

abounds in repetition; *Chicken Little*; *Three Billy Goats Gruff*; *The Little Red Hen* and *Nonsense Verses* by Edward Lear. These all make acceptable gifts, particularly if they are attractively bound and profusely illustrated.

FROM six to eight, children crave larger experience, and delight in doing things beyond the range of possibility. For this reason they are interested in fairy tales and the primitive "why" stories—tales of forest plain and the forces of nature. Acceptable books are the fairy tales of Ruskin, Anderson, Lang, Grimm, Perrault and Beckstein. The criterion by which to judge fairy tales is the question: Does this story contain an element that will shock a sensitive child or rouse cruel tendencies in a rough and revengeful one? Always keep in mind the fact that our sense of cruelty is not the same as the child's. He derives a sense of power from cruel tales and has little sense of horror. Folk and fairy tales of all kinds are suitable for this age. Books that should please are: *Parker's Skunny Wundy and Other Indian Tales*; *Kipling's Just So Stories and Jungle Book*; *Will Bradley's The Wonder Box*; *Carroll's Alice in Wonderland*; *Milne's Now We Are Six and Winnie the Pooh*; *The Swiss Family Robinson and Selections from Arabian Nights*.

From eight to twelve the interest turns to physical bravery and the barbaric fighting instinct becomes manifest. The school influence is felt and children become voracious readers. This is the age which presents a fine opportunity to introduce literature of action, danger, daring, always guarding against literature that has a spectacular plot but no idealism. There is much good literature to inspire worth-while deeds and to satisfy the craving for adventure.

The following are a few books which appeal at this time: *Defoe's Robinson Crusoe*; *Howard Pyle's Robin Hood*; *Christman's Shen of the Sea*; *Kipling's Kim*; *Mukerje's Gay Neck*; *Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare*; *Kingsley's Greek Heroes*; *Eleanor Farjeol's History of Great Men*; *Sidney Lanier's The Boys' Mabinogion and The Boys' King Arthur*; *E. S. Brooks' Historical Girls*; *A. J. Church's Homer's Iliad and Homer's Odyssey for Little Boys and Girls*.

After the age of twelve, interest again changes to the field of mental and moral bravery. The literature interesting then, is that in which heroes and heroines risk their lives for loyalty to a principle. Idealism is the leading motive. Youths should be given adventure tales tinged with romance and the best of the old and the new love stories to guard against the popular sex novels having a debasing influence. Youths want romantic tales from the epics as contrasted with the adventure tales of earlier years. Such books are: *Anna Alice Chapin's The Story of Parsifal*; *Tales of Richard Coeur de Lion*; *Laura Richards' Life of Florence Nightingale*.

Lowell's Joan of Arc; *Blackmore's Lorna Doone*; *Dumas' Three Musketeers*; *Hemon's Maria Chapdelaine* (Blake Translation); *Scott's Ivanhoe*; *Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome*; *Scott's Lady of the Lake*.

There is one book that has not been mentioned, and that is the Bible. Experts agree that the expurgated version and not retold stories are the best form of the Bible for children. Such are *Helen Warr Banks' The Wonder Book of the Bible*, *Sherman and Kent's The Children's Bible* and *E. F. Boulting's The Beautiful Childhood*.

There are many other books besides those mentioned which are equally good. These will only serve as a guide in making a choice. The main consideration is to give the child at each age literature which is attractive to him at that time.

IN OUR excitement and happy planning at this joyous season, our interest in buying gifts, in preparing for holiday parties and reunions, we are apt to permit the general confusion to upset the regular routine of the children as well as our own. In our desire to have the children share in this happiest of all happy seasons we forget that changes in routine have a very bad effect on children and often wonder why we have restless nights and trying days. The general atmosphere of excitement, the coming and going of unfamiliar people, even trips to the shops, are much bigger events in their lives than in ours and are most disturbing. Stringent rules of diet also are apt to be relaxed, and failure to notice extra consumption of sweets or too-much rich food results in impaired digestion.

Children should be given a share in festivities but the programme should be so arranged as to cause the minimum of disturbance in the regular procedure of eating and sleeping. *Dr. Smiley Blanton in Child Guidance* gives a set of rules which every parent would do well to follow:

There should be only one or two trips to shops to see Santa Claus or to make purchases, except to shops in the immediate neighborhood.

There should be no visits to the church for special trees or special celebrations previous to the final Christmas celebration or service.

There should be no parties or ceremonies in the home for the child, other than those of a religious nature connected with Christmas, with the exception of the toys received on Christmas morning.

There should be a minimum number of presents, preferably not more than six. If more are given they should be put away and distributed during the year.

If these rules are followed, the children may have a good time and suffer no ill from Christmas festivity.

A Pound of Prevention—or an Ounce of Cure?

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form of patriotism passing out. It is contrary to the spirit of the League of Nations which is endeavoring to avoid even the shadows that might cause misunderstanding that might lead to future wars."

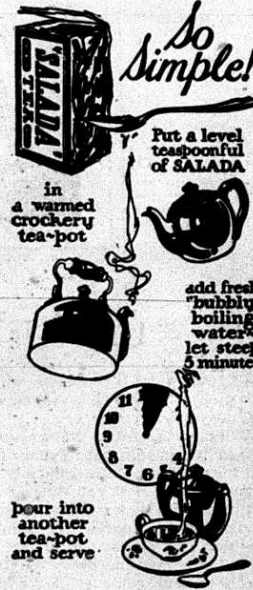
Certainly, the recent agitation over enforcement of the dormant statute in Ontario has proved that China is watching the situation with very keen interest. She has in the past been passive—but following the attempted enforcement in Toronto, the Chinese government cabled Mr. K. H. Chow, Consul-General at Ottawa, to definitely protest against this discrimination. At the present time the Chinese have only two consular representatives for the whole Dominion, the Consul-General in Ottawa and a Vice-Consul in Vancouver. The question of larger representation, particularly in important cities, and the repeal of laws which press unduly upon Chinese citizens and retard their commercial activities, were some of the questions discussed by

delegates at the eighth annual convention of the Chinese Nationalist League held within the past month in Toronto. At that time, Dr. C. C. Wu, Envoy Extraordinary of China at Washington, and Frank Lee, Chinese Trade Commissioner in New York, joined Dr. Chow in conference and discussion. The Chinese, it seems, will from now on be watchful of their own.

But entirely aside from questions of retaliation or international bad feeling, Canada must face this problem fairly and squarely and take some national stand. That must be based, as Judge McGill writes, not on race prejudice or suspicion, but on moral as well as industrial protection, and investigation for women placed in circumstances prejudicial to their welfare. A scattered bit of provincial legislation here and there, discriminating against one race, will do little to remove undesirable conditions in any quarter.

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