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Helping Youngsters Understand Their Own Growing Up: Youngsters trying to cope with the natural, but far from simple, processes of growing up need the understanding guidance of adults. The wise teacher sees this need and is constantly seeking ways to help boys and girls interpret their own development.

An article on changes in body build presents factual information useful to teachers in aiding youngsters to understand maturing processes. Boys' reactions to their first shave—ranging from consternation to pride—are recorded in an article called "When a Shaver Begins to Shave."

A series of statements from youngsters concerning their worries about growing up describe the mental anguish felt by the girl who is tall for her age, the boy who is short, the child who is thin, and the one who is fat. This is followed by a discussion of what we can do to help youngsters adjust to somatic change.

The story of how children made a play out of their own lives and the play itself, which describes the growing up of a girl, give insight into a child's mind and emotions.

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