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First to Last—For Children: Fun,
Facts and Fancies

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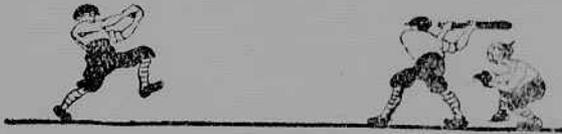
The Tax on Sports

Congress has placed a tax on all sport goods. Its aim is at the professional player, but it has missed its aim, because it has hit the small player, like a boy who saves up his pennies to buy a ball and then finds that his money does not come near buying it because of the tax. In disgust he goes home and may spend his money foolishly, not trying to save any more. This boy grows up to be a man, spending money unwisely, being unhealthy and perhaps opposed to his boy playing baseball, calling it "wasting time and money."

If that same boy had a chance to play games he would be a strong, healthy man, full of fair play and trying to make his sons like himself. The professional player teaches the beginner the ways of hitting harder, running faster, sliding better. The boy profits from these examples and is a much more healthy boy.

New York City.

Keene Brodman (13 years).



A Vacation Suggestion

It may have been that you were not promoted at the end of school through no fault of your own. You may have been mentally fit for the required work, but perhaps had an unfortunate accident or illness. You may have started your term in the wrong way and found it out too late to change. Or perhaps you were influenced by bad associates to play and loaf the time away instead of studying. In all, you did not realize that bad behavior and lack of studying would result in your present condition.

Every "left back" boy or girl is offered an eight-week summer school course by the Board of Education. At the end of eight weeks of a 9 to 12 m. daily study you are given a test which covers the work that you did. If you pass this test you are promoted to the next grade higher than your previous one.

Seize this opportunity and make up in eight weeks what you have carelessly forfeited in five months. Remember that after you have passed this eight-week course you will still have a whole month of vacation, which you will better enjoy if you know that you have been promoted.

Now, as to the ambitious boy and girl who were pro-

moted because they were capable and had the ability to comply with the requirements of the Board of Education. What is mere promotion in an elementary school to the really ambitious boy or girl? It is more of a natural occurrence than a wonder. If there is a spark of ambition in you, get a set of books from your next teacher and study them through and through, so that at the end of the vacation you will know more than you knew at its beginning. Then you will have a chance to skip a grade.

Remember that knowledge is power.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Louis J. Weinstein (14 years).



The Wonderful Yesterdays

Boys and girls are always wishing that they had lived during some more romantic and exciting period than the stern, businesslike to-day. They think, "Oh, if I had only been born in King Arthur's time or during the famous Crusades or when Julius Caesar was living I would have had some adventure and fun, but in these times nothing exciting happens?"

Those boys and girls had no more opportunities for adventure and fun than those in the twentieth century. We children of to-day are fortunate indeed, because we have lived during the greatest war the world has ever known. We are seeing the aeroplanes and submarines introduced as important factors in commerce and warfare; wireless telegraphy and motion pictures and photographs were all comparatively new when we came into the world.

"Very true," some say, "but I would like to live during a time when there were new lands to explore, when I could be a discoverer like Columbus." Think of the thousands of unexplored miles in the far north and south, in South America and Africa!

Then, too, the majority of the people of long ago were poor and unhappy; many of them were slaves; they were uneducated, and even the homes of the rich were dark and uncomfortable.

Ralph P. Anderson (14 years).

Sacramento, Cal.

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