



The author and the heroine of his story lean against the villain.

dent, Mom had been ill at home, recovering from a rheumatic disorder of the left knee.

I suppose people will go on wondering just how Mom did lift that car. But I think she has the best explanation for it. "God, the most powerful force of all," she says, "gave me the strength."

This wasn't the first time Mom came to my rescue. But it was the first time I understood what her courage and strength have done for me, not just that day but while I was growing up. Why, she saved my life when I was four years old. I'd been walking along the edge of a pond, playing carelessly. Suddenly I lost my footing and fell into the water, going completely under. Luckily, Mom was only a few steps away. She plunged into the pond, pulled me from the bottom, and quickly surfaced. Then she gave me artificial respiration until I was able to breathe again.

LIKE ALL CHILDREN, I also remember the times when I became ill and Mom would sit at my bedside through the night, giving up her own sleep to keep careful check on my progress. And, of course, she's always been ready to lend a patient ear and a comforting word to my problems. As I've said, like most boys I've always taken Mom for granted. But I sure won't any more.

In grammar school we were asked to learn a poem or famous saying that would be appropriate for Mother's Day. I especially remember one that went:

"God can't always be everywhere; and so,
He invented Mothers."

I don't know who wrote it or when it was written, but I'm sure the author must have meant it especially for Florence Rogers—my Mom.

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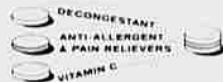
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