Kathleen Norris Says:

Good Medicine for Foreign-Born Isms

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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

PERHAPS you are one of the mothers — the many, many mothers! — who are vaguely worried today for fear that a "fifth column" is forming, or is already formed, in America, and that Nazism and Fascism and Communism are about to break out in our midst.

"Fifth column," you know, is one of the phrases coined in the late Spanish war. It means those enemies within our own ranks, those quiet forces that operate underground, winning converts and gaining strength that is someday to be used against America.

How strong these elements are, in our country, I don't know, and I don't suppose anyone else does. When I was young it was the Socialists who were appealing to the restless and rising generation. But they never put a candidate into office; they never formed anything like a formidable party. And so much more violent, radical and unnatural are the isms of today that much that the Socialists advocate has come to seem to us quite practicable.

America Has Progressed.

For although we never adopted a socialist platform, our ideals have changed. Working hours and wage scales and living conditions have all undergone changes. Time doesn't bring about ALL that the reformers want, but it does much, and to read Henry George's great land value classic "Progress and Poverty" today is to realize that the world really HAS grown better—at least in America, since 1878.

If fear for Americanism, our institutions and ideals, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights, really haunts you, there is a simple thing that you can do to check, combat and eventually destroy the last shred of anti-American activity in our midst.

For these foreign doctrines, brought here by the disaffected from other lands, reach our rising generation first. In other words they reach your children and mine. And those children, like the children of every generation, are looking about the world critically, wondering why so many things are stupidly done, wrongly done; why there is so much preventable poverty and idleness and suffering and sin. When strange panaceas are presented to them they accept them gladly, neither able nor anxious to criticize them too keenly.

The cure for this situation, which is actually worrying America very much, was suggested to me a few days ago by a fine old American woman who has raised sons, taken an active part in the hundred civic and social activities, and who served America as one of California's representatives in congress for many years. I see no reason to conceal her name: Florence Kahn.

Study the Constitution.

Mrs. Kahn and I were talking about the recent awakening—or beginning of awakening, of American women to a sense of civic responsibility and civic power, and I told her that many of our groups in the National Legion of the Mothers of America were taking their first interest in the Constitution, and had formed clubs to study it.

"I wish," she said, "that they'd go a little deeper than that. I wish they'd take the matter right into their homes, read the Constitution aloud at the dinner table, discuss it, get the children to discuss it, and keep it up—keep it up—keep it up! Until," she finished, "every growing American girl and boy would realize the simple truth, that there is no reform, no desirable change, to benefit humanity and right wrongs, to control privilege and extend opportunity, that they can't accomplish right here in their own country, under their own flag."

If our worrying parents, alarmed at the half-baked red doctrine that so many of our college students seem to be imbibing today, would take this simple suggestion to heart, we should soon see not only the decline of anti-American influence, but the healthy growth of new American movements that might bring our country back once more to the standards of the great Fathers of the Constitution.

Revive Dinnertime Discussions.

It has often occurred to me that it is a pity that the old fashion of good talk at dinner-time has gone out. Judging from old American books and biography and letters it was a pretty usual custom a hundred years ago. It may do the whole family good to have you revive it.

The father or man of the household may greet this idea with a groan.

"Darling, I'm dead tonight. Do we have to have politics at the table?" he may plead. But persist anyway. The best system is quietly to produce the book that is to be read; handing it from one to another, and keeping steadily to a 10-minute program, night after night. Of course it will presently run to far more than 10 minutes, and lively arguments will trail themselves right out of the dining room and continue over the dishpan, but that's exactly what you want. Drill them all in Americanism until there remains no question as to the potentialities of their own Constitution that they need leave unanswered. Don't warn anyone of what you are doing, for both husband and children have a deep-rooted objection to being educated, but make your dinner-table a little political forum for a few months, and you'll find that they want to keep it up longer than you do.

It is a great tragedy that with a governmental system as flexible and as inspired as ours; with a beginning only 165 years ago that startled the whole world with its ideals of universal suffrage, equality and humanity, we should let our children grow up with the idea that we are just about as reactionary, as filled with class distinctions and social injustices as are the old nations of Europe. It is surely no fault of America's founders that we know so little of our own country's ideals, and use so imperfectly those that we do know.

History's Greatest Experiment.

Truly, injustices and suffering have long had a foothold here. We have slums, we have unemployment, we have crime. But we also have, as an excuse, the largest international population that the world has ever seen; we are making history's greatest experiment in the amalgamation of races, and incidentally succeeding at it.

It is inevitable that to the top of our great melting-pot scum shall arise. The laws of all the European countries are far from being the same; it is for us to reconcile them.

America must teach us the lesson that Europe never has learned, that all these may live together in peace. Meanwhile, if that hot-headed revolutionary boy of yours can be made to read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and if you ask him temperately and sympathetically what he and his new red friends want from their country that is not obtainable under these franchises, you will be taking a great step to reduce all our little scattered disease spots of foreign isms to our one great ism: Americanism.

Sportlight

by Grantland Rice

GOLF'S HALL OF FAME

THE P. G. A., meaning the Professional Golfers' association, is concluding arrangements to establish golf's Hall of Fame for the United States. We suggested this idea some months back, and now Tom Walsh and Freddie Corcoran are completing a plan to carry the matter through along correct lines.

The plan is to have a small, acting committee composed of those who have written golf for over 30 years and so have most of the background needed for the earlier days of play. But the actual voting will be carried on by a far larger group, representing every section of the country's golfing press.

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The plan also will include the names of only four or five stars in the first selection, to be made from the champions who have paraded U. S. fairways in the last 40 or more years. After this first selection is named, there will be additions voted upon each year, largely after the manner of baseball's similar hall of lasting luminaries.

The Long List

The list of our leading stars is both long and brilliant. There will be many arguments after the first few are fixed in their higher places, especially when the yearly additions face the vote.

In this list the electors have the following cast, in partial array, to pick from—

Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Francis Ouimet, Jerry Travers, Willie Anderson, Jack McDermott, Alex Smith, Chick Evans, Mac Smith, Walter J. Travis, Jess Sweetser, Lawson Little, Johnny Goodman, Ralph Guldahl, Long Jim Barnes, Denny Shute, Tommy Armour, Freddie McLeod, Johnny Farrell and many others.

For example, there are only five men who have won both the U. S.

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and British Opens. They are Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Jim Barnes and Tommy Armour.

There are only three players who have won the U. S. and British amateur championships. They are Jess Sweetser, Bobby Jones and Lawson Little.

There are only six players who have won both the U. S. amateur and the U. S. Open—they are Francis Ouimet, Jerry Travers, Chick Evans, Bobby Jones, Johnny Goodman and Lawson Little.

There are only four entries who have won the P. G. A., the British and the U. S. Open. They are Hagen, Sarazen, Armour and Barnes.

Jones is the lone entry who has won the U. S. Open, the British Open, the U. S. Amateur and the British Amateur. He was never eligible for the P. G. A.

Denny Shute has won the P. G. A. and the British Open.

Four Divisions

There are really four divisions or epochs in U. S. golf.

1. The domination of the Scotch and English for so many of the earlier years — Anderson, Smith, Auchterlonie, and others.

2. The advent of John J. McDermott, ex-caddie, who first cracked this monopoly in 1911 and 1912.

3. The Ouimet miracle at Brookline in 1913 that sent the lure of the game spinning to more than a million kids—that took golf from the society to the sporting pages.

4. The arrival of Bobby Jones and his 13 national titles acquired in just eight years before he stepped aside.

Two of the most amazing records were written for golf history by Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen.

Jones, by running 1-2 in the U. S. Open through a matter of eight out of nine years against brilliant competition.

Hagen, by winning something like 23 consecutive P. G. A. matches, 28 out of 29, in five successive P. G. A. title tournaments against the pick of professional golf.

To these one might add Lawson Little's feat in winning 31 consecutive battles in the U. S. and British Amateur championships.

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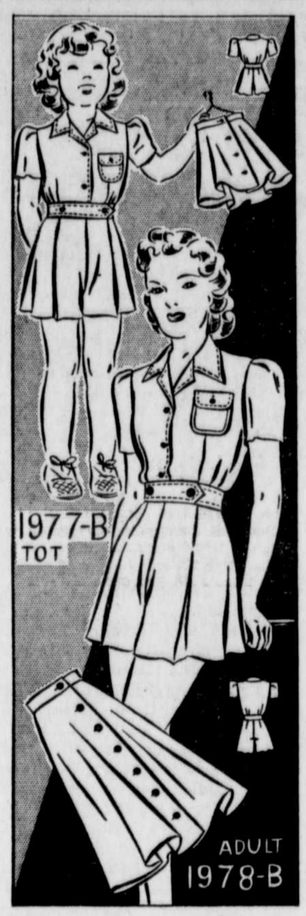

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Under Orders

Jones leaned over the fence and watched his friend Brown hard at work in the garden.

"Been at it long?" he asked.

"Yes," sighed Brown, dejectedly; "since seven o'clock."

"Good gracious!" gasped the other. "I wouldn't think of such a thing."

"I wouldn't, either," Brown explained, casting a nervous glance towards his house. "My wife thought of it."

A matrimonial bureau is a bureau with a lot of drawers jammed full of a woman's clothes, and one man's necktie.

Fresh Eggs

"Are your hens good layers?"

"Splendid. They haven't laid a bad egg yet."

Light Baggage

Mr. Smith had been lecturing in a neighboring town.

"How did you get on, dear?" asked his wife. "Did you carry your audience with you?"

"No," he replied. "But I could easily have done so. It was small enough."

A permanent income is better than a permanent wave. But, says the glamour girl, the one may help you to get the other.

Poverty Teaches Much

Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.—James A. Garfield.

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