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CHILDREN of CHANCE ?
OR
CHILDREN of CHOICE ?



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The Limitation of Families

The procreation of children is probably the most precious function of married life. It should be distinctly understood that, where both husband and wife are of good health, and can afford to rear their offspring in a decent manner, no prolonged attempt should be made to baulk Nature to such an extent as to render their marriage permanently childless.

It is, however, an unfortunate fact that on all sides and in practically all districts we are faced with the other extreme and it is the problem of un-wanted children which has to be overcome.

In many cases, owing to the entire lack of certain vital knowledge on the part of husband and wife, we find that children are arriving at such regular intervals, that the task of properly nourishing, clothing and educating them is absolutely beyond the person of only average means. Circumstances such as these are responsible for most of the weak and unhealthy children of to-day, and often re-act with most disastrous consequences on the married happiness of the parents themselves.

The problem of preventing such a state of affairs has, until recent years, been shrouded by a veil of mystery and mock-modesty, with the result that very little reliable information has been available to parents as to the manner in which they could best control this very real difficulty, without seriously affecting their own health. Even to-day, although this delicate subject is now far more widely discussed, the position is far from being satisfactory. In practically all towns, we find disgraceful little shops scattered about which are responsible for the distribution of much vile literature and many so-called contraceptives, which are often, not only totally unreliable, but positively dangerous to the unthinking persons who make use of them. Don't forget that the world is governed by the law of supply and demand, therefore quality rather than quantity means better wages, food, happiness, etc.

CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS TO AVOID AND WHY

COITUS INTERRUPTUS

PREMATURE WITHDRAWAL

A method regularly resorted to by many foolish persons, regardless of the very undesirable physical and mental conditions to which it gives rise. It can never be looked upon as being reliable, and is tantamount to Self-Abuse. If persisted in, it will inevitably play havoc with the nervous system.

RUBBER SHEATHS

COMMONLY TERMED FRENCH LETTERS

The use of this pernicious form of prevention, should be studiously avoided, for quite apart from its injurious effect on the nervous system it is responsible for an unlimited amount of trouble. In practice it is known to produce many unnecessary abrasions and strains, which in turn lead to Inflammation, Catarrh, Vaginitis and many other more serious complaints. Owing to the simplicity with which the sheaths are fractured, they do not even possess the saving grace of reliability, while their very texture tends to destroy the whole feeling and beauty of the sexual relation. In this method, as also in the practice of premature withdrawal, the Prostatic fluid, which in normal relations is absorbed by the female with beneficial results, is totally lost! Some people in spite of this good advice will use sheaths. In this case they should use the S.O.S. Jelly as a lubricant, inside and outside the sheath. This will ensure greater safety. A few drops will suffice.

EFFERVESCENT TABLETS

Produce CO₂ gas which causes pain in the passage and much subsequent irritation. Any doctor will tell you of the grave danger of introducing gasses or air into the vagina, bladder or urethra.

CHECK PESSARIES

RUBBER CAPS WORN BY WOMEN

Pessaries of this description may never be regarded as reliable unless they have been fitted by a doctor or nurse. Even then they are by no means infallible unless the combination method is used. This consists of a few drops of S.O.S. Jelly into the cap portion of the pessary before fitting it on to the Cervix (Mouth of Womb). Then apply a small teaspoonful of S.O.S. Jelly by the syringe method. The patient then has a veritable Double Guard. **SAFE, SURE AND CERTAIN.**

Check Pessaries should never be worn longer than twelve hours without removal, as if worn longer they are apt to produce erosion of the Womb (Cervix), eventually leading to Cancer. They also act as a deterrent to free drainage, which is so vitally essential to this organ. Remember fatty substances rot rubber. During the menstrual period, or with a patient suffering from Whites (Leucorrhœa) these pessaries if worn longer than half-an-hour or so may produce most serious constitutional disturbances.

CHEMICAL PESSARIES AND STRONG DOUCHES

No pessary which has as its base a grease or fat of any description should ever be used. Ingredients of this nature cause congestion of the mucous membrane and will eventually lead to serious complaints. Owing to the difficulty of equally combining the chemical substance with the fatty substance, in their correct proportions, it has been proved that while many of the pessaries will contain an overdose of chemical matter, others will contain little or none. It will be readily understood that in the latter case the pessary will be quite ineffective in its purpose, while in the former instance the excessive amount of chemical is likely to be absorbed by the woman with serious results to her general health. Douches of strong drugs do great harm to the delicate lining of the Vagina and eventually produce a thickening or toughening of the membrane, with a consequent desensitizing effect, which is most undesirable and often causes much married misery. Even douching with warm or soapy water, as often resorted to, is by no means to be recommended as reliable. More often than not the rush of fluid will actually float the male sperm to its natural destination, and will thus be the direct cause of conception, rather than its prevention.

BE SAFE. BE SURE, BE CERTAIN

USE A RELIABLE CONTRACEPTIVE

With a view to combating the serious menace caused by the ready sale, and widely spread application of the dangerous methods set out above, the Service Section of the International Mothers' League has made arrangements to supply their members with a highly reliable form of contraceptive at prices which are within the reach of all. This unique preparation, which supersedes all other methods, is known as

S.O.S. JELLY

Dr. BAXTER'S FORMULA

S.O.S. JELLY is compounded under the personal direction of a fully qualified Medical Practitioner. It cannot injure the most delicate tissue, but will positively kill both Germs and Sperms, if used as directed. It can be guaranteed to be Non-Irritant, Non-Poisonous and can be used by the most delicate person without any fear of harmful after-effects. It will be supplied to bona fide clients at prices which barely cover working expenses. The Medical Committee appointed by the Government to investigate contraception were in favour of a water-soluble non-fatty Jelly. This decision gives a great victory to S.O.S. Jelly—the first and original (see "Lancet," December 17, 1927, page 1326). The germicidal value of S.O.S. Jelly is equal to 1 in 1,000 hyd. perch., pure carbolic acid, or 40 per cent formalin, and yet it is Non-Poisonous or Irritating.

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For use with Jelly 2s. 6d. post free

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It will be supplied at special rates per dozen to Welfare Workers and Doctors for distribution to poor mothers. Particulars on application to the Honorary Secretary.

An eminent Harley Street physician and surgeon and pathologist writes as follows, re Colloidal Jellies (S.O.S.):—

"A special colloidal preparation of great antiseptic value, and a reliable spermatozoal inhibitor is at the disposal of the medical practitioner. It is an ideal contraceptive, incapable of causing harm, locally and otherwise, and can be confidently recommended by the Medical Practitioner to the most delicate patient."

S.O.S. Jelly has given satisfaction to thousands of married women in all parts of the world for the past twenty-five years.

All remittances for supplies should be sent to—

The Hon. Secretary,

THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS' LEAGUE,

4 Barrington Villas, Shooter's Hill,

London, S.E.18, England.

S.O.S. Special Service Syringe for Women

Registered.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE.

- 1.—The Jelly should be used just before intercourse, but the syringe can be prepared some time beforehand if it is so desired. Very vigorous persons should use Jelly before and after coitus.
- 2.—Pull the plunger right out, then put a teaspoonful of S.O.S. Jelly into the body of syringe.
- 3.—Return plunger to body of syringe and turn upwards. Slowly express air from syringe until the Jelly just comes out through the holes in the plunger for lubrication.
- 4.—Now apply the syringe into the passage and press plunger home to eject Jelly to mouth of womb.
- 5.—S.O.S. Jelly is also valuable as a surgical lubricant and may be used as first aid dressing to wounds and sores, piles, leucorrhœa, etc.

Remember!! S.O.S. Jelly is ANTISEPTIC, NON-IRRITANT, NON-POISONOUS, and therefore Quite Safe for the Most Delicate person to use.