## Behavioural problems in children & associated remedies

## **Preface**

Dear Parents, Medical Students and Doctors,

Every child misbehaves and all of us lose our temper several times. Most of the children have some psychological problem at one time or another. All the childhood mental disorders have been dealt with enough detail without delving too much into the controversies of the subject. Reading has been made lucid and comprehensible to enable parents to handle a majority of the problems of school going children with confidence. This book will be very useful to family physicians because of its clinical approach and practical suggestions. Needless to say, the book gives factual information regarding the subject, but the application of this science is an art which needs to be mastered. A caution to parents is that no drug should be administered without consulting a Psychiatrist.

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