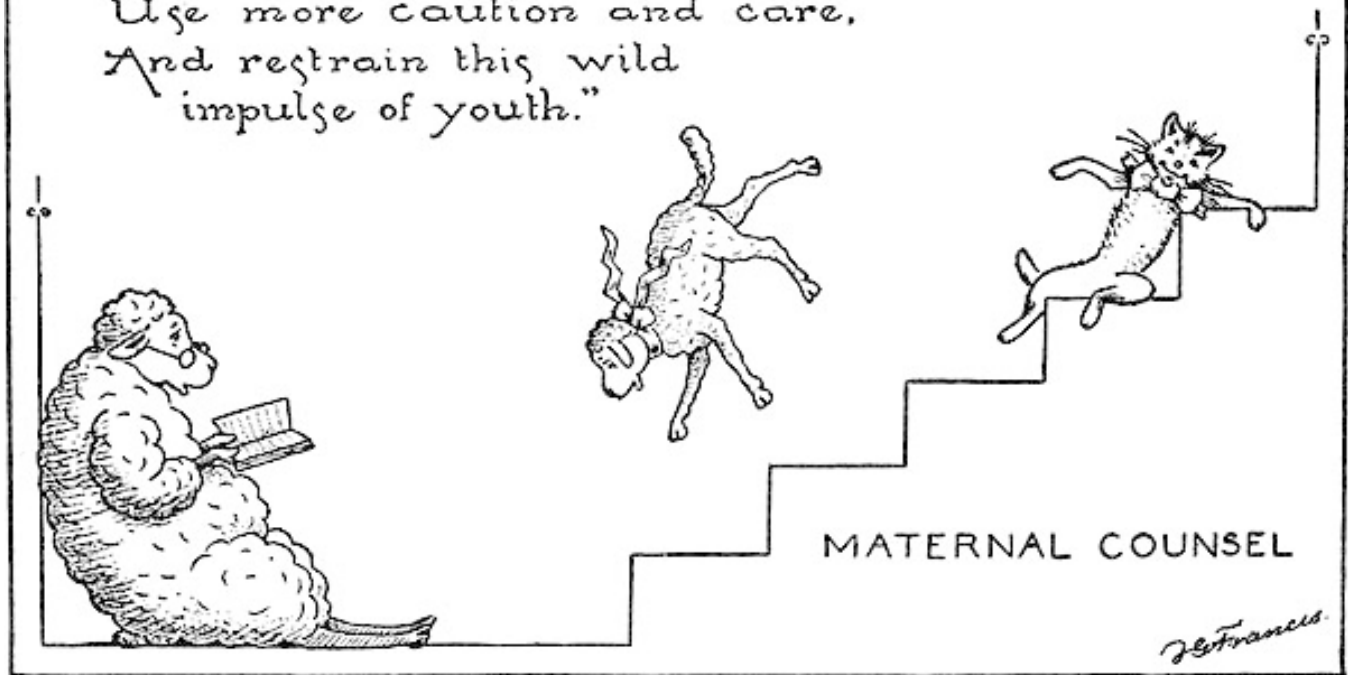


Said a Sheep to her child, "My dear Ruth,
Such precipitate haste is uncouth.
When you come down a stair
Use more caution and care,
And restrain this wild
impulse of youth."



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