

### Points for Mothers

**The Child's Bedroom.**  
A mother who has had great success in bringing up her little girls on self-help principles says that she has always found that playing at being grown up encourages her children to be resourceful and independent.

To help them she gives her little girls in their bedrooms miniature furniture. The chest drawers are not too high for the child to reach to the topmost one, and the little one is taught to put her clothes away neatly in them and to "play" over the process.

The washstand is low enough to be practical instead of uninteresting and startlingly high, inviting accidents and causing nervous children not to use it, for fear of spilling the water, and the hanging wardrobe has hooks that even the shortest of six-year-old possessors can reach. Miniature furniture of this kind gives the child a sense of responsibility in the most delightful manner possible.

It is essential that a child's bedroom should be as light and airy as possible, and if a white enameled suit of furniture be given to the little girl of fastidious tastes she will take a pleasure in keeping it clean and should be taught to dust her own little belongings and thus to save others trouble and to lay the foundation for future clever housewifery.

**Fall Hats for Children.**  
Little people are likely to be careless about their clothes, and hats especially are tossed carelessly about, and unless a hat has been held in reserve for a dignified, well-groomed, homecoming mother or nurse may be obliged to go or send to town for this accessory. There are a great many varieties from which to select the early fall chapeau. There are hats of white cloth, of heavy corded silk, and of white cord. A charming white cloth hat has a dome shaped crown, finished at the bottom with a plaited cloth band. About this is twisted white wool cord, leading in large wool balls. Another style sure to be becoming is of rough white cloth with a band of royal blue velvet and at the side a tiny round cluster of brilliant red wool berries and green leaves—a delightful color scheme this and very effective. A style sure to suit the curly haired girl is of cream corded silk with black and white satin facing. A short, brimmed, white feather stands up on one side with a row of flat buttons, made of black satin, with curlic rim, trim the other side.

**Baby's Daily Program.**  
A card in connection with a course of lectures on "Health" was recently received. On the back of the card appeared the following valuable hints for mothers:  
Always feed the baby at regular intervals—every two hours at first, gradually lengthening the interval to three hours.  
Always wash out the baby's mouth twice a day—night and morning.  
Always keep the baby very clean.  
Always bathe (or sponge all over) the baby once daily in warm water.  
Always let the baby sleep in a cradle or cot, never in the same bed with its mother.  
Always attend to the baby when it cries. The baby cries for one of three things:  
First—The baby is hungry.  
Second—The baby is uncomfortable or something hurts.  
Third—The baby is ill.  
Always send for a doctor if the baby is ill. Babies are soon overcome and readily die.

**Useful Suggestions.**  
When baby goes out in the open air, great care should be taken in lifting the cart gently over the curbs and other rough places. It is extremely hard on the child to be jolted, as so many children are by thoughtless elders, and it often results in serious injury to the health.  
It has long been the custom to give the baby an ivory ring or other hard substance to bite on when teething. The wisdom of experience advises against this, as they claim it only hardens the gums and makes it more difficult for the teeth to force their way through.  
If your child's permanent teeth come through irregularly or overlapping, they should be straightened at once, suggests an authority. It is better to remove a tooth if overcrowded, as this condition produces decay.

**Wagging the Boy.**  
Much of the dreadfulness of boys from six to sixteen is due to the fact that in so very few homes a boy can be "natural" without disturbing everybody and every one. But who ever thought of providing a place for the boy in which to keep their creature's instincts, where they can make all the noise they like? If a man needs a place to relax in how much more does a growing boy? Does it not sometimes seem dreadful to think of a five-year-old in an elaborately furnished room and all the other members of the family begging him to keep still?

**Care of Children's Feet.**  
One cannot be too careful in the care of the children's feet, particularly in the summer months. The little feet are so soft and pliable that it is easily

### For the Children

Queer Peruvian Sailboat  
Made of Reeds and Straw



Among the most curious of the South American native boats is the "balsa" of Peru. This boat is made entirely of reeds and straw and has a curiously shaped bow and stern. The sail is of straw, and a long pole is used to steer and to help push the boat along.

**Geographical Game.**  
Here is a jolly game to pass around to each of the players a sheet of paper with these sentences written on it:  
Tell the players to find a river hidden in each sentence and not only to write down the name of the river, but to state some one thing that he knows about that river:  
1. Yes, Adam a zebra is a belt passing around the earth.  
2. Miss Elsie Davol gave a party.  
3. That lawless gang escaped from prison.  
4. Oh, Eugene, see my new book!  
5. Will you rally round the flag?  
6. Industry brings its own reward.  
7. "Hullo" he shouted "Hullo!" replied.  
8. We must sever now our friend-ship.  
9. Whatever happens, don't forget to be polite.  
10. Ned drew a pistol and a chart.  
11. Hurry or we shall miss our ride.  
12. The cucumber landed on the ground.  
13. Baby is taking a little nap.  
14. Oh, I overlooked that picture.  
15. Bees gather honey from the flowers.

Following are the answers:  
1. Amazon; crosses northern part of South America.  
2. Volg; eastern part of Russia.  
3. Ganges; northeastern part British India.  
4. Genesee; crosses western part of New York.  
5. Ural; separates Europe and Asia.  
6. Indus; western part of British India.  
7. Loire; central part of France.  
8. Seven; central part of Canada.  
9. Po; northern part of Italy.  
10. Plata; eastern part of South America.  
11. Missouri; crosses northwestern and central parts of United States.  
12. Cumberland; crosses Kentucky and Tennessee.  
13. Lena; northern part of Siberia.  
14. Ohio; eastern part United States.  
15. Rhone; eastern part of France.

**Cap Tag.**  
This game is doubtless an evolution of the old trick which boys have of taking a cap from the head of some youngster and throwing it from one to another, thus preventing the owner from recovering it. The game of cap tag is practically the same scheme, with a couple of rules to govern it. One boy is chosen to be "it," and a cap held in the hand of another boy designates the one whom he is expected to chase and tag. If the boy who has the cap in hand is in danger of being tagged, he may pass it to some other boy, who then becomes the one to be chased. When a boy is tagged with the cap in hand he becomes "it," or if he drops it on the ground he is "it" all the same.

**Halloween Game.**  
Place a wedding ring in a platter of flour. Let each one take his turn cutting with a knife. The one finding the ring will have a fortune.  
Hang a horseshoe in a doorway and give each guest a chance to throw an apple through it from a certain distance. All who succeed will be lucky all year.  
Hide a ring, a thimble and a coin in the room. All must hunt for them. The one finding the ring will be married, the one finding the thimble will be single, and the one finding the coin will be rich.

**Mar-Samples.**  
The sampler hanging on the wall Great-grandma made when she was small And worked her name upon it here— "Mehitabel, in her eighth year."  
In stitches straight and neat she set The letters of the alphabet, All twined about with vines and flowers, How eager oft to glean fastidious floral flowers set wrought in colored thread.

**Dear Little Hands.**  
I have no doubt, Guiding the needle in and out, How eager oft to glean fastidious floral flowers set wrought in colored thread. Dear little hands, I have no doubt, Guiding the needle in and out, How eager oft to glean fastidious floral flowers set wrought in colored thread.

### FOR THE CHILDREN

#### Nutting Time.

"The days are growing colder"  
Cried Mother Earth one day,  
"The time that Jack Frost  
Was here on his way."

"October is with us,  
Come, burra, open wide  
And let drop the chestnuts  
You've hidden inside."

The trees are a-sighing  
And wishing I knew,  
That Jack Frost would hurry  
And make the wind blow.

So I must get busy  
And hasten him here,  
Or use the dear children  
Will worry, I fear.

Come merry Jack Frost;  
Come bustle along  
And blow a chill wind  
With whistle and song.

So that the chestnuts  
Both mellow and brown  
Can drop from each bough  
And cover the ground.

And in full the basket  
Of each girl and boy  
And bring to each heart  
A pleasure and joy.

—Philadelphia Record.

**Home Building Game.**  
To play the game called "building a home" a white sheet is stretched across the archway between two rooms to serve as a canvas for the painter. The guests are seated in front, each being provided with one or more picture cut from magazines or flower catalogues. Those who can draw are given crayons. Now the company discusses in general the ideal home and its surroundings and accessories, including an automobile or horses, chickens, dog and cat. Now let one of the company sketch a house, blocking out the shrubbery, the walks and flower beds. The leader next calls for certain pictures, an auto in waiting, a saddle horse, to be tied at the front gate, a cat on the porch, a hen and chickens in the back yard, the lady of the house in her hammock, and so on. As each picture is called for the individual holding that one is blindfolded, turned around several times and told to put his picture in position. And now the fun begins, the actual disposition of the various accessories being such a far cry from the place in which they are supposed to be.

**What the Spider Said.**  
"I was spinning a web in the rose vine," said the spider, "and the little girl was sewing patchwork on the doorstep. Her thread knotted, and her needle broke and her eyes were full of tears. 'I can't do it,' she said. 'I can't.' Then her mother came and bade her look at me. Now, every time I spin a nice silky thread and try to fasten it from one branch to another the wind blew and tore it away. 'This happened many times, but at last I made one that did not break and I began to join it. Then the mother smiled. 'What a patient spider,' she said. 'That little girl smiled, too, and took up her work. And when the sun was down there was a beautiful web in the rose vine and a square of beautiful patchwork on the step.'—Babyland.

**About Punk Sticks.**  
All boys and girls no doubt like to burn Chinese incense or "punk sticks," but few perhaps know where they come from or how they are made. These sticks, which are not really sticks after all, come from north China, where their manufacture is one of the oldest of industries.  
The bark of the sticks is the bark of the elm tree, which is ground into a powder and mixed with water. It then forms a very sticky paste, which is molded into the sticks and dyed red. The elm trees grow in all parts of north China, and the bark costs the makers of the sticks practically only the labor of getting it.

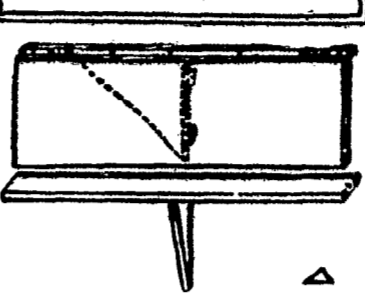
**A Laughing Game.**  
The players divide into two sides and choose a leader who stands in the middle of the room between the lines and tosses a rag doll in the air. If the doll falls on its face the people on one side laugh as loudly as they can. Any one on the other side who laughs, however, must go over and join the laughing side.  
When the doll falls face upward it is the turn of the other side to laugh and win players over. The game never fails to end hilariously when all the players are won to one side or the other.

**Centurions.**  
If the Furth bridge were to collapse, what would they do? Construct a fifth.  
Why is a good meerschaum like a real artist? Because it draws and colors beautifully.  
Why are difficult riddles which cannot be guessed like a man disappointed by his visitors? Because there is a hot put out and not one guest (guessed).  
Why can the African tribes be safely trusted with secrets? Because they always keep dark.

**Flowers in Ceremonies.**  
When the swarthy Spaniards captured Mexico they found in the lake which almost surrounded the capital city many floating gardens, the fragrant products of which were used daily for the temples.  
In Greece and Rome flowers were made into huge triumphal arches and a great feast of flowers, known as the Flora, was established in their honor.

### HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

#### Handy Folding Shelf For Use In the Kitchen.



It is often convenient to have an extra shelf at the side of the kitchen or the laundry room. One may be made as shown in the accompanying diagram. A stout cleat or strip of wood is fastened to the wall where the scrubbing run or where there is a firm place for nailing or, better, for screwing. To this is hinged a board of the required length, so that it will drop down when not in use. On the triangular piece of wood to act as a support. If hinged as indicated in the drawing there will be no danger of the shelf falling while anything is on it, because the triangle will have to be pushed up when the shelf is not in use. If the shelf is a long one three should be two of these supports placed, say, about one-third the distance from end to end.

**Mustard Pickles.**  
One quart of green tomatoes, one quart of cucumber pickles sliced, one quart of onions, a pint of green peppers and one small cabbage. Chop together, onions, peppers and cabbage together. Cook in a kettle with a cupful of salt and water to cover until tender. Drain off the water. Cook one small cauliflower broken into small pieces in salt and water until tender. Two quarts of vinegar, one heaping teaspoonful of turmeric, one-half cup of mustard, one-half cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of sugar. Mix flour, sugar, mustard and turmeric together with cold vinegar and add to the vinegar. Bring to a boil, then add all the other things after they have been well drained and just let it heat through.

**Eggs Baked in Tomatoes.**  
Select round medium sized tomatoes, cut a thin slice from the top of each and scoop out enough of the pulp to leave a space large enough for an egg. Season the cavities with salt and pepper and drop an egg into each. Cover the bottom of the baking pan with hot water or butter, put the tomatoes in and bake about twelve minutes. Season with butter and serve on toast garnished with parsley.

**Old-Fashioned Indian Pudding.**  
One cupful of Indian meal, a large tablespoonful of flour, one cupful of molasses and a little salt. Mix these together. Take three plates of milk and bring to a boil or scald in a double boiler, pour over the above mixture and stir all together until it thickens. Add a teaspoonful of cinnamon, a tablespoonful of butter and a pint of cold milk. Bake slowly two or three hours in a buttered pudding dish.

**Lemon Cake Pie.**  
Take one cup of sugar, two heaping tablespoonfuls of flour, piece of butter size of an egg (melted), pinch of salt, yolk of two eggs. Beat all to a cream, then add juice and grated rind of two medium sized lemons, cup of milk and the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Bake thirty minutes in a moderately hot oven. When cut you will see a delicate cake has formed on top.

**To Remove Ink Stains.**  
Apply salt and lemon juice to the stain and expose it to the rays of the sun. Repeat application several times if necessary. When ink has been spilled on a carpet dump a whole lot of salt on the place immediately and work the salt around. It will absorb the ink. Keep rubbing the place with fresh salt until stain is removed.

**Pepper Relish.**  
Remove the seeds, then chop fine twelve red peppers and twelve green peppers and six large onions. Cover with boiling water, stand five minutes, then drain. Bring to the boiling point four cupfuls vinegar, two cupfuls brown sugar, three tablespoonfuls salt, add the chopped pickle and boil five minutes.  
**Care of the Broom.**  
Do not discard a broom that shows signs of wear. Rather take measures to preserve it. If the broom is soaked regularly in hot suds and put out into the sun to dry it will get new life and have as much elasticity when half worn down as when new.  
**Dalmatian Potatoes.**  
Dispose of a pint of cooked sliced potatoes and a pint of hot white sauce, made with milk as the liquid, in alternate layers in a buttered baking dish. Cover the top with buttered cracker crumbs and set into the oven to brown the crumbs.  
**Johnnycakes.**  
One-half cupful granulated Indian meal, one and a half cupfuls flour, one cupful sweet milk, one egg, scant quarter cupful sugar, one teaspoonful cream of tartar, one half teaspoonful soda, salt.

### HUMOROUS QUIPS

#### In the Prevailing Mode.

Now, if the die is a casting tone should call the sugar a bear.  
And the monkey wrench a nut from the vice would the piece just smooth things over?  
If the horse was full and the water drunk would the hose reel all around?  
And if the waters could speak as they flow how would Long Island sound?  
If you board a spell at a shore hotel is the pillow that you pay?  
If a single car weighs several tons how much does the whole subway?  
Can a scavenger be a cheerful man when he's always in the dumps?  
If the water pipes in a dance hall burst would the dancers use their pumps?  
If a Harvard oarsman rows in a shell in what does the salmon roe?  
If no grass is grown in the frozen north what then does the Eskimo?  
If a gun missed fire would a parachute this stuff give me a pain.  
If Franklin pars is a beautiful spot why is Jamaica Plain?  
If a bullfrog wore a hobbie skirt would the lily pad-and bark?  
If a thing broke into a drug store do you think that the dogwood bark?  
If a parrot can swear can a crocus too? Enough are we all grow ill.  
This is the frivolous sort of thing that is dubbed a daffodil.  
Boston Transcript.

**Nice Old Burglar.**  
"That's done by" muttered the burglar as his chin came into contact with a chair and overturned it. And he spoke the truth. It did do it. A sudden movement above, a hurried descent of stairs and Sikes found himself staring into a revolver.  
"Now, then, hands up!" cried the householder. "What have you stolen?"  
"Only your wife's pug dog," replied the burglar.  
"If that's all you may sneak but quietly," said the householder. "But what else have you?"  
"Your mother-in-law's parrot."  
"You don't say so? Here's some loose change for you. Anything else?"  
"Yes," said the burglar. "Your daughter's phonograph."  
"Good fellow!" exclaimed the householder. "Here's a five dollar bill for you!"  
"And your son's punching bag."  
"My dear sir," exclaimed the householder delightedly. "I shall have peace in my house at last! Will you please a bottle of champagne with me before you go?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Causes of the Coldness.**  
A young lady of Oak Park had been spending the summer in Petoskey, Mich. Before she went there she had a most devoted admirer. Now he has transferred his affections and confessions to speak to her any more.  
The trouble is that she was lonesome in Petoskey, and one day she bought a postcard showing one of the public buildings up there and sent it to her beau, writing on it, "I wish you were here."  
But she did not notice that it was the picture of the Emmett county jail.—Chicago Post.

**Liberty.**  
"You and your neighbor don't get along very well?"  
"No. They're Canadians, and when my wife went over there the other day to borrow their solid silver spoons by way of starting a little reciprocity movement they refused point blank to lend 'em. It seems they had the idea that she wanted to annex 'em."—Detroit Free Press.

**Realism.**  
Friend—What on earth are you doing to that picture?  
Great Artist—I am rubbing a piece of raw meat over this rabbit in the foreground. Mrs. de Shoddie will be here this afternoon, and when she sees her pet dog smell that rabbit she'll buy it.—New York Weekly.

**Reading Up.**  
"My wife is much interested in the comet."  
"The comet? The comet was here last year."  
"I know. She's putting old newspapers under the carpets throughout the house and catching up with the news as she puts 'em down."—Shoe Bull.

**That Explains.**  
"I have a dog and a hen which are fast friends. Isn't that queer?"  
"I don't think so—merely natural at first."  
"In what way?"  
"I believe your hen and your dog are both setters."—Baltimore American.

**And So On.**  
"What is this domestic science?" inquired the engaged girl.  
"It consists of making hash out of the left over meat and croquettes out of the left over hash," explained her more experienced friend.—Pittsburgh Post.  
**Quer.**  
"Funny thing about my wife."  
"What?"  
"She can't walk three blocks without getting tired, but she can pump a piano player for hours without pausing to rest."—Detroit Free Press.  
**The Canning Generation.**  
Teacher—Arthur, I shall be obliged to detain you again today after school.  
Arthur—Of course you understand that if any gospel comes of your keeping me in every day you are responsible for it.—London Opinion.  
**His Acknowledgment.**  
"Just remember," said his rich wife, "that I am the goose that lays your golden eggs."  
"You're the first goose I ever saw that cackled every time she laid."—Chicago Record-Herald.



**FATHER'S TONIC**  
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