



**BEING A
GRANDMA
CAN BE
AMUSING**

Since everyone claims how enjoyable being a grandmother can be, I am looking forward someday to that experience. Because of my enthusiasm, I've decided to think over the plans for being a new grandmother.

To illustrate, one of the first steps I will take as a new grandmother is to invite myself to stay with the new parents as soon as the newborn is brought home from the hospital. Secondly, I plan to stay until the child reaches school age, at least. In addition, to help the new mother to adjust to her duties, I will tend to the baby while she does all of the housework and laundry. Another point I must not forget will be to pick up the baby at the first hint of a whimper. Rocking the child constantly will be a joyous experience. If and when the parents throw me out, the baby will miss me terribly. The parents will miss me, too, because the baby will be crying constantly in order to be held.

When the infant progresses to that toddler stage, where nearly everything goes into his mouth or he must touch everything, that will be a good time for me to be there. A mother can tell her toddler not to touch an object but the grandmother can tell the toddler it is all right to have the desired object. Another benefit to this particular situation is that I, as grandma, will complain how permissive the parents are. Moreover, this subject can be elaborated upon with other members of the geriatric set.

A grandmother has the advantage of spoiling grandchildren by various methods that change as the children grow, the advantage

of leaving the children with the parents after the children begin to show signs of being coddled, and the advantage of claiming she doesn't know better.

To illustrate, a more specific way to spoil grandchildren will be taking the little ones to the store. After buying the children anything they want, I, as grandmother, can relax until I see a candy counter. Now I, as grandma, can buy all the candy the grandchildren wish because I will not have to worry about paying any future dental bills.

Similarly, another zenith to reach for me as grandmother, will be the experience of babysitting for the children while the parents are gone. I shall strive to remember to put the children to bed at least three hours after the parents have requested them to be there. This plan should especially work well when the children are school age. As a result, this practice will endear me to the parents.

If I, as a future grandparent, fix dinner for the grandchildren, I will always cook each child a different meal so he/she can eat his favorite food. That practice will help develop and mold a child's personality into a picky person so he can endear himself to others.

Unless a grandmother gets to babysit her grandchildren, unless a grandmother gets to remind her children how faithfully she does babysit, unless a grandmother lets the grandchildren break all the rules, she will not be a success as a grandmother.

To sum up, I believe becoming and being a grandparent will be a uniquely rewarding experience.