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honestly and sensibly with any question asked. It will begin in toddler days. Whatever the age, whatever the question, the answer should be given to the fullest extent that the child can understand. No turning of the conversation! No show of embarrassment. No hush-hush attitude. The child is not too young, no matter how tender in years. You answer his other questions. You get bored and frayed with the "Why, Mummy? What's this for, Daddy?" on every subject under the sun, but you do answer, even if sometimes it's the only way to peace. Now, if suddenly you shy away from a question about his own body, or Mummy's or Daddy's body, or "Where did I come from?" you immediately arouse the child's attention. "Why didn't you answer?" There's something about that question, he senses. Curiosity unsatisfied, he's left with peculiar undesirable feelings. He may cease to ask these questions which he learns you will evade, but he isn't satisfied. From then on, he will have an unsatisfactory kink about these sort of questions. His parents, by not answering quickly, readily and honestly, have put into his mind the idea of furtiveness, sex not being nice, and parts of the body not being spoken about. In later years all the curiosity is taken to adolescent friends, and, if nothing worse happens, a wrong bias and attitude to sex is fixed by doubtful and wrong information.

Giving knowledge, as asked for, frankly and truthfully, without going into more detail than required to satisfy the child at his present level of understanding, is not the sole task of the parent. There must be conveyed to the child proper ways of feeling about the human body, and about sex, about mastering it and avoiding temptation, or dealing with these as they come along. If the parents have satisfied the child as questions were asked from toddler days to puberty, the child will have retained full trust in the parents, and will have, at puberty, the confidence that he is captain of his body, able to control its behaviour, including sex impulses.

It is the privilege and responsibility of parents to give their children instruction and the right attitude to sex. Dodging this duty may result in teen-age disasters, so see to it that the task is not burked in your household.

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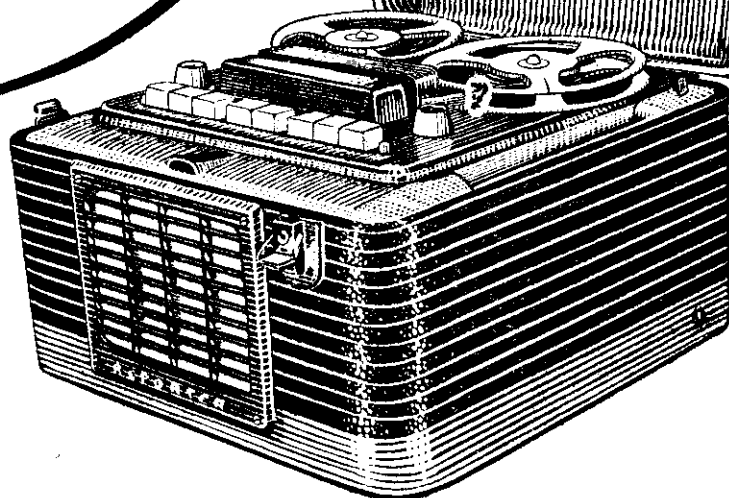
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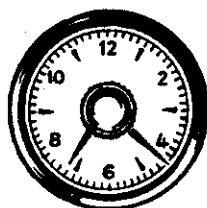
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