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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN.

—The Bulletin of Safety says that about a great many of our schools there is very scant protection for the children against autos, etc., in the streets. Youngsters must cross streets to get to and from school. As a rule the younger set are a lively bunch, full of pep, and are right likely to, unthinkingly, dash out into the street in front of some vehicle. An officer "on guard" at street corners near schoolhouses, who could escort the little ones, would lessen this danger greatly. Hence, let's have the officers.

As guardians of our little ones we would sure have a great deal of respect for police officers.

HOME GARDENING.—It is to be hoped that all of the gardening talk really develops into hundreds of backyard plots of homegrown vegetables this summer. Talk is cheap—homegrown food is a great deal cheaper.

It is the easiest thing of earth, if you've got only a bit of dirt around your home, to have radishes, peas, onions, beets, lettuce, beans, carrots, parsley and even corn, if you just put a bit of your spare time to it. And it's great sport to get up early in the morning, go out and hoe a while—

then pick of mess of eats out of your own back yard.

Here and there some little seeds,
Planted in the land,
Help cut down the bill you get,
From your grocery man.

And then if you have any space left, plant some flowers. You can't eat 'em, but they are cheerful. What's cheerful is worth bothering with.

SHORT ONES.

To live is not merely to breathe, it is to act.—Rousseau.

They're succeeding in teaching parrots to talk by means of the phonograph.

Heaven help us! There's a patent out for a combination of piano and phonograph.

Last wooden sleeping cars are bound for the junkpile. But it's just as hard to sleep in the steel ones.

China knew the compass 2,634 years before Christ, and now they're trying to steer her into the world's war.

Edison is trying to perfect a smoke screen for the navy. How often he must wish he hadn't declared against cigarettes.

Economists declare that we waste 20 per cent of potatoes in paring. They don't know how many folks are eating skin and all.

Geo. Washington at 14 had a navy appointment, but his ma said no. A lad who minded ma and couldn't lie to pa was sure some boy.

New Yorker has invented a noiseless shears for barbèrk. There've been times when we regarded the shears' noise as a blessing.

The Lady Next Door believes in the literacy test for aliens. "And you would, too," says she. "If you'd see the litter some of them bring."

"New Philippine Congress Works," is a newspaper headline. Looks as if we could learn something about government from our Little Brown Brothers.