

HOME EDUCATION

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

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TOO MUCH ENTERTAINED

Florence Ellis Shelby

My dear Muriel: Isn't it just possible that the reason Baby Jane requires "so much time" is because you have trained her unintentionally—these three blessed years not only to expect it but to need it? Babies are after all a good bit like puppies—and that is not intended as an argument for evolution—you can teach them almost anything if you begin early enough. The pity is that parents are not better "trainers."

Perhaps I can explain best by telling you about a case I have in mind. A poor woman with five small children occupied a three-room apartment in the cottage next to mine last summer. Her baby was not yet two, but beyond being fed and dressed, he received little more attention than the others.

She was an excellent mother, too, but what with cooking and washing, and barbering five small heads (she did it herself on the back porch, so I know) she had not many minutes to spare for "watching the baby." However, I watched him with immense interest. He never "felt neglected"—just toddled out and looked on with the two older boys; when a sparrow lit near-by tried to catch it and laughed delightedly without a single sound exclaiming, "Don't be cute! Trying to catch a bird!" Necessity had taught that struggling mother a valuable lesson of which she probably was not even conscious. Like as not, she felt "poor"—but wasn't!

From infancy to age human puppets like fondling and attention

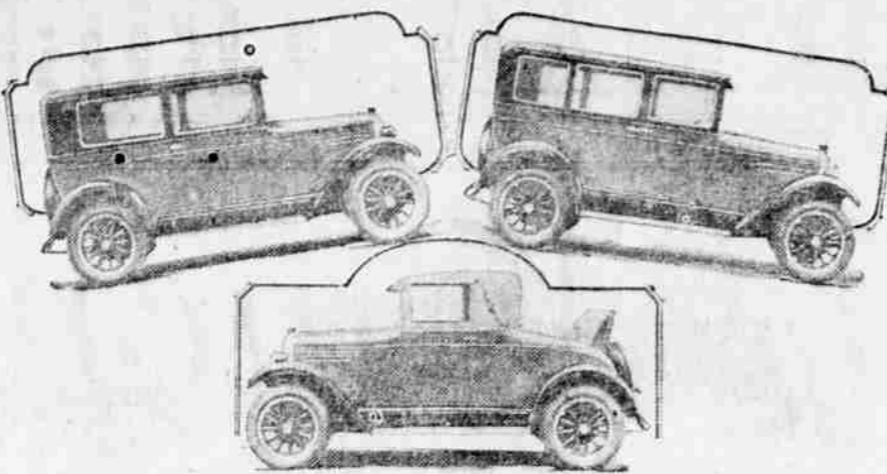
but it should be administered very judiciously. Don't think for a minute that I would censure you, Muriel. You are no more to blame than you are for not knowing Hebrew; you were never taught the a-b-c of child-rearing; few of our girls are.

Be patient both with your baby and yourself, my dear. It is a great temptation with one's first to watch and wonder at its adorable antics continually, but an only child may soon become a tyrant not willing his mother should take time for either work or recreation of her own.

Since June is now so old—yes, three years is old to begin training—you will not be able to make any radical changes at once. However, with your attention now focused upon the difficulty, you can soon accustom her to do without your constant companionship. You must school yourself not to remark on nor appear to notice every sweet thing she does. Try that at first when she is playing about in the same room with you; then begin quietly stepping out a few minutes without explaining to her why or where you are going. She will soon go on with her play just as the puppies would. It is, after all, we who are parents that fondly "lift the calf every day," not willing to admit that our help can be dispensed with more and more to the betterment of the child.

Write me in a week or so whether you are making any headway. And more particularly, if you wish just where the difficulty lies. Lovingly, Aunt Myra

POPULAR WHIPPET MODELS



The world-wide demand for the perfected Whippet models since the prices were slashed to such a sensationally low figure continues unabated, according to Willys-Overland officials. The three Whippets shown above are among the most popular of these light four-cylinder cars. In the upper left is the perfected Whippet 5-passenger Coach while the upper right shows the Whippet 5-passenger Sedan. Below is the smart Whippet Cabriolet Coupe with a collapsible top and a rumble seat in the rear deck to accommodate two extra passengers.

Scientific Notes

Explorers of the air are to use a huge balloon constructed in Berlin for research work in the upper altitudes. The huge bag is more than eighty-six feet in diameter and has been built to ascend to a height of nine miles.

Does uncurling the hair or exposing it to other treatments make it brittle? A sensitive instrument, recently introduced by a research engineer, is said to answer the question with accuracy. It shows the strength and other qualities of the hair before and after the process and is also adapted to testing delicate wires.

When telephone directories become obsolete, they are usually gathered and sold to waste-paper companies for conversion into pulp. They are torn in two lengths, one then chopped into small bits in a powerful machine.

kind is usually made by placing a spherical particle under the shell of the cyster and allowing the molten to deposit the shell substance around it, resulting in the pearl. The X-ray photograph reveals this spherical center which is not present in the pearl formed wholly by natural methods.

Attached to the running board of the automobile without the necessity of boring holes or using tools, a bed is carried like a luggage container and may be easily taken off and used at home at any time as a spare bed for a porch or room. It is rigidly constructed with a frame of angle iron without crossbars, and with it, is a tent canopy for shelter.

Hollow magnets developed abroad are considerably lighter than the solid type, and the power lasts longer and is greater. In a recent test, a hollow magnet weighing less than half as much as a solid one, lifted twice as much. The unit is constructed of four thin sheets of metal with no core at the interior. In the solid type, the inner mass exerts a demagnetizing effect on the surface, but this effect is not found in the hollow magnet.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Many bankers have offered to lend money to the boys and girls without interest and endorsement, but offers of the kind are not generally accepted. The purpose of the club work is to encourage the youthful farmers to shoulder responsibility and to conform to the principles of good business.—Nation's Business Magazine.

Automotive exports from the United States during 1927 totaled \$283,214,900. This was an increase of 21.3 per cent over exports in 1926. The increase for automotive exports was the greatest of any other of the major exported commodities during 1927.

Data compiled by the Cuban government shows that there are 43,000 automobiles registered in the island, of which 28 per cent were imported from the United States. This is a ratio of one vehicle to each 34 persons, based on a population of 3,500,000. Proposed west end sewer system at St. Helena will cost nearly \$60,000.

YOUR RADIO and MINE
A Department Devoted to Making Radio More Understandable and More Entertaining for Everybody
By FREDERICK C. RUSSELL

One Less Nuisance
Radio has eliminated the annoyance of the weak-voiced speaker. "Louder!" we used to call when the lecturer on the rostrum could not be heard beyond the first few rows. But times have changed, and today though the speaker may whisper or lose his vocal amplifiers through stage fright there is normal volume at the receiving end of the ether. This has been made possible through volume control in the broadcasting station. If a voice is weak it can be stepped up to match that of the most vociferous orator, and the plan works both ways, since it is equally simple to tone down the person who thinks he is a cheer leader when facing the "mike."

his theory and attempted to demonstrate it by letting me hear the hiss without the broadcaster being on the air and then showing me how it disappeared when the music came in. You see, he started with the idea that the music stopped the hiss and could think of no better way to prove his contention than to start with his conclusion and work back until he arrived at the first thing that seemed to demonstrate it. He did not realize that the music itself, in turn, was dependent upon the carrier wave. Starting from the other end, I was able to show him wherein his method was likely to get him into all sorts of difficulties. When there was an intermission in the program from one of the nearby stations I detuned the receiver, throwing the carrier wave off slightly. Immediately the hiss reappeared. And as I tuned the set clearly the hiss disappeared, proving that the carrier wave was stopping it.

The Trouble Shooter Says:
Radio owners entertain many strange notions. They make their own queer experiments, and thereby reach conclusions which are far from accurate. In too many instances it is a question of starting out to prove a fallacy. One of these odd conclusions which I have just hunted down has to do with the hissing of a radio tube and the effect of broadcasting upon it. One of my customers has been experimenting with a 200-A detector tube of the alkali vapor type and which has a decided tendency to hiss, especially if two stages of beam coupling are used. He had almost decided to discontinue using this type of tube when he discovered that every time the music came in with good volume the hiss could not be heard. "The music is drowning out the hiss," he decided. When I asked him how he was getting along with the tube he explained

When The Locals Fade
Fads in local stations should not be passed over lightly, for an annoyance of this sort is a certain indication of conditions peculiar to the set itself. Blame the weather for fading in cases of DX reception, if desired, but spare the thought that the weather has much to do with making the local stations come and go. What passes for localized fading in most instances, the result of interference from other aerials. Where the wave intercepting systems are too close together one will draw energy from the other, resulting in a fading effect for the weaker set. Even the set connected to the other aerial may be affected, since reception will have a tendency to waver between loud and excessively loud.

The Legend of the Trailing Arbutus

Trailing arbutus. The first sweet days of spring, the smell of the rich, moist earth, the flash of a bluebird's wing, and the musical "peep, peep" of the tyto. The trunks of the trees are black and glistening and thru their branches break long shafts of pale misty-gold sunshine. The buds are swelling on every bough, and from the willows, the catkins hang in gray and gold. The slender birches stand out with startling beauty against the blue green of the pines, the delicate tips of their branches are faintly filmed with green, and form an exquisite lacework against the April Canada sky. What wonderful shades of green and gold, and everything brimming over with light and joy and gladness. And there, under the dried leaves and pine needles, is a patch of fragrant, pink-tipped arbutus. Whittier is responsible for the popular legend that the arbutus was the first wildflower to greet the Pilgrims after their hard winter at Plymouth Rock, and it is said that its popular name of Mayflower was bestowed by them. Yet, "God be praised," the Pilgrim said, "Behold our Mayflower here!" "God will it; here our rest shall be. Our years of wandering o'er For us the Mayflower of the sea Shall spread her sails no more." The clustered blossoms are sometimes half-hidden under their rusty-colored leaves, but in their exquisite coloring lies the fresh

innocence of the dawn. Their pink flush is like the inner lining of a shell or the rosy fingertips of a babe. To enjoy the arbutus to the fullest, it should be sought in its own environment, but restraint should be exercised in gathering it. To "love the wild rose and leave it on its stalk" is very necessary in the case of the arbutus, if we would preserve the plant for future beauty lovers. The vine is very easily propagated. One picture that brave band of pioneers roaming the Plymouth woods after their first winter, finding a message of faith and hope in the fragrant blossoms. How it must have renewed their courage, and bid out to them a promise of brighter days in the new land. O sacred flowers of faith and hope As sweetly now as then Ye bloom on many a birchen slope In many a pine-dark glen. Behind the seawall's rugged length Enchanted your leaves unfold Like love behind the many strength Of the brave hearts of old —Christian Science Monitor. Carnation Changes Hue Instead of becoming less attractive as it withers, carnation produced in England assumes a delicate gray color, more beautiful than its shade when fresh. It is medium-size blossom with heliotrope stripes.

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