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The Wonderful Family Machine

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Long live the wonderful family machine!
Government inspected, factory selected,
Dr. Spock corrected.
Pre-sanitized, sanforized, absolutely analyzed
Complete with a sixteen year guarantee of satisfaction
Plug it into a convenient suburb
and start it functioning.

Insert a nice neutral newborn.
From the first sound of bleating,
appear pastel plastic pacifiers
bought on a grocery store shelf
or a Playtex Baby Nurser,
most like mother herself
—but not quite
You see, children must be protected at an early age
so, when complete, they will slide over
to the neighborhood drug store
to secretly savor silicone beauties
on the shiny paper porno magazines
At the "correct" times, it is furnished with:
alphabet blocks in all the sixteen colors
of a box of Crayolas
A little record of the syrupy sweet story
of a sadistic killing, under the guise of
"Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?"
mass produced pencil boxes, with a list of
presidents on the top,
Required for the pre-fabricated school system
The benevolent color TV,
where Big Bird teaches the alphabet,
Mannix shows murder,
and Johnny brags why he only has only one cavity.
an electric security blanket
called Mother
a six to eight-thirty weeknights plus Saturday and Sunday
puncheared timeclock
called Father
But after the guarantee expires,
    you will find that the once solid base
    is just a plasterboard shell
like the giant chocolate easter bunny
    that's hollow.
and those blue sputtering sparks are the false precepts
    shorting out the common sense module.

OH, that wonderful family machine is falling victim
to truth decay.