

## Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel

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"I saw an educated pig at the circus today," said Emily Arkwright. "And as I rode home I thought of the hours and days that the trainer had spent in teaching him those tricks, and I asked myself, 'What, after all, does it all amount to? He's only a pig in the end, after all, not really a more useful animal than the big Poland Chinas out on the farm. If his trainer were to let him be for a few months he would forget everything that he now seems to know.'"

"Then I came home and gave Bobby his supper, training him in table manners all the time as I did so, as usual without much success with the manners. And I said, 'Here I am, doing just what that animal trainer did. I teach tricks, and I'm a poor trainer at that. It's so discouraging!'"

"I know exactly how you feel," said her friend, Mrs. Wain. "If there is anything that is discouraging, it is to try to teach a child good manners. But, after all, my dear, with regard to the pig, the reason that his case is so hopeless, is that he is a pig and is not capable of reasoning. All the trainer can do is to get the pig into the habit of doing a certain thing in response to a signal of some kind. The pig cannot think. He cannot will to follow a course of conduct and thus work with the trainer."

"But the child's case is more hopeful because he can be led to see for himself what a very lovely thing true courtesy is and to wish to practice it. Then each little observance of good manners will spring naturally from that wish and not be a mere trick performed because Mother demands it and as far as he is concerned without sense or reason."

"I always tried to show my children that good manners were just the finest consideration for other people. I suppose that idea has never been better expressed than in the old rhyme:

"Politeness is to do and say,  
The kindest thing in the kindest way."

A person who truly considers other people will not go far wrong in matters of politeness."

"I tried to give the reasons for certain manners, explaining how some habits were disgusting and so spoiled other people's enjoyment of a meal and showing that many other bad manners sprang from greediness, and so on. It interested them and helped them to remember, and it also took the sting from what would have been arbitrary commands and obtained for me their cooperation."

"Children covet — but I am afraid I'm getting tiresome."

"No, indeed," said Mrs. Arkwright. "I'm very much interested. Please go on."

"Well, I was going to say, chil-

### Bulletin Board Placed

The large bulletin board owned by the Springfield post of the American Legion has been placed in front of the William Vashy real estate office and will be kept there permanently. All bulletins and notices of interest to members of the post will be placed there from time to time.

### Trades For Ranch

Raymond A. Bates has traded his residence on Fifth street to Ed Olson for a 52-acre ranch near the Co-burg bridge. The deal was made through the W. W. Walker realty company.

**Wrights Expected Back**—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright are expected to return to their home here today or Friday following a motor trip to Victoria, B. C. They have been gone for two weeks. From Portland they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Price.

**Wisconsin Folks Leave**—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bean of La Crosse, Wis., who have been visiting here with the former's mother, Mrs. F. E. Bean, returned Sunday morning to their home. They made the trip to Oregon by auto.

**Struck by Lightning**—Word has been received by W. Montjoy of this city that his cousin, John Tucker of Howard county, Nebraska, was struck by lightning during a recent storm in that state. The man was paralyzed, the latter stated.

### McVeys Move Away

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McVey and son, Hartford, moved this week to Oroville, Cal., to make their future home. They have resided here for the past several years and the son was graduated from high school last spring. He was a non-commissioned officer in the local unit of the Oregon National Guard. The family left Tuesday by auto for their new home.

children covet the good opinion of others more strongly than we sometimes imagine and especially that of other children. Their extreme dislike of being late at school is an example of this. So I gave my children the opportunity of having often at meals, guests before whom they would like to appear well. I found that a blunder made before them would correct a bad habit more quickly than a vast amount of talking from me.

"I tried, too, not to make a burden of good manners, not to be a stickler for them. One ought to learn to overlook non-essentials in a child's conduct. It is better in training him on any point to put the emphasis on what really matters, for a child so soon grows indifferent to continued nagging and correction. But if the ideal of courtesy is presented to him in such a way that he will really desire it for his own, he will soon be able to correct many habits which have previously been so annoying."



## Sunday School Lesson

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL  
Acts 22:6-18

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Life's entire viewpoint can be changed in a moment and all that remains in years is lived accordingly. It was just that way in the case of Saul of Tarsus who had been so ardent in persecuting the Christians in Jerusalem and vicinity. When Stephen was being stoned to death for his declarations of faith in Jesus, the recently crucified Jew who claimed that He was the Messiah, Saul was involved. Persecutions caused the members of this new faith to be scattered in many directions. A colony was assembled in Damascus and Saul was commissioned by the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem to proceed there, arrest the agitators and bring them back in chains, if necessary, for trial.

During the 140 mile journey northward Saul had time to develop his plans, but they were never put into execution. When in sight of Damascus glory was manifested from heaven, just as when the Shechinah was with the Israelites during the forty years in the wilderness. The ascended Messiah revealed Himself to Saul who was blinded by the sight. The until recently strong man who was causing consternation to those in the city became helpless as a child and needed to be led by the hand into the city. He had much more to think of now than during the long trip northward for Jesus had talked with him after the question was raised, "Who art thou, Lord?"

Events directed by the Lord have their interrelationships. A vision and a message came at about the same time to Ananias of Damascus instructing him to seek out this Saul and give him needed friendship and instruction. After being convinced that there was no longer any need to fear this man who came with an armed guard to make trouble, Ananias came with a friendly outstretched hand and another miracle was performed as the words were uttered "Brother Saul, receive thy sight."

Fortwith a totally different life was lived by this extremely strong minded Jew who became much more zealous for the new Cause than he had been against it. Conversion is called a turning. It is as when one is going in a certain direction and then faces about and goes in exactly the opposite way. While blind for those three days Saul had prayed for guidance. He was eager to serve Him Whom he had persecuted. When one is ready to learn he listens with marked attention to any instruction. Ananias declared that Jehovah had appointed Saul to "be a witness for Him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."

It was very natural and an act of obedience for Saul to seal his new convictions in the rite of Baptism. This was done forthwith. In later years when Paul wrote a letter to his young friend Timothy he gave a general declaration of his working principles in the words of the Golden Text for today: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief," 1. Timothy 1:15.

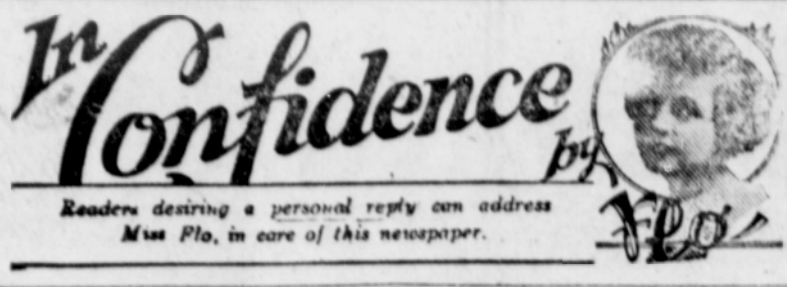
Thus a life was foundationed. During the rest of the year we will follow through the experiences of his apostle to the Gentiles, who, in carrying on his great work, made four long missionary journeys.

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But we never seem to find a man we care to marry, as we've had a lot of proposals from well-to-do fine gentlemen.

We like these men quite well to go with, but not to marry. That is, we do not love them. Do you think we should marry them anyway, and take a chance? or should we wait till the right one comes along.

Everybody tells us we are getting to the age to marry, and that it is time for us to be settled with a home of our

own, as in later years we might not have such good chances. But we want to be sure of our happiness when we marry.

### IN DOUBT.

Dear girls, of course you should wait for the right man—but perhaps each of you knows the right man already, but has not sufficiently examined her emotions. If this is not so, the right men are sure to come along, if you have the eyes to see them. Analyze yourselves and make sure just what you want.

By no means marry anyone that you are not in love with—but don't make up your minds that you are not in love when perhaps you may be and would find it out if not unconsciously determined to be indifferent. Ponder on the good qualities of the men you meet, think of them affectionately, find more and more things to like about them and soon you may find yourselves in love.

### Invite Him to Your Home

Dear Miss Vera:

I am a girl, 14, going with a boy, 17, and my parents object to my taking car rides and having a nice time with the boy. Do you think my parents are treating me wrongly? Please answer this letter. BLUE EYES.

Dear Blue Eyes, you are a very young girl and so no doubt that is why your parents object to your actions. They feel you are too young to spend your time in the way you mention. You should obey them, for they know what is best for you. I am sure you can have very nice times with your friend if he calls on you and spends the evening in your home, rather than taking you away from home and perhaps making your parents worry.

### Obey Your Parents

Dear Miss Vera:

I am a girl of 17 in love with a boy and my parents object to, my going with him. He says he loves me. Would it be proper to take my parents' advice? I have brown eyes and fair complexion. MACY.

Dear Macy, it certainly would be proper to take the advice of your parents. They must have some good reason why they do not want you to go out with this particular boy. Have a long heart-to-heart talk (not quarrel) with your parents and find out just why their attitude is and why they

hold such an attitude. Perhaps during the course of this talk, too, you may convince your parents that they should change their minds. However, I think it would be very, very wrong to defy the attitude of your father and mother.

Ordered to Hospital—Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Stewart of Natron left here Monday morning enroute to San Francisco. Mr. Stewart, who has been ill for some time, has been ordered by his doctor to the Southern Pacific hospital in that city.

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