

## Problem of the Child's Allowance

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"I Don't Want to Be a Slave."

AFTER a long day of strenuous play Clarence, all of eight, was certainly tired, and his disinclination to put away the blocks and toys was comprehensible. But there was no compromise; mother insisted and the task was soon accomplished. He came back to mother and said, "Now they're all put away, mother. Give me a nickel."

"A nickel?" asked the mother, not perceiving the relevancy of the last remark. "Why should I give you a nickel?"

"For putting away those things; that's work; I don't want to be a slave," came the answer.

This suggested a possible misunderstanding, and mother asked rather than declared, "You don't know what a slave is, Clarence?"

"Oh, yes I do," persisted the boy. "A slave is like the colored people in the South who used to be made to work without getting paid."

That was near enough to the truth for the immediate purpose, and Clarence's mother had to stop fencing. She closed right in. People get paid for doing work for others, she explained, only where they cannot get any other returns for their service. But people do not get paid for doing their duty.

The explanation was entirely satisfactory to Clarence, except at one point. He did not see how he was going to get any money if not in payment for the things he had to do—and he had already discovered that he needed money. When a child reaches the point at which he has the germ of appreciation for money he certainly should have an opportunity to get it if that can possibly be arranged. And

if the family has the means there are two ways open, both of which may be used at some time.

A child may be given a small regular allowance for his own use. Through this he may learn the joy of immediate indulgence of trifling whims; or he may learn to expend his resources with discrimination; or he may learn the advantages of deferring expenditure for more favorable purchasing.

For the reason that the allowance is a part of the routine income of the child, by virtue of his membership in the home community, it should never be used as an instrument of "discipline." As to its amount, it should be increased only in recognition of larger needs, and it should be diminished only when retrenchment is necessary for the family as a whole or when changing conditions indicate reduced needs for the child.

In addition to allowance children should have opportunities to earn extra amounts of money. It is the money earned that gives them the necessary inner experience without which one is never able to translate money value into terms of effort and exertion and sacrifice. Money that comes without effort may teach the child to spend wisely, or to save; but it can never teach him the human cost of the things that he uses from day to day. It is perhaps at this point more than anywhere else that the children of the well-to-do fail to become acquainted with the life problems of the mass of the people. They come to feel the value of money in terms of what it can buy, but not in terms of what it costs. Only in the effort of labor can the true value of money be conceived.

## I'm Sorry; I Was Wrong

There may be virtue in the man Who's always sure he's right, Who'll never hear another's plan And seeks no further light; But I like more the chap who sings A somewhat different song, Who says, when he has messed up things: "I'm sorry; I was wrong."

It's hard for anyone to say That failure's due to him— That he lost his fight or way Because his lights burned dim. It takes a man aside to throw The vanity that's strong, Confessing: "'Twas my fault, I know; I'm sorry; I was wrong."

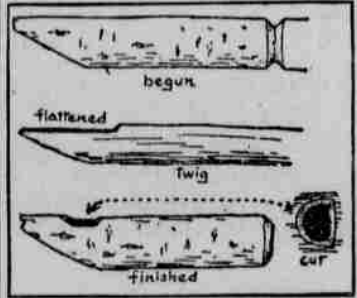
And so, I figure, those who use This honest, manly phrase, Hate it too much their way to lose On many future days. They'll keep the path and make the fight Because they do not long To have to say, when they're not right: "I'm sorry; I was wrong."

—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Every Boy Can Have Whistle—Here's How

When off to the park or country and loafing along a shady stream, watching a boat drift idly or a fishline cork rest upon the still surface, it is a fine time to employ an hour or so in making those delights to every boy, bark and plug whistles. The skillful boy learns the method and his first effort at least toots in a fashion, while others may hardly get a whisper out of their initial attempt. Later perfection of method and getting the knack result in a shrill blast that endangers one's eardrums.

Cut a straight willow twig about the length and twice the diameter of a lead pencil, one end of which is cut bevel, as here shown. At three or four inches from the end cut through the bark all around; this will be the length of the whistle. This section should be free of knots or roughness. On your knee, or better, on a flat wooden surface, hammer the bark



Whistles in the Making.

smartly, turning it so as to strike every portion; use the back of your knife, a stout piece of stick, or a smooth stone.

This hammering separates the fiber from the sapwood, and with a little gentle twisting and pulling the bark will slip off the twig. Cut the twig the same length as the bark and at the bevel end flatten one side, as shown. About an inch back from the end cut a thumb-nail-shape hole in the bark to come above the flat side of the twig and insert the twig. Then blow.

## Some Things That Are New.

Experts have listed more than 10,000 varieties of orchids.

A water-cooled motorcycle has been invented by an Englishman.

Among the jewelry novelties is a combination penknife and lead pencil.

The six state capitals of Australia have been connected by wireless telegraphy.

Concealed under the flap of a new cap for men is a pocket for money or valuables.

The world's greatest wireless station has been built in Italy, powerful enough to communicate with North and South America when similar stations are erected on this side of the Atlantic.

To facilitate rapid writing there has been invented a metal device to be clamped to the little finger and with a shelf on which to rest the next finger and slide over a surface written upon.

To insure the owner of a private shaving cup kept in a barber shop that he is its only user there has been invented a paper cap to cover it, which cannot be removed without breaking a seal.

In the last few years Moscow has been increasing in population more rapidly than at any time in a century and, if the present rate be continued, it will have more than 2,000,000 residents in 1920.

## Facts and Figures.

United States last year produced 1,731 tons of asbestos.

Alaska's 1915 mineral production was valued at \$32,854,229.

Virginia, in 1915, mined \$122,596 tons of coal, valued at \$7,962,934.

American exports of canned salmon are valued at \$7,000,000 yearly.

Czar of Russia's income is estimated to be \$80 every 60 seconds.

President Wilson has opened to settlement 148,676 acres of land in Salinas valley, California.

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

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## SPIDER POLICEMEN SAVE CONCERT.

"The night before last," said Daddy, "the Crickets thought it was time for them to give a Concert. So, several hours beforehand, they sent around notices to the Brooks, the Trees, the Woods and the Lawns—all of which places have Post Offices for the Animals, that the Concert would begin promptly at half after seven o'clock."

"They were very fine the way they named their hour, weren't they, Daddy?" asked Nancy.

"Yes," chimed in Nick, "I don't see why they didn't just say half-past seven, and be done with it."

"That isn't the Crickets' way, you see," said Daddy. "Anyhow, the Animals and all the little Creatures knew just what it meant and they were right on time."

"The only place where there was a Post Office and where they had not sent any invitations was the Swamp nearby. You see, a large colony of Mosquitoes had moved to this Swamp for the Spring and Summer months. Now the Mosquitoes were not very popular and they kept pretty much to themselves. Sometimes they would wander forth at night to the Piazzas where the big Folks were, and then they would have a real feast. For the



They Rushed Away From the Concert.

Mosquitoes like to get little nibbles of People, just as you two Children like to get nibbles of peanuts and candy and popcorn.

"The Mosquitoes were wandering around when they saw the Crickets posting their invitations in blades of grass in the Lawn right at the side of the Piazza where they were going that evening. They knew something was up. And when the Crickets had gone off again, didn't those inquisitive little Mosquitoes go right to the Lawn Post Office and look at the invitations which the Crickets had left."

"The Mosquitoes were just as mad as they could be. They called the Crickets horrid snobs, for they have very mean dispositions."

"Then one very cross and snappy little Mosquito said:

"Let's go to the Concert, whether we are invited or not, and show those Crickets that we don't think their Concert is so fine that we have to be invited to it. We will pretend that we think it is a free concert."

"And when they got there, they didn't act so the Crickets would feel sorry that they hadn't invited them, for they were so rude and so cranky that they went around biting and twiggling at the ears and legs of all the little Creatures at the concert. Of course they completely spoiled everything, and the Crickets were beginning to feel very sad when along came the Fairy Queen."

"She waved her wand in the air and what should appear but lots and lots of big Spider Policemen, all dressed up in blue suits and gray suits. 'Get to work,' she called out to the Spider Policemen, and didn't they go around biting those bad little Mosquitoes until they rushed away from the Concert as fast as they could go!"

"It taught them a good lesson, for they never again went to a Concert where they were not invited that was given by the Crickets. For they soon found out that the Fairy Queen is a real Friend of the Crickets."

"And the Concert went on after the Mosquitoes had left, and the Spider Policemen sang a very fine marching song, while some of them sang a song called 'Weaving the Web.' So the concert ended even better than they had hoped for in the very first place."

## QUITE CLEVER AT FIGURING

Little Marjorie Tells Fond Father How Many Files Would Be Left After One Was Killed.

Little Marjorie was telling about her number work at the family dinner table and papa wanted to test her mildly.

"Can you add small sums, girle?"

"Yes, papa."

"And can you subtract, too?"

"Take one number from another? Yes, Papa."

"That's nice, dear. Now let me hear you do it. Supposing there were four flies on a table and I killed one, how many would be left?"

"One," was the proud and sparkling answer. "The dead one."

## HELPS IN HOUSECLEANING

Closet Where There May Be Orderly Arrangement of Utensils Makes the Work Easier.

No one thing does more to help easy cleaning than some kind of house-cleaning closet. This may be placed under the back stairs, in a rear hall, or even in a back porch. It should be wide and shallow, preferably not more than a foot or eighteen inches in depth, to accommodate buckets, pails, scuttles, etc. One of the most successful closets I know of is built on a back porch of a house in the country. It is about a foot wide and has a narrow shelf extending across at the height of about five feet. On this shelf are kept cleansers, ammonia, stove polish, bathbrick and many other bottles and pans of cleaning necessities. Under the shelf are fastened small holders, into which are slipped the various brooms, mops and tools having long handles, thus keeping each separate and in shape. Small hooks are placed lower down, on which are hung lantern, tin basins, carpet-beater, etc. Several high hooks are reserved for holding mackintosh and farm clothing, and boots share the lower space with buckets and pails.—Woman's Home Companion.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When ironing it is a very good plan to get a clean brick, a white one if possible, as a stand. The iron will retain heat much longer than if an open ironstand be used.

When boiled and unboiled eggs get mixed, spin them, and the boiled ones will spin round quite fast, while those which have not been cooked will hardly spin round once.

Tar may be removed from the hands by rubbing with the outside of fresh orange or lemon peel and drying immediately. The volatile oils dissolve tar so that it can be rubbed off.

When buttons are taken from an old dress they should be strung on a string before putting them into the button box.

When the hair is dry, lusterless and brittle try rubbing a few drops of castor oil well into the scalp.

A little lemon juice added to the water in which the hair is washed will keep it light and at the same time act as a tonic to the scalp.

It is said that the hands may be speedily whitened by rubbing them well for three nights successively with sweet almond oil and then dusting over them as much fine chalk as they will retain.

## To Wash Feather Pillows.

It is possible to wash pillows without removing the feathers. Boil in borax water, to which a small quantity of ammonia has been added. Use half a teacupful of borax to a boilerful of water and add a teaspoonful of ammonia. Boil 15 or 20 minutes. After removing pillows from the boiler, scrub the tick, if badly stained, by laying on a washing board and applying suds with a stiff brush. Rinse in two or three waters and hang out on the line in a shady place to dry. Shake pillow and change ends two or three times a day. Bring pillows into the house before dew falls or it rains, as it takes a long time to dry pillows at best. This process makes the feathers light, flaky and sweet smelling.

## Spanish Rice.

One tablespoonful of good lard in spider, very hot. Fry one minced onion, a handful of minced olives, one small minced chili pepper (or ten drops of tabasco sauce), parsley, salt and pepper. Fry till golden brown. Add one and a half cupsful of uncooked Carolina rice. Fry until pale yellow. Put this into a double boiler. Add two cupsful of strained tomato and four cupsful of ground steak broth. Stir once, thoroughly. Cover and let cook until rice is done—at least one hour.

## Squab Pie.

Line a deep dish with puff paste, bake ten minutes in a hot oven and allow to rise. Cover this with a layer of good sausage meat, fill it with four to six squabs stuffed with a force meat flavored with truffles. Cover the birds with a layer of sausage meat and another of paste. Paint the pie with yolk of egg and bake from one to two hours. Fill the hole left in the center with one cupful of melted aspic jelly. Serve cold.

## Puffs of Meat.

One cupful dried roast meat, two eggs, one cupful milk, one teaspoonful baking powder, one heaping tablespoonful flour, pepper and salt. Beat up the eggs, add them gradually to the flour, then add the milk, salt and pepper and powder. Divide into buttered casseroles and bake in a hot oven. Serve hot. Small individual dishes are as good as open casseroles or cocottes.

## Virginia Waffles.

Boil half of a cupful of Indian meal in a cupful and a half of water 30 minutes. Add a cupful and a half of milk, two teaspoonfuls each of sugar and melted butter, two cupfuls of baking powder and two well-beaten eggs. Fry in a well greased waffle iron. Serve with maple sirup.

## Maple Pudding Sauce.

This is good on bread or cottage pudding. Beat the yolks of two eggs with a tablespoonful of sugar. Melt a cupful of maple sugar in a cup of hot milk and when boiling stir in the beaten egg yolks, stirring all the time until it thickens. Beat whites of eggs until foamy, and add just before serving.

## STAR OF THE MOVIES



Miss Grace Darmond, Well-Known Film Actress Who Is Being Starred in a New Serial.

## Beauty Sleep Brings A Clear, Fresh Skin

There are a few fundamental laws in regard to a clear, fresh skin. The first of these is sleep, and, say what you may, there is no better adage in the English language than the old rhyme of "Early to bed." Too little sleep leaves its traces on the face as clearly and definitely as if some demon or nightmare had written it there with pen and ink for all the world to read. The eyes are heavy and dull, the mouth sagging, faint lines appear around the mouth and eyes, and the skin, instead of being fresh and pink, is of a grayish hue. Not only is there a physical effect, but the mental result produces irritability, a nagging temper and a nervousness which go far toward producing wrinkles and "crows' feet."

It should be remembered that one hour of sleep before midnight is worth two after. Eight hours' sleep is sufficient for the average adult; those who do brain work require more. Let your room be filled with fresh, cold air—the colder the better—and see that the bedclothing is neither too heavy nor too light.—Sperry's Magazine.

## Around the World.

Plans are under way for establishing wireless telephone system in several cities in Spain and to connect with Spanish vessels and Spanish colonies in Africa.

Development of the incandescent lamp represents an improvement of 1,075 per cent in the amount of light obtainable from a given consumption of electricity.

In a machine invented in England to test the durability of textiles, dulged blades are rubbed by an electric motor against the fabrics until they are worn through.

Statistics gathered from colleges throughout the country show that residents of the United States, both men and women, are growing taller, more robust and stronger.

French scientists have decided that carrier pigeons are influenced by magnetism and that, with the growth of wireless telegraphy, much less dependence can be placed on them.

Medicine river, Fort Hill reservation, Oklahoma, has the most unusual crossing in the United States. A concrete roadway constitutes the ford across the river and water flows over it continuously.

We imagine there are a lot of halos in heaven that won't be called for.

The man who always gets what he wants usually makes a noise like a bank roll.

Horses are not partial to wild oats, which may explain why they possess horse sense.

Eventually a man quits wandering around with a chip on his shoulder.

Single gardenias are seen now and then on hat brims.

San Francisco thus far this year has erected 18 new factory buildings, valued at \$4,150,000.

A clock is wound up to make it run, but a business is wound up to stop it.

The milk of human kindness would be much richer if it wasn't skimmed so often.

## With One Exception.

"I presume Duwalle thinks his little son is just about the smartest boy ever born?"

"Oh, no. Duwalle remembers that he was a youngster once."

## Its Farewell Stunt.

Scribbles—Here's one of my jokes in this patent-medicine almanac. Dribbles—So? Then it must have passed the age limit.

## VITT, BENEDICT, URGES TIGERS TO FOLLOW SUIT

Propaganda of Detroit Player Threatens Trouble, for Manager Jennings Doesn't Like Bridegrooms.

Oscar Vitt threatens to be Jennings' menace. As most fans know, the young man from the coast, having won himself a regular berth with the Tigers, immediately took to himself a bride. This is in strict accordance with the unwritten big league law, marriage being regarded as the natural follow-up to the gaining of an established position in the profession.

Now, Vitt, who rather fancies himself as a hotel lobby orator, is spending much of his time preaching the gospel of matrimony to the young and unmarried members of the party. "Boys," he is wont to say, "it's the life. You don't know the comfort you're missing by not having your own



Oscar Vitt.

home, and you don't appreciate the responsibility you're shirking as a citizen. Follow my example."

Which is all right in a way, only that Mr. Jennings does not care for a mad and concerted rush for marriage licenses and a lot of weddings all at once. All managers prefer married players, who are more sedate and steady than the single men. But they dread bridegrooms. And the more in love with their wives the hubbies are, the greater the fear.

The bridegroom is wont to spend too much time scanning the grandstand, to see if his wife is there, or to make sure that she saw the play he just made or the hit he just got. No man can keep his mind on the game and his eye on the audience. After the novelty of married life wears off, the player gains in value. But as a bridegroom he presents a problem.

## Attractive Chains.

The new bead necklaces show combinations of jade and jet, coral and jet, or jade, pearls and jet, with imitation pierced gold or silver filigree beads used at effective intervals for ornamentation. One chain, in which jade is used most attractively, has the pierced gold beads, with antique finish, and a piece of Chinese money used as a pendant.

## POULTRY NOTES

A few guineas on every farm will eat a lot of bad bugs and grow into semi-game for some epicure's table. They bring good prices when sold direct to clubs, hotels, etc.

As chickens, ducklings or goslings grow they need more room in their coops, and extra room should always be provided before the quarters become crowded.

Do not allow chickens of different sizes and ages to use the same coop or same yard, but house and feed them separately if you want the younger to make good growth.

Average hens' eggs weigh about a pound and a half to the dozen, but some run as high as 33 ounces per dozen. Eggs ought to sell by weight but everybody would get a square deal.

Don't omit fresh vegetables and green stuff from the fowls' diet.

Roup is infectious and the weaklings are the ones to first become infected.

Chicks must not be left exposed to hot sunshine. If there are no trees, some other shade should be provided—growing corn or sunflowers, or even a shelter of boards, canvas or straw.

Sour milk is splendid feed for little chicks.

Neither goslings nor ducklings will do well on dry feed such as is successfully used for chicks. They must have crumbly, damp mash while they are young.

Sometimes chicks that have been thoroughly soaked by a cold rain and are apparently dead can be revived by putting them in a warm place where the temperature is about 100.

A little finely granulated charcoal mixed in the feed of little chicks, ducklings, goslings and poulters (young turkeys) will do a great deal to prevent digestive troubles.

Sell the old hens. The best layers are the pullets.

One of the best preventives of disease in the poultry yard is permanganate of potash used in the drinking water. Put what you can pile of it on a ten-cent piece into a gallon of water.

## Eating on the Fly.

One of the great ammunition companies of New England has been forced by the demands of war to extend its plant until it is over a mile in length. This distance is too long to be traversed by the workers who have only a half hour for lunch. To meet this demand lunch counters on wheels have been provided, which travel along the passage, enabling the men to eat as they leave to get a little outdoor air during their noon period. The food is kept hot by electric currents and includes soup, meat, potatoes and other vegetables. In addition to these movable lunchrooms counters are set down at different points, at which fruit, pie, cake and other unheated foods are sold. The prices are always low and the food quality the best.