

# The Children's Tribune

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

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## The Bolsheviki

The Bolshevik is a boy who believes there should be no teachers in school and that he should be allowed to study what he wants to and when he wants to. He believes that the way to get his friend's jackknife is just to take it when his friend isn't looking, and that maybe the best plan isn't to have a school at all but to burn the building so he can watch the bonfire. He believes that football should be played without a captain or rules and that he ought to be allowed to use a tennis ball if he wants to.

This is exactly the way the Russian Bolsheviki are acting with grown-up affairs. The Bolsheviki are mentally dishonest. They do not believe in liberty or rule by the people. They do not believe in Socialism. They believe in might, that might which the United States and the Allies fought against. Far from being freedom and liberty, Bolshevism is the worst sort of tyranny. Just realize this one point and you will see. The Bolsheviki will not admit farmers. They hate the farmers even more than capitalists. What would become of America if all our farmers could not be citizens? America would be ruined. We will never be governed by the Bolsheviki.

Carl Schenk (14 years).

Jersey City, N. J.

## Be a Weather Prophet

How nice it would be if all the children in America could prophesy the weather and by doing so would not be disappointed on picnics, outings and what not.

As I live in the country I take much enjoyment in prophesying the weather for the following day.

Possibly you have noticed on cloudy mornings a great number of spider webs on lawns, fences and in the parks. By seeing these webs in great numbers you know it is going to clear soon, as Mr. Spider will not take such pains to make his web if he is not going to have sunshine on it.

A good way to know that it is going to rain is to keep your eye on Mr. Robin. If it is going to rain he will cry with all his might.

Another way to prophesy rain is to watch the salt jar. When rain is on its way the salt will become very damp. But if it is going to be clear the salt will be dry.

And there is still another way to foretell rain. That is by watching a gardener who wears a broad-brimmed straw hat. By unseen dampness in the air (which means that rain is on its way) the straw brim will sag and flop

around his head. But if it is going to be clear the brim will stick out straight and be brittle.

By following the above prophecies very few people would be disappointed on their vacation day sports.

Theodore Woodruff (14 years).

Green Village, N. J.

## Books

In King Arthur's time even old Merlin himself, great magician though he was, would not have been believed if he had said that the boys of the twentieth century would have the power to know and read the wisest words of all the wisest men that ever lived and that, at a mere motion of the hand, the boy could know what had happened centuries before Christ was born.

Yet it's all true to-day! Just think of it! By just stepping up to your bookshelf or into the library you can learn facts that it took century after century to determine. In an hour or so you can know more of the city of New York than many people who live there, even if you do live 1,000 miles away.

You can sit in your chair and have Shakespeare, Caesar and Dickens talk to you from the pages of a book. The next time you read think of it that way. Just imagine that the author is talking to you. Put expression and meaning into every word. When you come to some conversation try to think and feel just like the speaker. If the book says that So and So "growled out the words," why, you "growl them out." It's really fun and it doubles the interest of the book. Besides, it will teach you how to express yourself more distinctly.

A business man was once asked why, before giving a boy a job, he always made it a point to ask, "Do you read?"

"Generally," he answered, "the boy who reads is the boy who is the best educated, who takes the most pride in his personal appearance and who has the most ambition."

Don't be afraid of the classics and think they're dry and uninteresting just because they are "made so much of" and studied in school. They are classics simply because they are the most interesting and best express the lives of the people of their time.

Sacramento, Cal. Ralph Anderson (14 years).



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