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PLAYGROUNDS.

Help In Making Children Good Citizens.

Children, as well as their elders, can help in making towns attractive by keeping their home surroundings clean and neat, by refraining from throwing rubbish and paper on the streets and in many other useful ways. But to accomplish this a great deal depends on the character and training of children. Healthy, pure minded and carefully trained youngsters usually prove the best town improvement workers, and anything that can be done to benefit their health and morals should be encouraged. Public and private playgrounds have been found to be very helpful, and in the Los Angeles Times George E. Bettinger tells as follows of the benefits children have derived from playgrounds in Los Angeles: "The playground cannot be excelled as an instrument in clearing the



GIRLS' RACE ON A PLAYGROUND.
 (From the American City, New York.)

streets of boys and girls and furnishing them with a place to spend their leisure hours. The lessons learned here do more toward making good citizens of boys than any number of lectures or books can do. These lessons of law and order are imbibed as the boy goes about his play. They become a part of him, and he obtains the true essential ideas of good citizenship. An incident that happened in Los Angeles will show the efficiency of the playground in taking the boys off the streets. In a certain part of this city it had been the custom of the police department to put on two extra officers when the summer vacation of the schools began. This was necessary because it did not take long for the children to get into mischief. The year that the playground was opened the force of officers was increased, as usual; but, much to the surprise of the police, they were not needed and were removed in less than two weeks. This was made possible by the playground. The children went there instead of loafing around the streets and getting into trouble."

"NOTHING TO DO."

Dull Times Not Discouraging to the Man Who Keeps Himself Busy.
 Nothing wins so well as constant work. Often we hear a merchant complaining about dull times. Perhaps his neighbor is doing a rushing business, for the simple reason that his neighbor keeps busy. If customers are not coming in so rapidly as he might wish the busy man takes time to get busier and devises some new scheme to bring trade to the store.
 Perhaps he busies himself in rearranging his goods in attractive manner on the shelves and in the showcases. If he finds some of the clerks who are complaining of its being dull he immediately gets those clerks busy getting out old goods, arranging them in a manner that he can carry on a cleaning up sale to advantage.
 There is always lots of work to do. How many times do we find merchants who complain of dullness sitting inside and vainly endeavoring to look through windows covered with dust and dirt? How many times do we find the man who says there is nothing to do looking at a display of dirty goods in the showcase?
 Don't you forget it—if you have any business to look after you have something to keep you busy all the time. Nothing like keeping busy about the store. It is sure to pay in the end. Even the novice can keep busy reading some good trade paper and posting up on commercial ideas and make a winning thereby.

No Longer an "Eyesore."

Columbus, Ind., became metropolitan in a twinkling when Mayor Charles S. Barnaby turned on the water in the fountain that graces the center of the new City park and Louis J. Scheidt, president of the Commercial club, turned on the colored electric lights in the fountain. Hundreds of people saw the formal opening of the park. The new park is situated where the vacant city square owned by the Pennsylvania lines used to be. A year ago it was an eyesore to the city. Now it

Don't Depend on Memory

The chances are that four or five months after you pay a bill, you forget about it. Suppose that same bill should be presented to you—possibly you could remember about paying it; but nine out of every dozen bills you pay, you forget about in six months. Pay all bills by check—file your checks. Years afterward you can turn to the check, and produce indisputable evidence of every bill paid. It is a dreadful thing when idleness, sickness or death comes and there is no money ahead. Open an account with us even if it is only for one dollar. Make the start to save. It means independence for you.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK
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is graded, flowers bloomed in the beds last summer, there is a big fountain playing in the middle, inviting seats are placed along the cement walks, lights mark the entrances and the circle around the fountain, and 150 maple trees are growing rapidly for the first season. The park was furnished by public subscription, and C. J. Bush, chief engineer of the waterworks, gave the fountain.

Billboards and Landscape Views.

In many eastern cities and towns there is just now a billboarding activity of the episode against billboards, and, strange to say, many of these fights on the part of the cities and towns are directed against the billboards in the country—along the road-sides—where they bear or hide beautiful natural landscapes. Increased travel through the medium of the automobile and suburban trolley lines is largely responsible for this increased activity against an inexcusable evil.

In Soft.

Freddie—Why do they call him the middleman, dad?
 Cobwigger—Because he gets a rakeoff from both ends.—Life.

TO THE JOHNSONS' FLAT.

Address Left Behind in the Rush to Get Off.

If I allow myself twenty minutes to dress for dinner I am five minutes late. If I allow myself half an hour I am ten minutes late. That is the naked truth, though I cannot explain it. Tonight I allowed myself a good hour, and there was every prospect of my never getting to the Johnsons' at all.

It was partly the stud's fault. You know all about studs and very likely do not wish to be reminded of their malice out of business hours. I was starting upon a new stick of a new sort of shaving soap, and the directions said: "This soap will produce a rich, creamy lather if spoken to nicely. In order to soften the beard and secure a perfect shave allow a short interval to elapse between the lathering and the application of the razor." I gave it its interval and amused myself meanwhile with the imitation. The rich, creamy lather on my cheeks gave it just that touch of humor and pathos needed to make it perfect, and the performance, owing to the frequent encores, took much longer than it ought to have done. In fact, when I had finished shaving there were about twenty-five and a half minutes in which to complete my toilet and get to Knightsbridge by 8 o'clock, ten minutes to finish dressing, five to get to the tube, five to Knightsbridge, five to the Johnsons' flat (wherever it was exactly) and half a minute for general purposes. The thing could just be done.

What with one thing and another, it was five minutes past 8 when I got to the tube. "What I want," I said as I approached the booking office, "is a good excuse," but they only gave me a ticket and left me to it. Whether it was the ozone of the underworld or mere personal ability it is not for me to say, but I eventually found myself in the higher regions with the most perfect excuse of modern times at my fingers' ends. It ran as follows:

"I am deeply grieved to be so late, the more so as I am a man of the strictest punctuality. Acting in accordance with my own insistent principles, I started dressing in good time this evening and avoided with scrupulous care any digressions or distractions which might involve the least risk of procrastination. Dressed and prepared to start a quarter of an hour before I needed, I get forth at

once in this direction. I remember meeting a clock which informed me that I was vastly in advance of schedule time. "However," I recollect saying to myself, "it is better to be early than late or never," and so I arrived at Knightsbridge more than punctually. What was my chance, however, that I had left your letter of invitation at home, on which alone I relied for your exact address. You will recall in my favor that I have never been here before." (Here they were at liberty to interrupt and say something about coming again.) "I know you lived in Knightsbridge, and I believed it was at 3, or 33, or 333. But that was not good enough. There was nothing for it but to return and get the letter, and, blaming myself for a slip for which, though it was perhaps excusable, I could not excuse myself. I did so return, and hence the delay. Please do not apologize."

After all, it was only 8:15 and that seemed an excuse quite long enough for the time involved. "So now," I said, feeling in my pockets for the all important letter—"now for their address."
 You are quite right. I had forgotten the letter.—Punch.

Getting Information.

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, what is the meaning of the word octopus?
 Mr. Chugwater—I should think you could guess that from the word itself—octo, eight; pus, a cat; octopus, eight cats.—Chicago Tribune.

Blighted by a Frost.



Magazine Copy Reader—Here is a poem beginning, "I am the wind."
 The Boss—Rather late for hot air.

All Provided For.

"Before I come to call on you steady," said the young man with the low cap, "I want to know if you have got a kid brother?"
 "Yes, I've got one," said the girl with the gum habit, "but maw said if I'd only ketch a steady she'd snake the kid out of the way on courtin' nights."—Boston Herald.

Easy Deduction.

It was in the hotel dining room.
 "That Boston girl at the third table is rather pretty, isn't she?" remarked the great detective.
 "Yes," replied his friends. "But how do you know she is from Boston?"
 "That's easy," answered the g. d. "She is chewing her ice cream."—Pittsburg Press.

Shelter For Hogs.

A very important matter in successful swine growing is good shelter, for, while other animals on the farm may apparently be content to remain out in the cold and rain, the hog invariably selects a nice, warm, dry place. So for the good of this animal do not go contrary to his nature and compel him to expose himself to the elements, but provide for him a comfortable, warm and dry bed.

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A Little Mixed.

The following notes from parents were recently brought by two pupils of a certain school:
 "Dear Teacher—Kindly excuse John's absence from school yesterday afternoon, as he fell in the mud. By doing the same you will kindly oblige his mother."
 The other read:
 "Dear Teacher—Please excuse Willie's absence last Friday, as he had to go to the hospital after his nose."—School.

Way Down South.



Aunt Libby—Wha's dat piece o' bacon an' point o' buttah I tol' yoh ter git down at de sto'?

Uncle Rastus—Fo' de Lawd's sake, I dun fo'got 'em. But it am so easy fo' dem greasy tings ter slip mah mem'ry when it's so wahm.

Depressing.

We met the early bird and were amazed on glancing at our watches to discover that the hour of 7 had long since struck.
 "You're not so early after all," we remarked significantly.
 "No," assented the early bird, looking very conscious all at once. "The fact is I got the hook worm."—Puck.

People Who Stretch.

Crimsonbeak—These little fats are good things sometimes.
 Yeast—Why do you think so?
 "When a fellow is stretching out his hands to show you the size of the fish he caught the extent of the apartment will prevent him from going too far."—Yonkers Statesman.

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