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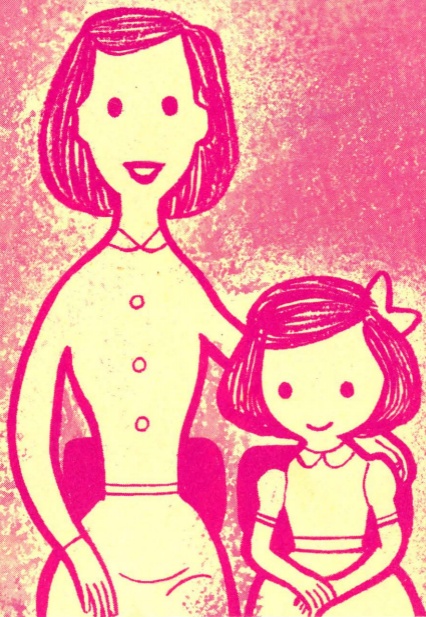
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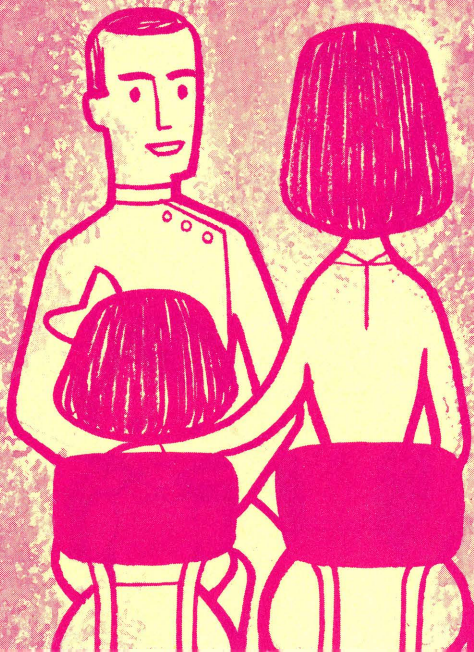
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*Ann looks  
just like  
me*





“**A**nn looks just like me. I suppose she’ll have to have orthodontic treatment too. Oh, well, that is years off; no use worrying about it now.”

“As a matter of fact, now is the time to begin—well, not worrying but thinking about any orthodontic problems Ann might have,” Dr. Jones said.

“But Ann is only 2½ now,” Mrs. Black protested. “I must have been 13 when I started wearing bands on my teeth. Surely you don’t mean—”

“What I mean is that, while malocclusion due to inherited causes cannot be prevented, it can often be intercepted so that it does not develop to any great extent,” the dentist explained.

“Another cause of ‘crooked teeth,’ as they are sometimes called, is the early loss of a primary tooth. If the lost tooth

is not replaced by a space maintainer, the other teeth tend to drift into the empty space. Then there isn't room for the permanent tooth to come in where it should. Such habits as thumbsucking also may have an effect.

"The point is that, if a child has regular dental checkups, his dentist can observe any problems that might begin developing and can take immediate steps to prevent further trouble."

"I see," said Mrs. Black thoughtfully. "I'll ask your assistant to make Ann's next appointment before we leave today."



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