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LET HIM READ

Should Rejoice if Lad Shows Love of Reading.

To a troubled mother who has asked the editor of The Kansas City Star what she should do to stop her 12-year-old son from "reading everything he can lay his hands on," he wisely answers, in effect, "Do nothing." Also, in effect, he tells this very unnecessarily anxious inquirer that, instead of being alarmed by the boy's liking for literature and the catholicity of his taste, she should rejoice in both and be assured that neither at home nor in any libraries, public or private, likely to be accessible to him is there appreciable danger that he will find anything at once comprehensible and harmful.

In this case, at least, however it may be in others, confidence in editorial omniscience was justified. Boys eager to read, and especially boys glad to read all sorts of books, not only those made especially for them—written down, that is, to the supposed measure of their intelligence—have been rare at all times, and to some of us they seem to be particularly rare at present. Every one of them—and such girls, too—should be encouraged, not restrained.

They may learn things which their fond parents think they are too young to know, but they will learn those things anyhow—unless they are brought up an innocence that is only a dangerous ignorance—and it is better to learn them from books than from the worst boy or girl in school.

And, as a matter of fact, it is more than doubtful if any knowledge whatever is harmful to anybody, young or old, and the possibility that knowledge may be misused, though real, is far from being a decisive reason for withholding it.

If more reading were done by boys and girls—more reading of real books, that is—perhaps not so many of them who come out of colleges these days would make statements and ask questions that make them seem, to the possessors of an old-fashioned education, little if any better than illiterates.

ELEVATOR MAN MACON FIRE HERO

Macon, Ga., Aug. 25.—With Solicitor General Charles Garrett examining witnesses, Coroner Lee Wages and a jury Thursday resumed the investigation of the explosion and fire, which destroyed the Brown house here early Monday morning, resulting in the loss of at least six lives and the injuring of eight persons. All of the dead and injured, with the exception of one, were guests of the hotel.

George Clowers, negro elevator boy, was the first witness Thursday. He declared that when he started the car to answer a call from the upper floor he heard a buzzing sound beneath. Then there was an explosion which sent the lift to the top floor and instantly hurled it to the basement. While he was endeavoring to escape he asid, there was a second explosion. Clowers said passengers had complained of a peculiar odor in the elevator, but it had not occurred to him that it might be gas. He testified sparks came from the motor when the elevator was in motion.

\$350,000,000 IN OLD CLOTHES

250,000 Buys in Year of Methodist "Good Will" Shop

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Sale of old clothes and household goods to the poor by the Methodist Episcopal church runs into an annual total of \$350,000,000 it was announced today by the Methodist Committee on Conservation and Advance.

This field has been entered in a large scale by the Methodists in their "good will" program. They have nineteen establishments in as many big cities, with property held in trust of more than \$1,000,000. They project twenty-one more plants by 1924. These activities were reviewed for the conservation committee by Dr. David D. Forsyth of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Methodist Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

In summarizing his report the committee said:

"These plants are engaged in gathering cast off clothing, shoes, furniture, books and other articles necessary to the household. These are renovated and sold in stores to the poor at ridiculously low prices.

"Men and women out of employment for any reason whatsoever may obtain to salvage human beings from economic work at these plants. Their purpose is and moral wreckage, and their motto is 'Not charity, but a chance.' Profit is no object.

"During the past year \$408,000 was paid out in wages, 202,500 days' work was furnished to the unemployed and 5,000 persons received this kind of economic aid. More than 250,000 poor bought at the stores. The materials were furnished by 115,000 homes of the well-to-do. Fourteen different trades and handicrafts are regularly taught.

"The parent plant in Boston has been in operation for twenty years. It has 75,000 bags in as many homes and does an annual business of over \$200,000. Its goods require eight separate stores in various poor quarters of Boston.

"Other plants are at Jersey City, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Duluth, St. Paul, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Lowell and Oakland.

"New ones will be established in the future at Toledo, Des Moines, Washington, Rochester, Louisville, Syracuse, Portland, Seattle and Spokane."

Clowers is accredited with saving at least three lives. He said that after he escaped from the building he went to the side of the hotel and caught two women and one man in his arms as they jumped from windows on the second floor. He said he had to beg one man to jump and he hesitated until flames swept through the window where he stood poised on the ledge.

Clowers then ran to the front of the burning building, and assisted in the rescue of A. E. Weems, proprietor of the hotel, and his family. His heroic acts during the fire have been much commented on.

Relatives of Harry Turnipseed, of Habpton, Ga. missing railway flagman, Thursday took charge of a body taken from the ruins. They identified it as Turnipseed's.

LIKE WEATHER INSURANCE

Protection Against Rain More Sought of Late.

New York Times.

Weather insurance a novelty a year ago, has now taken a firm hold in this country and, following the example of Great Britain, Americans are now insuring every variety of event against loss by rain. More than \$1,500,000 was underwritten in rain insurance on July 4, it was estimated by a broker yesterday, and Labor Day is expected to break that record. Fortunately for the insurance companies, fair weather was general on the Fourth of July, and less than \$100,000 was paid to policy holders.

Five major league baseball clubs this season have thus safeguarded themselves on all of their Saturdays, Sunday and holiday dates, while many minor league teams have protected themselves by Pluvius insurance policy as that class of risk is termed. A British company underwrote a \$750,000 rain insurance policy for Tex. Richard as a protection report that horse racing promoters elements might have caused on July 2, the day of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. The premium of this policy was reported to have been \$75,000.

The field for rain insurance has broadened. Colleges have begun to insure their football games, and State and county fairs also have taken up the practice. Underwriters and excursion boat owners are among their best clients. In the Winter they insure ice-skating rinks on the temperature remaining below freezing. Summer hotels insure themselves against bad weather over week ends and department stores do the same thing on days when special bargains are advertised.

Rain insurance is said to be like playing a five-to-one shot. The insurance companies charge premiums ranging from 2 1-2 to 25 per cent., and even higher in rare instances. The usual method is to insure against one-tenth inch of rainfall during stipulated hours—usually 24, 12, 6, or 4 hours.

Pluvius insurance policies are flexible and can be written to cover special conditions or localities or in blanket form to cover a series of events. Every class of this form of insurance is now being written. There are policies under the terms of which if the income from any event does not equal the expense incurred the company pays the difference. Another form of agreement makes the company liable for the difference between a valued amount and the actual receipts. Snow, sleet and hail are now included in the risks.

One line of weather insurance that is being developed is crop insurance. In this form of underwriting the companies will take either side. They will insure against fair weather when the crops need rain or they will insure against rain when crops have been cut and the coming of rain would be a calamity to the farmer.

Rates are based on the average rainfall in any location over a ten-year period and on the month in which the event insured is to take place. Reports of the United States Weather Bureau are taken as evidence of rainfall and policies are paid on such reports.

GIVES LIFE FOR SISTER

Lad Dies Attempting To Rescue Sister from Drowning.

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 23.—The body of Miss Jewell Searcey, who was drowned in Little river, near Troupeville, Sunday afternoon, was recovered Monday morning about 8 o'clock, being found by C. D. Price and Walter Simpson, of Brooks county, in an eddy several hundred yards below the place at which the drowning occurred.

The body of James Searcey, who perished in an attempt to rescue his sister, was found Sunday afternoon and recovered by Grover Carter, a former fireman and expert swimmer of this city. The couple were drowned while on an outing of the Searcey family, the parents and six children being in attendance.

The river was up three or four feet and the little girl was playing about a boat and swimming to the branches of some trees when she lost her hold. The river is very swift at that place and ranges from ten to twenty feet deep. When the girl was swept into the stream and went under, her older brother rushed to her rescue, but was unable to stand against the whirling current. The two grappled in the water and the girl drowned, the brother going farther down the stream before he finally disappeared. Another brother, Stephen Searcey, tried to rescue the others, but both disappeared before he could reach them. Not being a very good swimmer he had difficulty in getting back to the bank.

Probably a thousand people went to the scene of the drowning and a large party remained there throughout the night dragging the river for the body of the little girl.

The victims were buried Monday at a double funeral.

MASTER'S SALE

The State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.
Court of Common Pleas.

C. H. TAYLOR and S. J. HESTER,
Plaintiffs,

against
J. J. GEORGE,
Defendant.

By authority of a decree of sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on salesday in September, A. D. 1921, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, and in the town of Calhoun Falls, more accurately described by a map of the town of Calhoun Falls Investment Company made by DesCamps and Cunningham in September 1907, and revised by C. J. DesCamps, December 14th, 1909, said lots being shown on said map as lots three and four in Block M, and having a frontage of twenty-five feet each on Cox Ave., a depth of one hundred and six feet and having thereon two two-story brick buildings, occupied by Mrs. Weinraub and by N. D. Sanders.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.
THOS. P. THOMSON,
Master A. C., S. C.

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Save The Sledge.

Arkansas Thomas Cat.

A couple of negroes were digging a hole in hard ground under a sidewalk. One, down in the half finished hole, held a small iron pipe upright upon the end of which the other pounded with a large sledge in order to loosen the dirt.

The sledge wielder swung the heavy tool rather recklessly, and it looked as though he might miss at any moment and strike his companion's head, just below. A passing white man cautioned: "Better be more careful, Tom, or you'll bring that sledge down on Andy's head." "All right, boss," replied the sledge swinger, seriously: "Ah" be more careful; dis am de only sledge we got."

Within the past six months Germany has delivered to Belgium a total of 30,000 horses, 125,000 sheep, 90,000 cattle.

BURIED ALIVE

Detroit, Aug. 25.—Buried alive after his arms had been cut off, a former member and victim of the "good killers," carried his secret which the gang sought to force from him by torture, to his living grave, it was learned today.

Andrew Lacotta, who, acting under orders of the "good killers," murdered Police Sergeant Emanuel Rogers here in 1917, later fell from the good graces of the gang, and was cut to pieces.

Then, while still alive, he was thrown into a freshly dug grave in the murder ring's own burying ground, while members of the band cursed their failure to extract secrets which he held.

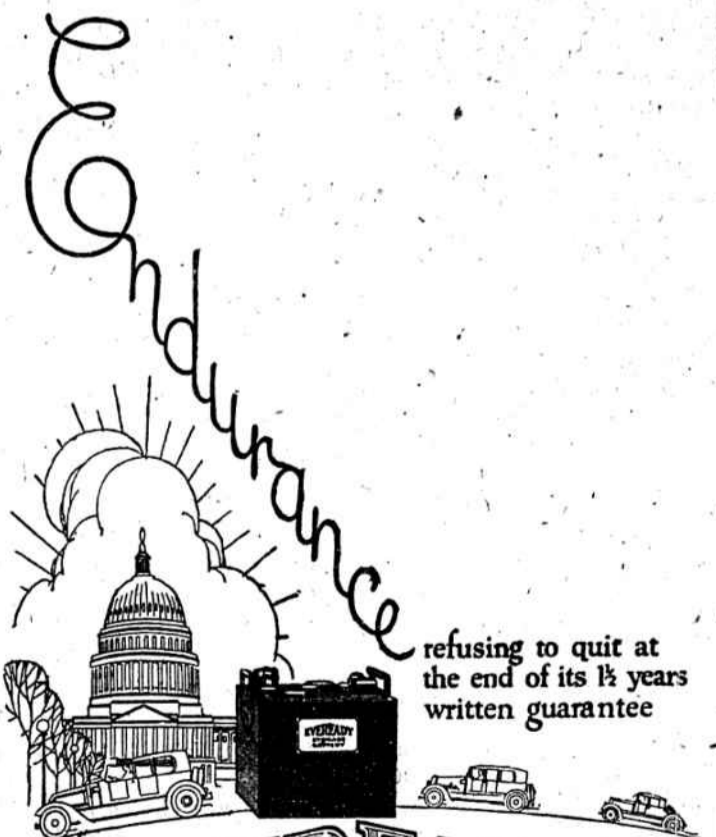
Lieutenant Frank McPherson, chief of Detroit's blackhand squad, brought He has been questioning Bartolo Fontano, whose confession started a world-wide investigation of Italian murders.



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