

Understanding CHILDREN

By ANGELO PATRI

We are all burdened with taxes—local, state, federal. Everything we have, from food to spiritual growth, seems to be taxed until we scarcely know where to turn. Responsibilities pile up and the means to meet them seem to decrease.

Labor demands higher wages to meet the costs, dealers demand higher prices because of the labor costs and the householder must pay the costs of the whole economy. Into this situation comes the teacher.

Teachers have always been underpaid. They have been looked upon as crusaders for a righteous cause and who ever thought that a crusader could be paid in money? His reward was to be in heaven—the spiritual rewards of deeds well done.

That is true of the teacher today as always, but until death frees the spirit from the body the two must remain united and the body must be fed, clothed and sheltered if the spirit is to glow with the fire that inspires, guides and instructs.

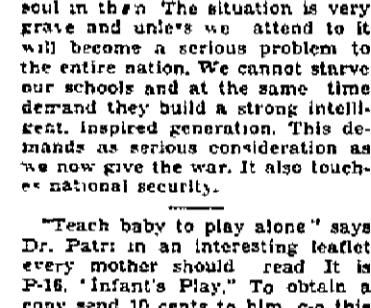
A teacher's needs are those of other workers. They have homes, children who must be fed and educated. They need tools, such as books, university courses, travel, recreation, all of which are essential to the body and the spirit of the teacher. All of which the community demands of the teacher, but appears to be blind and deaf to the appeals for financial support. Few compared to the great number of underpaid teachers are those who receive adequate wages. Many are suffering hardships that no laborer would stand for a day.

Teachers are not allowed to strike. Public opinion is against that because the public holds to the ideal of service associated with the teaching profession. I hold that ideal and at the same time hold the idea that a teacher is entitled to and should receive a wage equal to his needs needs that are rooted in the standards of living the community expects of its teachers.

This means taxes—and we are already overburdened. True. So are the teachers. They have to pay taxes too, and have little to pay them with. We know, we keep asserting, that the public schools are the very foundation of our republic but we, too often, stop there. Schools do not flourish on words; neither do teachers find nourishment for body and soul in them. The situation is very grave and unless we attend to it will become a serious problem to the entire nation. We cannot starve our schools and at the same time demand they build strong intelligent inspired generation. This demands a serious consideration as we now give the war. It also touches national security.

"Teach baby to play alone" says Dr. Patri in an interesting leaflet every mother should read. It is P-16, "Infant's Play." To obtain a copy send 10 cents to him, c/o this paper, P. O. Box 99, Station G, New York 19 N. Y.

Toddler Outfit



What's Wrong With Families?

More Than You Might Think

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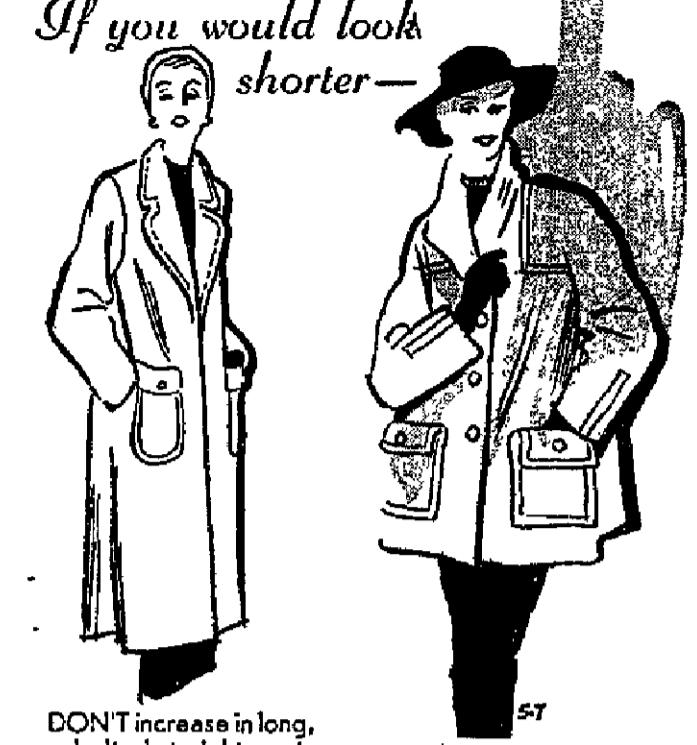
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3. An unrealistic educational system that doesn't train the child to get along with people or to make and maintain a successful marriage.

Look Your Best

By Colette

If you would look shorter—



DON'T increase in long, unbelted straight coat.

Illustration by Colette

DO cut height in half in fopper. Large hats.

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IF YOU WOULD LOOK SHORTER—Your tall figure looks best in the topper that cuts your height in half. White is a fashionsable and dramatic silhouette for you. The swagger brim with moderately low crown will diminish height.

Your Marriage

By SAMUEL G. and ESTHER S. KLING

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q.—Is it dark at the bottom of the ocean?

A.—It depends on the depth. Some light penetrates the ocean to a depth of 3000 feet, but at the depth of a mile, no light can be detected.

Q.—Do all coins bear a mint mark?

A.—Coins made at Philadelphia generally bear no mint mark, while those struck at Denver and San Francisco mints bear the letters D or S.

Q.—How many points does a Maltese cross have?

A.—Eight.

Q.—Is the phrase "Toll that to the Marines" American in origin?

A.—While the phrase, contrary to general belief, is not American in origin, it has become pretty well naturalized. The usual meaning refers to a tall story, "Tell that to the Marines"—the sailors won't believe it." It originated in England and was written by Sir Walter Scott.

Q.—In Colonial America, why was the Spanish dollar known as a "piece of eight"?

A.—The best known coin entering the colonies through trade channels was the Spanish dollar or eight-real piece known as a "piece of eight" because of the large figure 8 on the tail side.

Q.—Our new Anne Adams Summer Pattern Book! Read all about your new vacation wardrobe, how easy it is to sew! Glamor-fashions, illustrations of thrift patterns in all sizes. Send Twenty Cents for your copy today! Free Pattern of a J. M. Mac sunglasses in book.

Quicksilver is the popular name for mercury.

Advice on Your HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

Of late years, great emphasis has been placed on what is known as early ambulation for surgical patients. Nowadays, patients who have had operations are allowed to lie in any position they prefer; they are encouraged to breathe deeply and to move their arms and legs as soon as they are conscious. In many cases they are urged to get out of bed very promptly, often within a day or so after surgery.

This does not mean, however, that such patients should be rushed out of the hospital as soon as they are able to get about. Where this mistaken course is followed, complications may develop which will send the patient back to the hospital for longer stay than would have been necessary in the first place.

It is also possible to overdo the business of getting patients out of bed early following an operation. The prime need for the first few days is rest of the affected parts, so that tissues will be given a chance to heal and bleeding to stop. Thus, though rest in bed is essential during this period, the patient may have deep breathing and leg exercises to keep up the circulation, thus preventing the development of blood clots which are often such a severe complication of surgery.

Another possible complication is atelectasis or collapse of the lungs. This is best warded off by deep breathing.

After about four days, when the wound is safe against strain, the patient may be allowed to be up. Usually he is carried to a chair and is permitted to sit up for a while, or he may, if he feels like it, take the few steps to the chair.

The natural desire of the patient is nearly always the best guide as to when he should walk. He should certainly not be urged to get up until he feels like doing so.

It has been estimated that having patients get up early following an operation would increase, from 10 to 20 per cent, the capacity of a hospital, would reduce greatly the call on the nurses' time, and would be most beneficial to the patient. However speeding up the patient's discharge from the hospital is not advisable since complications could then develop which would only make it necessary for the patient to return to the hospital for a long stay.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mrs. C. W.: My feet always seem cold. Does this mean there is something wrong?

Answer: Coldness of the feet may be due to some circulatory disturbance. In general, it is not a matter for any concern unless the symptoms are excessive. In such case, an examination should be made by the physician to determine the extent of the circulatory disorder.

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