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weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday May 13, 1945, to be a day of prayer.

I call upon the people of the United States, what ever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1945, and of the independence of the United States of America the 169th.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

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**EVERYDAY COUNSELOR**  
 By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



"Do you want to be like Christ?" questioned one of the deacons as he was interrogating a young girl who had applied for Church membership, and was being examined by the Session. For a moment the girl hesitated as if puzzled. Then she replied, "I guess I never thought much about that, but I know I want to be like mother." When I read this story, I couldn't help but wonder how many daughters today would pay that tribute to their mothers; how many sons would say the same concerning their fathers.

Mother's Day, designated by Congress in 1914 as the day dedicated to motherhood, has grown to a week's emphasis upon the family and its responsibility to God and the community. It's progressive development has been interesting. The first Mother's Day service was held in 1907 in Philadelphia at the instigation of Miss Anna Jarvis. At first the day paid tribute to mothers living and to the memory of beloved mothers of the past. In those days a mother's castle was her home; a woman looked to motherhood as her greatest achievement. The noblest task for a mother was to rear her children into fine Christian manhood and womanhood.

Then women commenced to leave the home for the business world. Motherhood was no longer their chief ambition. Mother's Day received a new emphasis. It challenged woman to remember her God-given responsibility, and appealed to her not to forsake her throne in the home which no one else could take.

There is an increasing need for this challenge, together with a solemn warning. Never in the history of the United States has there been such a wave of social drinking and chain smoking among the women as today. The number of women alcoholics is increasing. The divorce courts are crowded. Homes are breaking up.

In days past the chivalry of the South towards its women was noted throughout the country. Man respected womanhood; she was on a pedestal. Now she has come down. For days such as these, it is well that she should come down to be a companion for man, to walk with him and inspire him to follow the way of successful Christian living. But, sad to relate, some women have gone further and have undertaken to imitate the vices of their menfolk. Others have outstripped them in their profanity, drinking and loose living.

This Christian Family Week is a solemn reminder to men and women who have taken the marriage vows that they have a tremendous responsibility in the sight of Almighty God; not to be tossed aside lightly. It is a joint responsibility, but our women dare not forget that in the Christian era woman has ever been the inspiration of man, for better or for worse.

We pay tribute to mothers of the past, encourage mothers of the present to grasp their opportunity, appeal to the rising mothers of the future to give us men and women who will do better by the world than we have.

**ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES**

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

**JUST A YARN—**

Once upon, or under, a time there was a man who had a wife, and also had an automobile. The automobile became run-down, as autos will, and he carried it to the garage for a general checkup on what it needed. When he went after the car that evening, he did not get to see the mechanic who has inspected his car. He was in a hurry, because he was going to carry his wife to the physician that same evening for an examination. He was called away from the doctor's office before the doctor got through and when he talked to his wife later about the examination she was downcast and despondent. She was reluctant to tell anything about the examination.

Thinking that he would learn the facts, good or bad, from the doctor, he went to the phone after his wife retired and called the doctor. By mistake, the operator gave him the number of the mechanic who had examined his car, and then one of the craziest telephone conversations ever to go over the wires took place, with the man thinking that he was talking to the doctor when he was talking to the mechanic.

We'll let you use your imagination on part of this conversation. Here are some parts we can quote: "Sorry I didn't get to see you after you completed the examination. What did you find?"

Mechanic—"Well, to tell you the truth, she's not in such good shape. From what I could learn on the checkup, you have been abusing the old boat something terrible. I found plenty of signs of over reating, and the temperature rises too fast when she gets going. There is also a leakage which could prove serious. Unless you take better care of what you have, you might as well start looking for another. There is not much I can do for one that is already ready for the graveyard. Now, I know just the one you could get, in case you are interested. But if you are going to hang on to that slouchy thing you might as well decide to spend a lot of money and take better care of her yourself. Regular washing would help, and lubrication, I'm afraid, has been neglected."

All that, and much more which we're not printing, took place during the conversation before the mix-up was discovered by the two persons doing the talking.

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**Should Pack Boxes Better**

Post Office Department Warns That Many Packages Badly Damaged

Attention has been called to improper packing and insufficiently wrapped parcels for overseas shipment, by the postoffice department.

Due to the fact that thousands of improperly wrapped parcels have to be re-wrapped and packed by postal employees at ports of embarkation, the postoffice department at Washington has advised local postmasters that such packages should not be accepted.

Among factors contributing to damage are: shipping containers made of too light and brittle material to carry safely; outer wrapping paper that is too thin and easily torn; insufficient cord too light to withstand strain; insufficient and improper packing of breakable articles, such as bottles of shaving lotions, jars of preserves, etc., which when broken cause the outer container to disintegrate; loose packing of articles with sharp edges and corners.

Boxes for overseas transmission should be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave the country, and should be made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard or strong, double-faced corrugated fiberboard, testing at least 200 pounds.

Each box should be tied securely with strong cord.

To get uniform results in starching shirts, gather all the parts to be starched together and dip them into the starch at the same time. Be careful not to use too much starch as it will crack the fiber threads and cause the shirt to wear out much faster.

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But our men are still fighting and dying out there in the Pacific. If we let down now, we'll be letting them down!

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