

Home Accidents Increasing

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D. EVERY mother of a small child might well read this article. It may be the means of saving her baby's life.

During recent years accidental death and serious injuries among children have markedly increased. The situation is made more tragic by the fact that many of these youngsters have met death in the home—the one place in the world where they should be safe from all harm.

Working Mothers I don't know whether more mothers are working and leaving their babies in incompetent hands or whether we have simply forgotten earlier lessons learned at great expense, but I suspect a part of our tragic toll is due to the fact that the newest generation of mothers has not been taught the dangers to guard against.

For this reason I would like to review some of the most important hazards to life and health which can surround the child in the home.

Dangers of Poison In the past, much stress has been placed on the dangers of poison, such as lye, rat and ant poisons, the partially used medicines which accumulate so often in the bathroom medicine cabinet.

Many accidents result from scalding. It is a simple thing to keep pan handles turned around so they cannot be reached by the inquisitive toddler, yet this may ward off serious burns.

Lead poisoning is another danger to which young children are exposed. This hazard, in some measure, is being eliminated by making sure that cribs and toys are not painted with lead-containing paints.

There are also aluminum and stainless steel strips which can be employed for this purpose and which are easily installed.

Lead poisoning has also been traced to colored crayons. Analysis of school crayons has revealed as much as 1.5 to 12 per cent of lead by weight in some samples of yellow, orange and green crayons.

Formerly, the electrical outlets around baseboards were unprotected, and many children suffered severe accidents. With modern installations this should not be a source of danger but mothers should realize that more electrical equipment is used in the home today than ever before and should have them inspected frequently to see that they are in safe condition.

Worn cords and exposed wires offer a perfect method for electrocution, not only of the baby but any other member of the family.

Cleaning Solutions Some accidents result from the use of inflammable cleaning solutions. Carbon tetrachloride will not burn and is a good cleaning fluid. However, it must be kept out of the child's reach because, if drunk, it will cause severe symptoms.

Gates at the tops and bottoms of stairs and securely fastened windows and screens also help to prevent many unnecessary tragedies.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS A Reader: I have a number of brown spots on my face. What would you suggest?

Answer: The spots on the face can often be removed by using a bleaching solution.

There are various preparations which your physician can prescribe for you.

First Play Planned In Children's Series

Children's Programs, Inc. announces Jack and the Beanstalk as the opening show of the season, planned by the non-profit organization which each year brings a series of children's entertainments to the city.

The stage show, which has 14 fairytale characters in the cast, will be presented October 16 in Klien Memorial at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, October 7 at all schools in this city. Fairfield, Stratford and Milford. No standing room will be sold. Mrs. Bradley Johnson is chairman of the ticket sale and Mrs. William L. Hais, Jr., reserved tickets. Mrs. Fredrick Swearing will handle the distribution of tickets for the Bridgeport P. T. A.; Mrs. Charles Zuerer for Fairfield; and Mrs. D. F. Juliano for Stratford.

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Pursuit of Happiness

The Vanished Village A few days ago we visited a vanished village. Deer hunters call it Michigan City—no one knows why. Old timers say that years ago there was a foundry here that made anchor chains from the low grade ore in the hills.

The road to the village is impassible for automobiles, so we hired an old mare and a rig at the farm on the corner. The farmer's fourteen-year-old daughter brought out the mare and hitched her up. Then for the first time we noticed a long-legged, gangling colt. I wondered about the colt, but I picked up the lines and clucked to the mare. The colt ran ahead a few feet in front of his mother, stopped, and looked back to see if we were coming.

"Er... is it all right for the colt to come?" I asked hesitantly.

"I guess you can't stop him," the girl said with a smile. "He'll want his lunch by-n-by."

"He won't get lost?" I asked again.

"No, he won't leave his mother. He's got more sense than humans and knows what's good for him."

For five miles we jogged along a rough wood road where years ago many teams must have traveled daily. It ended in a dim trail and we tied up the mare and went exploring. We found some old cellar holes, the remains of a saw-mill, and what must have been a forge down by the stream. Why had the village vanished? We couldn't guess. The forest had come back, slowly but with nature's sureness, to claim its own.

After we had eaten our picnic lunch and the colt had drunk his fill, we sat by the stream near a perfect trout pool. Sure enough there were trout in it. I wished the old force was in operation so that I could make a fish hook, but instead we turned over stones and picked up earth worms and gave the trout a free lunch. We listened to the old, old sound of wind on the mountain, mingled with the song of running water, and the impatient hurried wave of men in cities seemed a very long way off.

On the way home the colt frisked ahead of his mother like a young wild wild thing. His velvet nostrils wrinkled at the wind and his big ears pricked to the forest sounds that ours were too dull to hear. Suddenly the colt stopped, turned, and ran to his mother's flank. It was the first time all day he had not been trotting out in front.

Then the mare stopped, and before I could urge her forward with a slap of the lines, I heard the running of feet. A dog sprang across the road and vanished on the other side. Then came another, and then a third. Last came a big buck who turned his head at us slightly without pausing in his stride. The old mare raised her head and ears. I wondered if she was trying to remember some deep old dream of wild freedom.

The colt pressed close to his mother, easter, trembling, and excited. I feel pretty sure that the dream of a wild free life was clear to him for an instant. Then the mare started for home of her own accord, and the colt pranced out in front again, smelling the wind.

Back at the farm the girl unhitched the mare. Nodding at the colt, she smiled and said, "He didn't get lost, did he?"

"No," I answered. "I thought he would for a moment, but as you said, he knows what's good for him."

Crocheted Pete What fun you'll have crocheting this lovable laughable little Peko... and what a armful of joy to a baby to have and to hold. Easily and quickly crocheted of white wool yarn, Pete may be stuffed with cotton, odds and ends of material or more wool yarn.

To obtain complete crocheting instructions, stitch illustrations, material requirements and finishing directions for Crocheted Pete (Pattern No. 5887) send 15 cents in coin plus 1 cent postage. Your name, address and the pattern number to Mrs. Anne Cabot, 1150 York Ave. and the American, New York, 18, N. Y.

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School Sickness; Find Reason

By ANGELO PATRI WHEN a child is sick at the thought of starting for school in the morning but quite well after school hours and during week ends, it is safe to assume that something is wrong between him and the school. Why we find and remedy that difficulty, everything will be all right and the child's sickness will vanish.

Little children just starting school often have school sickness because they are afraid to leave their mothers. We always found, by sending the mother home and keeping the child in the classroom with an understanding, gentle teacher, that the fear vanished the second day of school. But the mother must leave the child with the teacher cheerfully, and go home. She must not linger about the hall and peek into the room to see how he is getting along. At the first thought of her presence, the child will go back to his longing and the teacher's work will have to be done all over again.

When older children have this difficulty, we must search the whole school environment for the cause. First, the teacher. Is she suited by temperament, training and experience to teach this particular child? Many teachers teach successfully for years and then, one day, meet a child with whom they can make no contact. That means trouble and plenty of it.

Is there a subject in which the child fails? Go over each subject carefully, question each teacher about it. Is there a school companion who is settling fear and dread in this child? That has happened. Is there anything, or anybody, along the road to school, on the street, in the bus who makes life dreadful for him? If so, search the whole environment to find the cause of it.

Is there any physical cause for fatigue? Fatigue brings fear, ill-health and failure in its path. Have the family physician examine the child, have the specialists go over him thoroughly. Leave nothing about his health—physical or mental—about his habits, associates, teachers, friends, school routine, family routine and personalities untouched. Once the cause is discovered, it usually can be remedied. Then the school sickness goes, never to return.

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