dry, enacted that sufficient solicitors and attorneys should be employed at handsome yearly salaries to officiate for the public in every matter of law. He ordered further that these men should insert in a register written up daily the dates of applications to them and should proceed with the suits in the order in which they were received without respect of persons. If they failed to do so, if they accepted any bribe or fee or if they were dilatory these lawyers were to be knouted and sent to Siberia.

Buying Furniture.

If you are going to put a lot of money into a piece of furniture—and please remember that the important pieces can never, if really good, be cheap—make sure it is right before it is too late. Be sure that it is the kind of a piece that you will not only want to live with the rest of your life, but that you will love the more as time goes on, for that is what invariably happens if a chair or a table is built in the right way, on the right lines, of the right things. And such are the investments which we never regret. Especially must one be ever watchful in the buying of upholstered furniture lest a piece which looks good be suspiciously cheap, too cheap to warrant its being as good in its unseen parts as it appears on the surface.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Markets of Paris.

The first markets of Paris were established more than a thousand years ago in the Isle de la Cite. The booths were hereditary property, and their descent was generally from mother to daughter, who held them directly from the monarch. During the stormy times of the revolution these market women were conspicuous by their qualities of arm and tongue, both grown strong by centuries of sturdy exercise. These characteristics, however, do not appear in their successors, who trust to their cleverness and coquettish charm to fight their battles.

Long Winded Discussion.

"Pa, what is meant by filibustering?" "Talking against time, my son." "Do you ever filibuster, pa?" "No, my boy. With the exception of that imposed by physical exhaustion, there is no limit to the debates in this particular house."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Oh, to Be Free!

"Just think, Bobby," said his mother, "those poor little children are orphans and have no papa or mamma to care for them! You wouldn't like to be a lone orphan, would you?" "I feel like it sometimes, ma," was Bobby's reply.—Pearson's Weekly.

Road to Happiness.

The road to happiness is the continuous effort to make others happy. The chief aim of life ought to be usefulness, not happiness. But happiness always follows usefulness.—Talmage.

Fast.

Dad can easily believe that daughter and her beau are fast friends—in fact, the way they stick to it he says he believes they are fast to the sofa.—Florida Times-Union.

If thou hast a loitering servant send him of thy errand just before his dinner.—Fulter.

FRUIT and FARM

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

"This is the time for America to correct her unpardonable fault of wastefulness and extravagance. Let every man and every woman assume the duty of careful, provident use and expenditures, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect to be excused or forgiven for ignoring. This is our opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of a great democracy and we shall not fall short of it."—President Wilson.

Harvesting With a Tractor. (By Raymond Olney.)

We had in the neighborhood of 300 acres of small grain, and as we were using a tractor successfully for other farm work, such as plowing, disking, harrowing and seeding, we saw no reason why it could not be used equally as well to haul our two eight-foot binders.

Replacing the regular binder tongues with offset steering devices, we hauled the two binders tandem behind the tractor, and harvested our entire grain crop as easily in half the time it would have taken with horses.

It was indeed a pleasure to see this work being rushed along in the hottest kind of weather with no horses sweating, fighting flies and becoming fagged in a few hours' time. We did not need to rest our iron horse every round or so; no day was too long for it to work, and it never tired.

The period during which the wheat is in the best condition to be harvested is comparatively short, and the farmer has to put forth every effort to get it out during that time.

With the tractor we found that we did not have to begin harvesting quite as early as we did with horses. We waited until it had reached the right degree of maturity, then we started our outfit, and kept it moving fourteen to sixteen hours a day, or from dew to dew. In spite of hot weather the tractor chug-chugged along all day long, the only stops necessary being for meals and to oil the machinery occasionally, and make minor adjustments when needed.

By being careful to have the machinery in first-class working order before beginning the harvest, very few stops are necessary. Our tractor traveled at a speed of from 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 miles an hour, which was considerably faster than horses, and that, together with only a few stops, enabled us to make rapid progress.

The hitch we used was a patented device designed for hauling binders tandem and in multiple. The principal feature of this hitch is an offset steering pole, so arranged that the offset in the pole is controlled by means of a tiller wheel located within easy reach of the man tending the binder. The more offset there is in

the pole, the wider swath the binder will cut.

The man on the binder can turn the offset out of the pole so that the binder will travel directly behind the one in front of it, or behind the engine. This is done in going to and from the field or through a gateway.

When this device is used, each binder works independently of the others, and any number of machines can be hauled. There is also another patented binder hitch that works on the principle of a cross-reach. This hitch does away with the necessity of a tiller wheel to be operated by the binder tender, but it is designed for pulling only one harvester behind the tractor.

One of the first things that we learned in the operation of our tractor harvesting outfit was the need of some means whereby the men on the binders could signal the engineer when anything went wrong with either of the machines. It was very essential that the engineer give his undivided attention to steering, for the better he guided the engine the less need there was for the binder operators to pay attention to steering their machines.

It was suggested that a bell be placed in the engine cab with a cord extending back to the last binder. But not having a bell suitable for this purpose, we hit upon an idea that proved much better. One end of the cord was tied to the clutch lever on the tractor. Then whenever there was trouble with the binders, it was simply a matter of pulling the cord which threw out the clutch immediately. This arrangement made it possible to stop the engine much more quickly than with any other signaling device, and relieved the tractor operator of a great deal of responsibility.

Most power farmers will have only one binder to use with their tractor, and since they have been in the habit of having only one man drive a team and binder, the majority are apt to think they are extravagant of labor if more than one is needed with a tractor outfit.

If it can not be conveniently arranged so that only one man is required, it will be best to have two. Considering the fact that a tractor works so much faster than horses, and that it is capable of putting in fully twice as many hours in a day, no farmer should begrudge having two men to operate an outfit. In the matter of oiling and making adjustments two men are better than one, and aside from break-downs they should keep things moving better than one.

Dust Poison Controls Spotted Bean Beetle.

O. A. C. Experiment Station, Corvallis, August 4.—Those greenish yellow beetles with black spots, which are just now feasting on the blossoms and leaves of beans and cucumbers in western Oregon and will soon be devouring the silks of the young corn, are controlled at the O. A. C. experiment station by a poisoned dust. As prepared by A. L. Lovett, the entomologist, the dust is 85 parts either finely sifted wood ashes, air slaked lime or sulphur, with 15 parts powdered lead arsenate. It is lightly but thoroughly applied to the plants with a dust gun or a coarse salt sack or cheesecloth bag, early in the day while the plants are wet. A few plants are left undusted for the beetles to gather upon later, when they are killed by picking them off the vines and dropping them into a small pail of water having a thin film of kerosene on top.

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Another "Suff" Argument.

Tuttle, N. D., Star: At the burning of a barn in Steele recently, our superintendent displayed some nerve and pluck. Miss Sherman did not wait for the men to get there, but hastened to the barn without stopping to dress, and in bare feet untied the horses before they had become unmanageable, thus saving them with little trouble. There is not a man, we venture to say, in all Steele but would have stopped to put on his

pants before venturing out into the crisp air, but she did not, her whole thought being of the dumb animals imperiled, and it was indeed a nerve and cool-headed performance.

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