

## SOME GOOD ADVICE ON THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Parents and Children Can Get Along Together Through Love and Patience---The Work of Kindergartens! Commended --- A Well Trained Teacher Can Do More for a Child Than an Unsympathetic Mother

(By Mrs. Ethel G. Young)

People often remark that my children do not seem to annoy me. Of course they do at times. I find, however, that it is the way I feel and not the child's naughtiness that is the cause. Do you ever stop to think that today you scold your child for something that yesterday passed unnoticed. It was a wise person who said, always count ten before beginning to scold. That gives you a chance to think who is in the wrong, and how much he is in the wrong.

I have just finished reading an article by Thomas L. Mason, the subject of which was, "Can Parents and Children get Together?" This question was answered in the few words; Yes, through love and patience." The article showed that parents as well as children need bringing up; that the child is not only what he makes himself, but what he makes himself plus what the parents make themselves. Therefore parents need to watch themselves in order to understand their children better.

We say, "Come let us live with our children." Children without knowing it say, "come let us live with our par-

ents." Where is the little girl who does not want to make cookies like mother, who does not enjoy having an apron and cap to put on when she dusts? Where is the boy who is not proud to have a box of tools like father's? Bob said to me the other day "Mother, when can I have collars and neckties like daddy's?" In all things our children copy us. What a responsibility for us?

It is a great thing to have kindergartens in the public schools, so that we can share our responsibility with the teachers. When we send our children to kindergarten we are placing them for a few hours each day in the care of someone who has been trained through years of hard study to give to them mentally, morally and physically just what they need. Perhaps all mothers do not know how to live with their children. It is a great thing then that their children can go to kindergarten and come in touch with someone who can live with them. A well-trained sympathetic teacher will do more for a child than an unsympathetic mother. Teachers also have a perspective on a child, while mothers have only the close view. As soon as mothers realize that they can learn more from many sources, there will be better boys and girls in the world.

Send your children to kindergarten. They will come home and tell you what they did. Some day the teacher will call on you and invite you to go and see the children in the kindergarten. Accept the invitation and I am sure after spending a morning there you will understand what a valuable

## KERENSKY SURPRISED LABOR MEN

London, June 27—Alexander Kerensky, the short lived dictator of Russia, whose sudden appearance at the British Labor Conference yesterday startled only the laboring men, but the British public generally, looks towards the United States as the goal of his journey. He expects to be received there as the spokesman of his countrymen, and plead the cause of the new born Russian democracy.

No conjurer pulling a white rabbit from a silk hat ever startled an audience of wild eyed children more thoroughly than Arthur Henderson surprised the labor conference yesterday in introducing Kerensky.

Amazement pervaded the meeting hall, to be followed by cheers, as a slight, youthful, dark haired and smooth shaven foreign looking man stood up beside Mr. Henderson.

Kerensky told the labor delegates that the Russian people, fighting against tyranny, now would soon take part again in the lists against the Central Powers. The situation in Russia today he summarized as follows: "One can break the Russian people, but one cannot subdue them."

gift Froebel gave us when he started kindergartens.

While I was teaching mothers would come and ask how John and Lucy behaved. When I said splendidly they were most surprised. They could not understand it, for their child was so naughty at home. I found that the fault most mostly with the mother. She was not sympathetic with or interested enough in her boy or girl. In the kindergarten the child was allowed more freedom to express himself, and his interests were carefully observed and fostered.

Another experience I had while teaching was with a child who did not want to come to kindergarten. For three days I used all my persuasive powers; he would come as far as the door and no farther. The fourth day I got him into the room, but he would not sit down. The next day he took his chair, and after that, little by little became a part of the kindergarten. In the end he was one of my most helpful pupils. When I went to call on his parents I found that he lived over a saloon and that both his father and mother were heavy drinkers. He had been brought up with whippings, and that was the reason for his extreme distrust when he came to the kindergarten.

Many persons have said to me, all that children do in the kindergarten is to play. I always answer by asking if they have ever been in a kindergarten and most always the answer is no. Then I tell them to go and visit one and that after that I will talk to them.

Of course children play in kindergartens. What ought children from four to six years of age to do? The play, however, is so carefully selected and guided that throughout it all, the children learn many things. They learn from pictures, games, blocks, etc. My Bobby, though only four, knows the simplest forms and shapes—the sphere, cube and cylinder, and the circle, square, oblong and triangle. Direction is also taught in the kindergarten. Through plays, pictures and games the children learn about the various trades and their benefit to us. These are only a few of the things they learn and I wish I could go on and tell all. But even if I had the time I could not do so for I do not know all myself, each day bringing forth something new.

The trouble with us parents is we do not play enough. Some mothers and fathers say to me that it is undignified. I answer, never, if carried on in the real child-way. Nothing is undignified that will help our boys and girls to be better men and women.

In closing let me say that we as mothers, though we think we are doing everything possible for our children can always find room for improvement and the kindergartens will help us every time. The good work we start they will carry on. Let us never be like the mother who said her boy was not interested in anything. For the boy's teacher when she called noticed that he had a box which he took great care of, and it was not long before she learned that it was a collection of caterpillars. Yet the mother said that her boy was interested in nothing. The teacher at once showed her pupil that she too was interested in his collection. She learned from the boy a great many things about caterpillars that she did not know, and in turn taught him things he did not know. Teacher and boy became great friends; through this common interest others sprang up and the boy changed from a sullen inattentive boy to a broad-minded, wide-awake man. If the mother could only have shared her boy's interest, how much more helpful they would have been to each other.

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