



Women and the Home

Bringing Up Children—

Summary of a talk by
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I wonder if common-sense and the so-called mother instinct are such sure guides when we are up against all those difficult problems that arise daily with our children? Though sensible parents can solve for themselves many of the problems that crop up in every family, they might as well make use of all the information that has been gathered together by other parents and all the experts in child study.

I almost snorted with indignation the other day when I heard two women discussing the not very bright daughter of a friend of theirs. "Oh, well," one of them said, "there's one thing about it—if Elsie hasn't enough brains for anything else, she can always get married and keep herself occupied in bringing up a family!" as though being a mother and bringing up a family wasn't just about the most difficult job in the world to make a success of! Think of all the varied tasks the mother of even a small family has to do—she has to sew, and cook, and wash, and keep a house clean, perhaps look after a small baby, answer the perpetual questions of a four-year-old, get a seven-year-old off to school every day, keep her husband good-tempered, and on top of all this, she has to be able to find solutions to all the problems that arise wherever there are children.

Most mothers to-day realise that theirs is a highly skilled profession, and very few of them now believe that mother-love, plus a little common-sense, is all that is needed to bring up a family successfully.

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New Zealand Singer

Did you know that Jean Macfarlane, at present delighting New Zealand listeners with her fine contralto voice, has been studying only two and a-half years? Although she is Scottish by birth, she is a New Zealander by adoption, so that the Dominion may take credit for a singer whose voice has brought her fame. Miss Macfarlane will be heard from 3YA on Monday, July 3, and 1YA on Saturday, July 8.

Voice from the Backblocks

Not the least of the blessings of country life, according to Mrs. Mary Scott, is the fact that you can enjoy the view without having it obscured by the neighbour's washing. In "Leaves From a Backblocks Diary," Mrs. Scott enumerates so many advantages of country over town that the city dweller will perhaps want to pack up immediately. Mrs. Scott will be heard from 2YA at 8.44 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

Music and Business

The young Wellington pianist, Kate Jourdain, leads a very busy life. During working hours she is a business woman, but she practises for an hour every morning before breakfast, and for three hours every evening. You may hear her from 2YA at 8.24 p.m. on Monday, July 3.

Bed-sitting Room . . . with Coffin

In this day and age one becomes used to all sorts of surprises when the subject of accommodation crops up; but even so, the girl student taking up residence at Cambridge might well be startled at the news that a coffin was provided for her. The "coffin," however, as Ida Lawson told us in the last of her three talks on "Women at Cambridge," is merely a chest "which can be stuffed with biscuits and undies and left-over coal, and keeps the room beautifully tidy." This series of talks has recently been given from 2YA, and will be heard from the other stations in the near future.

Lines of Character

Margaret, whose talks to women are a daily feature of the National stations, believes that we should not trouble too much to hide our wrinkles. The lines that time etches on our faces only add character, unless they are caused by peevishness and ill-humour they are not unbecoming. No one can object to laughter lines or even lines that come through sorrow or suffering. They show us for what we are and what we have been.

These Should Interest You:

Talks prepared by the A.C.E., Home Science Tutorial Section, the University of Otago:

- "A Tramping We Will go": Monday, July 3, 1YA 3.30 p.m., 2YA 3 p.m., 3YA 2.30 p.m.
- "Even a Good Cook Can Learn": Thursday, July 6, 1YA 3.30 p.m., 3YA 2.30 p.m.; Friday, July 7, 2YA 3 p.m.
- "Do Teeth Matter?": Wednesday, July 5, 4YA 3.15 p.m.
- "More 'Life' in the Living Room — Loose Covers": Friday, July 7, 4YA 3.15 p.m.
- "Life on the Canadian Prairies—In the Kitchen": Mrs. Gladys Strum, Friday, July 7, 1YA 11.10 a.m.
- "Leaves From a Backblocks Diary—The Best of It": Mrs. Mary Scott, Friday, July 7, 2YA 8.44 p.m.
- "Help for the Home Cook": Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Friday, July 7, 3YA 11.15 a.m.
- "Women at Work": Elsie K. Morton, Thursday, July 6, 4YA 11 a.m.
- "Cooking and Recipes": Miss I. Findlay, Friday, July 7, 4YA 11 a.m.
- "Woman's Place in the World": Mrs. J. A. Lee, Sunday, July 2, 1ZB 4 p.m., 2ZB 4.15 p.m., 4ZB 4.15 p.m.

Boys and Girls...

This corner, all you young folks, is to be for you and your interests. We are going to tell you, week by week, about what is being put over the air for you, just as the grown-ups have their own pages with their own programmes. So make sure that you, too, "Look Before You Listen."

These are the Times When You Can Hear Your Favourite Serials:

- "Coral Cave": Monday, 1YA 5.40 p.m.; Friday, 2YA 5.40 p.m.
- "Little Women": Wednesday, 2YA 5.40 p.m.; Friday, 2YH 6.45 p.m.

"Westward Ho!": Saturday, 2YH 5.45 p.m.

"Robin Hood": Monday, 3ZR 5 p.m.

"Paradise Plumes and Head Hunters": Tuesday, 3ZR 5 p.m.

"David and Dawn and the Sea Fairies": Tuesday, 4YZ 5.30 p.m.; Thursday, 3ZR 5 p.m., 4YZ 5.30 p.m.

"Robinson Crusoe": Wednesday, 4YZ 6.15 p.m.

"Black Flame of the Amazon": 1ZB 4.45 p.m. every day except Wednesday, 2ZB 4.30 p.m. every day except Friday, 3ZB 4.45 p.m. every day except Thursday, 4ZB 4.45 p.m. every day except Monday.

"Air Adventures of Jimmie Allen": 1ZB, 2ZB, 3ZB, 4ZB, at 6.15 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

"Coral Cave"

How would you like to go pearl diving, boys and girls? It would be rather good fun, wouldn't it! Unless, of course, you happened to meet a shark on your way! Even if you haven't decided whether you'd like to be a diver for pearls or not, you will find "Coral Cave" a play about the adventures of two Australian boys among the pearl fisheries of Northern Australia really thrilling. "Coral Cave" is all about Don Crossland and Bob Bailey, and the exciting experiences they have when they go to the pearl fishing grounds owned by Don's father at Darwin. If you would like to hear these grand adventures tune in to the Children's Hour programme from 1YA on Mondays, and from 2YA on Fridays.