A Plea for the Kiddies.

The greatest asset of a community or a nation is its robust, rosy, happy children. Those that are not strong and lithe and healthy are more of a liability. They are seedbeds for the development and propagation of disease and are not only a source of expense and anxiety to their own parents, but to the whole community. They are disease-breeders and disease-spreaders. Unless they develop a strong constitution in childhood, they will be more or less handicapped for life. Feeble-bodied children are bound to be feeble-minded to a greater or less degree.

An abundance of out-door play to develop lungs, strengthen bones, invigorate heart, build muscles, purify blood, eliminate waste and charge with vitality and enable all organs to function properly—this is God's plan in nature for the development of a sturdy, courageous, progressive generation of men and women, thus preparing the way for a better generation to follow after. Every generation should be sturdier, healthier, handsomer, happier than the preceding. The world should have a vastly greater abundance of really handsome men and really beautiful women than ever before. It can hardly be maintained that such is the case. The olive plants that the Psalmist counted such a blessing are too commonly serawny, puny, bleached, inert and anaemic, because of parental and community neglect. The Spartans had the most splendid men and the most beautiful women because their children were given an abundance of outdoor physical cul-

In group play the social virtues of honesty and honor, truth and fairness, sympathy and unselfishness, generosity and emulation are awakened, stimulated and developed. Freedom from embarrassment. ease in company, cooperation with others, knowledge of human nature and genuine democracy are also acquired. If properly directed, wholesome, happy, aspiring childhood will result. The most of a person's education is gotten outside of the school-room after all.

All of which means that Clinton owes it to itself and is under an actual obligation to its children to develop one or more public playgrounds. Surely we can make no better use of public funds or of private contributions than to fit up one or more of such play grounds and employ capable supervisors, who know and are in sympathy with the spirit of childhood, are adept in managing children and keeping down friction, are familiar with all the good games and appreciate the socializing and educative value of wholesome play.

Some of our generous citizens have already consented to donate land for a park. Our progressive city administration will doubtless put the ground in shape. Our forward-looking citizens will doubtless come forward with the necesary funds to get the equipment and say there were no such things when that the world moves, and we want Clinton to be in the forefront, and we believe our children ought to have the best and we know that money could not be spent to better' purpose.

We have headed this "piece" "A Plea for the Kiddies". It is a plea for the tired mothers also. So why tarry? Much more could be said, but is it needed?

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Washington, June 21.-It is apparthe house ways and means committee on the potash situation, that the increased price will undoubtedly go incongressional machinery being in Recome out of the cotton growers of the they had sold their products as high on that occasion. As a result of gas States, holding three appointments. He

As explained by those who have been sufficient to cover their total inkept track of cotton legislation for vestment and that a price of \$250 a many years, this plan of placing the ton would simply enrich them at the cost of potash at a high figure is but expense of the cotton farmers of the another indirect method of placing a South. He stated that it mattered not tax upon raw cotton. The plan is both whether a price was fixed by a license unjust and unfair to the cotton growers, considering the present labor ported potash, that if the cost to the situation, but the facts may as well farmer exceeded \$100 a ton it would be faced by the people of the South be a prohibitive price and the farmers that despite the best efforts of the could not use it.

national legislators from that section, the tax will go on in a short time, making each bale of cotton cost from \$10 to \$12 more to produce it.

Carolina presented to the committee been discharged from the service a as \$600 a ton and their profits had system, or a tariff duty placed on im-

South Carolina in the Hall of States





Hundreds of South Carolina soldiers, wounded or ill, lying in the big army hospitals of New York have received their first special welcome and their first hint of home from letters and calls from volunteer women workers at the South Carolina desk at the Hall of States, 28 West 25th Street, New York. Backed only by such contributions as she has been able to obtain, Miss Elvira B. Wright is there trying to do as well by South Carolina men as other states are doing. Many states have large appropriations. Kansas is spending \$35,000, Massachusetts \$50,000 and other states smaller amounts. The South Carolina wo-men say they have received no financial aid from the state.

Letters, sent out under a plan devised by the War Camp Commun-ity Service, are as a rule the first words from home folks to reach the injured boys after they arrive on the transports. The women invite those lads who can to visit them at the Hall of States, and in the cases of the severely wounded, they call on the men in the wards, carrying cheer, home papers that are avidly seized, and flowers or fruit.

All the hospital activity for the various states centers at the Hall of States, which the War Camp Community Service has established close to the Victory Arch. Here "Budmeet, at the war's end, and home folks welcome the boys back. Some of them need more practical aid, some are "blue," some need a job back home, some want to trace lost families. To all of these the South Carolina women give help. Sometimes they take a "blue" lad to dinner and to the theatre.

For those who need jobs the War Camp Community Service maintains a nation-wide employment bureau. Its manager canvasses South Carolina and other states for positions.

Miss Wright, who is from Charleston, is principally assisted by Mrs. Harley B. Lindsay and Mrs. Pride Jones, who, being a North Carolinian, cares for North Carolina men. Miss Wright feels that her work, which affords the sole first touch with wounded soldiers, should be better supported by the home state than it has been. She asks the people of the state to send her small contributions even to the amount of one dollar, to pay the heavy clerical work, which she has had to meet out of her own pocket. Her services are volunteer. The War Camp Com-munity Service furnishes the building, telephone service, free 'bus rides, theatre tickets, light luncheons and the hospital lists. Miss Wright's address is care of Hall of States, 27 West 25th Street, New York city.

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Friends Urge Colonel Marchant to Run for Adjutant General.

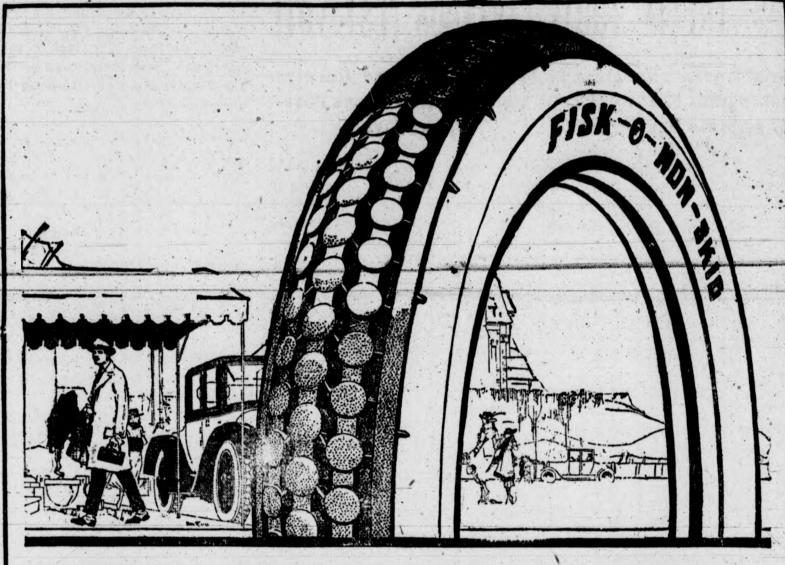
Orangeburg, June 21.-Col. Atticus Representative Byrnes of South H. Marchant is at home, after having being brought to the United States. statements of the director of the geo- few days ago. He was in the Eighty- the Citadel, was commandant of Georent here now, after the hearing before logical survey and of officials of the First Division and took active part in gia Military College for six years. He State of Nebraska tending to show the Argonne-Meuse offensive during also volunteered during the Spanishthat the Western producers had pro- the last week of the war, and was in American war. He was recently apduced potash at a cost of \$120 a ton command of Company B, Three Hun- pointed colonel upon Governor Coop- for this important position. effect within a short time, the whole exclusive of freight and should be dred and Twenty-fourth Infantry. er's staff. Colonel Marchant has the able to produce it for less in the fu- Captain Marchant commanded the left unique distinction of having served uppublican hands, and that the cost will ture. He stated that during the war flank company in the attacking wave on the staffs of governors of two

to a hospital the last of November. ernor Terfell and Joseph M. Brown of For four months he was in the hospi- Georgia tal in France and two months after

and exposure at the front, he was sent held appointments upon staffs of Gov-

The friends of Colonel Marchant throughout the State are urging him Colonel Marchant is a graduate of to make the race for adjutant and inspector general at the next primary. Coloney Marchant has not made any statement in this connection, but he may be urged to a decision to offer

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