TWO IN ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

What the modern mother doesn't seem to realize is that it takes more than cod liver oil to build backbone in her child.

It requires, first of all, large doses of a remedy, frequently prescribed, known as "Parent Education," followed by administration of parent-discipline, self-imposed.

Miss Porter

Before a mother approaches the obligation of character-building in her child, she should take inventory of her own short comings. To be successful she must first have an open-minded attitude about herself. Parent education is only possible where the parent is willing to be educated.

Perhaps, one of the most general weaknesses among mothers is the over-solicitous attitude. Motherhood seems to produce, in some women, a softening of the cerebrum, which extends right down the backbone. This form of maternal-mania can be recognized by the "My-offspring!—Right-or-wrong-my-offspring!" point of view.

And, as every teacher knows, problems offered by mothers of this type, are far more delicate and difficult to dispose of than those presented by even the most trying and undisciplined of youngsters.

But there is one such mother in every neighborhood, and her children are usually the No. 1 Public Pests of the block. She is the mother who interferes by intruding into the experiences of her children. She begins by interfering in their petty battles. She is out-of-doors at the first drop of the hat to take Little Sonny's part, without considering that it would do Sonny an infinite amount of good to take his own part.

Instead of becoming enraged because Johnny Smith called precious Sonny "Pieface," it might be good for her own soul to admit that her child may jolly well be a "Pieface" as far as the neighbors are concerned, and to ask herself what she might do to make him more popular. When she sympathizes with him against other children, she begins her career of crime against her own child and the social order to which he must become adjusted.

Later, this type of mother interferes in the school-life of her child. She stands as a buffer between him and the school, between him and the authority of the State. When the school finds it necessary to impose some penalty upon "Sonny," there is Mammia to be reckoned with first. In the aggregate, such mothers represent one reason why schools are handicapped in enforcing, not only their individual rules, but the laws of the State governing certain school problems. For any laxity in discipline or curriculum of which the modern school may be guilty, it is probable that interfering mothers are in a large measure to blame.

Finally, the interfering mother feels it her duty to "protect" her child against the hardships entailed by earning one's living. His obligation to his employer is just one of those things she has never taken into consideration. If anything goes wrong, she resorts to the old evil of sympathy. He is "not appreciated," he is "not understood," he is "worth more money," he is "overworked,"—and so she proceeds to dron the slow poison of sympathy, weakening the fiber of his morale.

How she expects her child (boy or girl) to develop backbone and stamina in the face of constant coddling, remains one of the unsolved mysteries of the world. What she is likely to produce is self-pity, a feeling of being discriminated against, and flabbiness of the spinal column.

What this type of mother fails to do, is to develop in her child the understanding that he (or she) owes some responsibility to society—that playmates expect good sportsmanship; schools, good citizenship; and employers, two dollars worth of value received, for every dollar earned! In a competitive society, it can not be any other way.

In discussing this problem recently with an acquaintance, the writer suggested that the modern mother would do well, in some respects, to take a few hints from the Spartan mother. "The Spartan Mother?" he repeated vaguely. "I don't believe I know that program. What station is it on?", which is another argument in favor of more comprehensive parent-education.

By Carol Dwelley

Stoke up the furnace, ladies; and prepare to break the dog sled out of its bed of ice, for a-shopping you must go. Spring is here so far as fashion goes and you must be smartly attired even if you freeze to death. If you don't believe it, gander around at your sister-slaves and note that they are wearing light-colored hose and print dresses. Take a look at the clothes advertisements: you may be the wife of the president of the company, but you couldn't buy anything but the pastel and patent habiliments of spring if you tried.

Miss Dwelley

It's going to be a problem, this business of dressing one's self, for spring. The most redeeming feature is that you can suit yourself and still be sure of the support of at least one of the leaders. F'instance, do spots before the eyes make you shudder? Take comfort from the authorities who say that they'll even be de-spotting the leopards before long, in an effort to get rid of the offensive pattern. On t'other hand, if you're dotty about dots, you can cling to models which break out in a perfect rash of them the minute January has fled.

Your pet color aversion can be pacified this spring, too. If you don't like yellow, it doesn't matter, for it's under assumed names now—crocus and butterscotch being two of the favorites. This disguising applies to lots of other hues: pink is now roseberry; purple is heather; grey is mist and never the twain shall meet. But we still don't like the combination of all four, such as you're liable to meet in your neighbor's wardrobe—or still worse, in your own.

The silly season is on for shoes, now, even as it used to be for hats. They've been progressing from straps and perforations to fewer straps and more perforations, until half the town could be shod from one cow. Now they're building 'em up again, but not on top. I suppose in time we'll grow used to the new three-inch soles, but it's going to take an awful lot of practicing.

One of our local barks (or barkless—whatever the female of the species is called) had one of her attacks shortly after a pilgrimage to the city stores, and we think the lines very neatly express the attitude of lots of us. She calls it "Mirror of Truth."

"She asked for "A little bolero.'
I ventured a glance, but oh dear no!
As I watched her waddle, I knew it was twaddle
With her build, bolero is zero.

"The tall, rangy lassie was sadder,
With the general contours of ladder.
She INSISTED on stripes, broad and vertical—cripes!
Thus arrayed, she looked just like an adder.

"It was shocking, as none can deny,
Coming toward me then, what did I spy?
A short dumpy woman like nothing that's human,
The worst of it was, it was I!"

Here's the Best Dog in America

Canine King of America—that is the title that Daro of Maridor, above, may claim for 1938. The English setter, owned by D. W. Ellis of East Longmeadow, Mass., was judged best of all dogs entered at the world-famous Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

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The new tire is now in Birmingham, and may be inspected at any time, he announced.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Christine A. Mills, Deceased.

Thelma E. Bailey, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 5th day of July, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

(A True Copy)
LEAH KOCH (MARTIN),
Deputy Register of Probate.
OLIVER H. KIRK,
Attorney,
Birmingham, Mich.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Thurlby, Deceased.

Matilda E. Rundell having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the executors named in the will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That said 28th day of March, A. D. 1938, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt-demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address within ten days after the date of the first publication hereof.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
LEAH KOCH (Martin)
Deputy Register of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac in said County, on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Eudora H. Roussemi, Incompetent.

Durward H. Wilkinson, guardian of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition, praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 28th day of March, A. D. 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Paton, Deceased.

H. Ross Mack, Charles A. Bachmann and James K. Watkins, Trustees under the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Paton, Deceased, having filed in said Court their Third Annual Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof.

It is Ordered, that the 28th day of March, A. D. 1938 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

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LEAH KOCH (Martin)
Deputy Probate Register.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN. In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1938.

Present, Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert A. Walker, Deceased.

Oliver H. Kirk, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court his final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said administrator.

It is Ordered, that the 28th day of March, A. D. 1938 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

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