

DAILY MAGAZINE PAGES FOR EVERYBODY

Truths By Women Who Know Vacation in Country Provided For Poor Children Fresh Air Committee

Many children are worn out by duties beyond their years and strength. There are many delicate and crippled children who need special care, while the home conditions of some make a change imperative. An outing for such as these is provided by the Fresh Air Work Committee of the Christ Child Society.

These children from the alleys and back streets are given a vacation in the country for periods varying according to the necessity of each case. Mrs. Henry Simpson, chairman of the committee on Fresh Air Work gives a very interesting account in the following article of the farm where the children are cared for all through the year, of their various pleasures and pastimes, of the clothes provided for them and of the committee in charge. Mrs. Simpson is thoroughly acquainted with all the details of this work, having been in charge for the past eight years.

By MRS. HENRY SIMPSON.

The various good works of the Christ Child Society for the benefit of the poor children of Washington and the District are so well known that here I do not call it fresh air work. I do not call it summer outings, for during the whole year it places children in the country for periods varying according to the necessity of the case. Of course, the principle aim of the fresh air work is to provide summer health and home conditions make a change imperative, and particularly for older children who, worn out by duties beyond their years and strength, need from other free vacations, also for delicate and crippled children who need special care.

Visiting Committee. The streets of Washington in summer to a casual observer look very cool and comfortable, but there are many alleys and slums where these do not penetrate, and from them the visitors choose the children who are to be sent out to the country for the coveted vacation. The visiting committee, composed of twenty-four ladies, each having a district to visit and the privilege of choosing children, the number varying according to the size of the district. The children are brought out by the visitors in parties of twenty-four, the first party coming about the first Monday in July, to remain two weeks, or as the necessity of the case demands, four, six, and sometimes eight weeks.

There is now at the home a little girl six years old. She came for two weeks, at the end of that time an urgent appeal came from the visitor, "Can you keep C— out all summer? The home has been broken up. Mother and baby taken to an institution where there is no room for little C— until September." Of course little C— was kept. As we are thankful the Christ Child Society has a home where the dear mite can be cared for until she is old enough to be adopted. This is but one of many similar cases which come under our notice every year.

Many Pleasures Provided. The children are boarded at a small farm, where they have, I was going to say, "all the comforts of home," but, alas, the majority have no comforts of home. The only comfort they have during the year is that which they have during the time they are guests of the Christ Child Society. They are taken out with them all summer, looking after their moral and physical welfare. They visit the woods, and the fields and trees, and to many even a cow is an object upon which they look for the first time, but it will not be the last if the prosperity of the Christ Child Society continues to increase.

the little ones playing mothers with their dolls in the play tent. After a good dinner at 12 o'clock they nap under the big trees, then gather blackberries in the woods, and last, but not least, on hot days have a good bath and frolic in the pool which is also on the place.

Clothes Provided.

The only garments the children have to bring are those which they have on, all they wear when in the country being provided for by the Christ Child Society has a Fresh Air Wardrobe, which is composed of everything necessary for the comfort and health of children when in the country.

I think one of the great pleasures of the year is the straw ride each party gets to and from the electric car (the farm being situated three miles from the car track), the same big hay wagon is also chartered each Sunday to take the whole party to church.

The applications for boys are not so numerous as those for girls. Each year there are many disappointed applicants for cards for these summer outings, it having been impossible to send more than about 100 each summer on account of want of funds. The society hopes in the near future to own a country home, where it can accommodate more children and for a longer period. So much greater would be the benefit to some of them could remain all the heated term, and my heart aches when they have to be taken back to the hot back streets and alleys to make room for the others, who are waiting their turn. As the end of their visit draws near, the cry of the mother is "Oh, please, Mrs. Simpson, can I stay another two weeks?"

The committee on fresh air work consists of a chairman, and the visitors who collect the children and some members of the society who are especially interested in their branch of the Christ Child Society work.

Children Appreciative. Possible one or two little misstives sent by children to the president of the society would be interesting. A little deaf girl writes:

"I am having a very pleasant time in the fresh country air. It is my second summer out here. I like it very much. I have a very good mother. I'm getting fat and my cheeks is rosy." So the children write from the fullness of their hearts, showing how they appreciate what is done to help them. They are full of happy memories of their childhood. We can hardly realize the fact that these little children are in the fields and trees, and to many even a cow is an object upon which they look for the first time, but it will not be the last if the prosperity of the Christ Child Society continues to increase.

HEART TROUBLES By Michelson



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Brushing is Secret of Hair Health

By LUCREZIA BORI

Prima Donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York.



LUCREZIA BORI

THE new pill box hats which tilt to one side of the head, much as a small bird nest might perch on the limb of a tree, are telling state secrets about a millia's hair. The mushroom shaped hats could be pulled down over hair which was carefully coiled in a bun at the top of the head. By pulling a little of the soft front hair down over the forehead it was quite possible to do a hasty morning's shopping without semblance of a hair dress.

every. The hair needs its daily exercises quite as much as the body, but the only sort of exercise the scalp can receive is that given by massage. Any woman can learn to do the rotary massage movement and give her own scalp a treatment every night before going to bed, and repeat the process for a few minutes in the morning before doing the hair for the day. If the scalp is massaged while the hair is hanging down the back, and later while hanging over the face with the head bent, it will also be discovered that any suggestion of headache will be immediately relieved.

In massaging, spread the fingers apart and press gently on the scalp, then move in small circles over the entire head, trying to loosen the scalp from the bony structure underneath. Care should be taken that the nails do not scratch the head, and that the massage is not so vigorous as to do the scalp more harm than good.

In brushing, one should be careful not to bang the scalp roughly, for a distinct harm may be done by the harsh contact of bristles with the scalp. To brush the hair properly it should be parted in different places, the brush placed gently on the scalp and drawn somewhat slowly through the length of the hair, first on one side and then on the other. If you will make a rule of brushing your hair in this way every night, first giving from five to ten strokes at either side of the center parting from forehead to neck, then the same number at the other side, you will be surprised at the improvement in the condition of your hair and your night's rest.

Hits From Sharp Wits.

It always happens that the man who goes to the city to get "loaded" comes home a blank. "Strike, but hear me," once remarked Thelastolates, who must have been some umpte in his day.—Philadelphia Inquirer. The world would never know how good some persons are if they did not tell it themselves.

Do the People Read The Times Movie News?

HAVE A LOOK AT THIS—

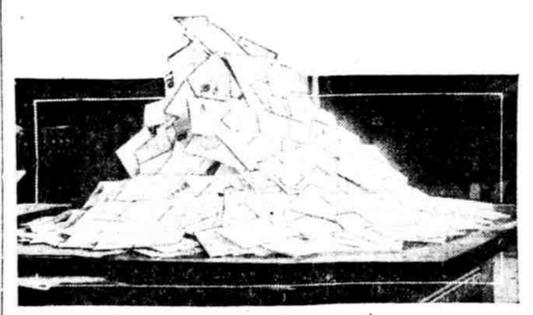
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Answers that came in the FIRST MAIL ONLY TO THE Times Movie Contest Advertisement in Sunday's Edition.

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Free Shows by City Hurt Business for Regular Exhibitor

A serious question that has recently been injected into the moving picture business is just how far a municipality can go in supplying free shows without interfering seriously in the business of the regular exhibitors. At first glance this question does not appear to have a very serious side, but when it is given consideration it will be seen that the free show will be an acute issue before very long. It has already become an issue in other sections of the country. In Chicago and in Pittsburgh, among the larger towns, and in many smaller places, there have been a number of free shows established in the public parks and the schools for which the municipalities paid. In many of these shows the greatest care was exercised in the selection of the programs, with the result that, while the films that were shown were largely old—that is, film that had been seen before at the regular houses—the programs were considerably better. Because of this fact, the business of the regular exhibitors was hurt, and they have made a very strenuous kick.

The strongest protest has come from the Pittsburgh exhibitors, and it seems to be backed by more or less justice. The Motion Picture Exhibitors' Protective Association of Pittsburgh filed its complaint with President John M. Goehring, of the city council. This was equal to asking for a temporary injunction. President Goehring, being a lawyer, treated it as such and temporarily suspended the municipalities. The exhibitors complain that they pay the city a high license fee to operate and that business at best is poor during the summer. Adjacent movie houses do little business when the playgrounds are showing pictures, they say, and the best feature at a nickel cannot compete with a highly educational free show. Again, many of the city movies are in the open air, and, therefore, more attractive. One will depopulate half a dozen nickelodeons. As most members of council are on vacations, final decision was delayed, but Supt. W. F. Ashe, of the playgrounds association, substituted other amusements.

President Goehring said the city did not intend to rival the exhibitors, but to confine its films to educational and municipal subjects means to inculcate principles of better citizenship and enlarge the scope of the intelligence of the people. At one of the first shows the board of health had a doctor and nurse present to demonstrate head-aches in connection with a health film. It does not seem fair to the exhibitors to be compelled to pay a heavy tax and to go to all sorts of expenses in providing shows and then have the city government come in and compete with all the resources of a city government behind the competition. The matter should be given careful attention here where there has already been put forward a proposition to utilize the motion picture in the schools. In a recent report from the Bureau of Education the statement is made that within the course of a year or two every school in the country will be using motion pictures in every school auditorium will be, in effect, a picture theater.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS



EARLE WILLIAMS, The Vitagraph Leading Man, Who Plays the Part of a Military Aviator in the Timely Drama, "Warfare in the Skies."

Behind the Screen

Charles Richman, recently secured by the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company, Inc., for appearance before the camera, will, in all likelihood, appear in Captain Barrington, in which he starred for several years.

Colonel Jasper Ewing Brady, of the Vitagraph, has completed the scenario of "The Chalice of Courage," from the novel by the Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, LL.D. The play is in five parts and every one full of action and intense interest.

"The Line-Up at Police Headquarters," the feature picture introducing George S. Dougherty, New York's famous detective and police commissioner, produced by Gus Hill and William J. Conlin, has been turning people away wherever the picture has been produced. At the Tuxedo Theater at Third Avenue and Forty-second Street, Manager Shannon booked the picture for a return engagement at once as it broke all records of the house.

California's eccentric weather has at last settled down to business and to make up for lost time the Frontier Company have been working from 7 in the morning until 6 at night.

John Brennan is again at Santa Monica, having made arrangements with the main office to open the little beach studio as a comedy picture school auditorium will be, in effect, a picture theater.

WHAT THEY'RE SHOWING IN WASHINGTON.

- TODAY: "When Home Ruled," Crandall's, Ninth and E streets. Alice Joyce in "The Vampire's Trail," Olympic Park, Fourteenth and V streets. Mutual Program, Central Park, Ninth near G street. Feature Program, the Pickwick, 911 Pennsylvania avenue. TOMORROW: Mary Pickford in Biograph Re-issues, the Pickwick, 911 Pennsylvania avenue. "When Home Ruled," Crandall's, Ninth and E streets. Carlisle Blackwell in "The Spitfire," Olympic Park, Fourteenth and V streets. Mutual Program, Central Park, Ninth, near G streets.

Possibilities of Paraffine Paper

By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK.

VISITING a housekeeping friend the other day she proved to me that she was one of the most thrifty women I have met. Even the smallest trifle is put to good use in her home, and what many another woman would throw out, she saves and finds a way of using. Among other things she showed me a pantry drawer full of paraffine paper which she had saved from cracker boxes. There were also neatly tied pieces of wax, besides carrying baskets, crocks, corrugated paper such as is packed around fragile objects. I exclaimed over the amount of paraffine paper, and then she told me what she did with it.

You know it costs a cent a roll," she remarked, "and that amounts up, if one uses as much as one needs to the summer time. I find that if I wrap a piece of paraffine paper over a bowl of fruit in the kitchen it prevents the flavor from reaching other foods, and so keeps all the food better. I like it too for bags of lettuce and parsley, more than the conventional cheesecloth kind. Then I use it so much in wrapping up cake or bread, that the wax we are always making in the summer time. As it is very impervious to water, I put it on the circular disk and lay it on either a china or paper plate. In this way I can put one food on the paraffine plate and after this course is eaten, the paraffine is removed, leaving the clean plate for the next course. I do this particularly at the children's lunches to save myself washing dishes, and as many other times as I can.

This paraffine paper, too, is much better than any other kind for cake, and lining other moulds. I line all my cream moulds with this paper, or in fact, any mould I steam like salmon loaf, or anything I cook after the soufflé fashion. Then, too, it is better than white paper plain for

covering jelly glasses or for keeping the air away from any bottle of syrup or mixture which one is going to use up in a few days but for which there is no special fitting cork. "My husband has called me the 'Paraffine Paper Girl' because I seem to use it in so many ways. There's tonight's roast, for instance. Instead of covering it with a towel before I lay it away in the ice box for cooling, I cover it with a couple of sheets of paraffine paper. I've tried the regular absorbent tissue paper, but find the paraffine is better because it does not absorb any juices. And as it has this peculiar coating, it is more impervious to air, and keeps everything that is wrapped in it moist and sweet. "It's surprising," she concluded, "how many ways I can use paraffine paper. It's so sanitary, and it saves dishcloths and other 'rag' that so many women use. I save every bit I get, and so many things, like bread, even, are wrapped in wax paper, and I often wonder why it is that many women are careless and throw into the kitchen trash basket a paper that has so many uses in the home."

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