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## THE KINDERGARTEN

At first thought one might not suppose the question of a kindergarten would have much bearing on the subject of town improvement, but a closer study of the kindergarten and its mission will convince one that it has a vital place in the life of any community.

The quality of citizenship is the measure of any community. It matters not the enterprise and push of a people; it matters not the thrift and saving qualities; if there be not a bed-rock of solid character underlying these there is no success worthy the name for that community.

The schools and the homes of the land are the soils that produce either good or bad citizens. If the home influence be what it should be, and is followed by the right sort of school training, the average boy or girl will develop into a creditable product. If either of these fail in their mission, the result detracts from success in proportion to the degree of failure.

The old idea that formerly prevailed with many of our people that the child should be left to run wild until school age arrived when he could be readily molded into the correct shape, has been exploded. True under this program many noble characters have been produced, but it has been in spite of, rather than because of, the method.

The kindergarten derives its great value from the fact that the first few years of a child's life constitute the period in which the groundwork of character is laid. The impression stamped on the young mind from the age of one or two years to five or six, are permanent. No amount of after training can entirely obliterate them. If these impressions are healthful and wholesome, the child is fortunate. If the reverse, the child has been burdened with an incubus that may require a lifetime to shake off.

Now it is true that the home life is supposed to furnish these early influences that shall start the child on the right road in life. In too many instances, however, the home life does not furnish these influences, and in many cases it is no fault of the guardians of the home.

Supposing the home life to approximate the ideal; that the parents are all they should be; that they have a vital interest in the development of the young minds and souls entrusted to their care; the fact remains that an intelligent guardianship of the child during every day and hour of its life is a practical impossibility for its parents. If life held for them no other duties this might be possible. But there are other duties that demand their attention, and for the sake of the child these duties must not be evaded.

Who has not heard the expression from many a distracted mother of an active boy: "I'll be so glad when he starts to school." Not that this mother wishes to shirk her responsibility, but the sober truth is, the job is too big for her. The young life is too vigorous for her supervision, encumbered as she is with many other duties (all which must be met).

It is at this point that the efficient kindergarten teacher steps into the breach and bridges over the trying period of the young life from infancy to childhood. A few hours every day wherein the parent can shift the burden of the child's care upon other competent shoulders, gives time for recuperation of energies and a renewing of enthusiasm for the tasks temporarily laid down.

But the qualifications for a successful kindergarten teacher are rare. Few people possess them. One must not only love children and be possessed of unlimited patience. One must also be able to put one-self in harmony with child life and be able to see clearly the child's point of view. The successful teacher must be able to enter wholeheartedly into all the interests that go to make up the child's world, as in no other way can the confidence and love of the child be gained, and without these the teacher's efforts are worse than wasted.

The community that would be sure of a stable groundwork for the civilization that is to radiate from it, will, if it has not already done so, take steps to at once establish a first-class kindergarten. Perhaps no other one influence has had more to do in the great improvement noted on all hands in the rising generation, physically, mentally and morally.

## NEWS PLATE HOUSES MERGE

The Western Newspaper Union has taken over the business of the American Press Association and the merger affords a combine which will continue under the name of Western Newspaper Union. The high cost of material is given as the reason for the merger.

We have long been a user of American Press Association plate when its uses were required in makeup and features and hope the Western Newspaper Union, without competition, will prove as satisfactory in the future as the American Press has in the past, and we see no reason why not.

The American Press, the organ of the American Press Association, has been a good friend of the newspapers throughout the country. It has gone to the front for them vigorously always, and when the paper manufacturers were gouging the publishers it fought for their rights against the oppression of alleged illegal methods which have put many papers out of business and caused great loss for others the country over.

At any rate, the publishers "got it" as hard as anyone could without being choked to death and we hope the Western Newspaper Union will continue the fight, also continue waging the stiff fight for PAID advertising by the government.

Where, oh, where, are those hundred thousand airplanes? Anywhere, anywhere, except in the air.

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# Extra Special This Week In MEN'S SHOES

The extraordinary values offered last week at our SHOE SALE was the talk of the town, but we are going to give you still better values all this week. We are overstocked on Men's shoes and will make prices that will move them out rapidly. For instance:



In the King Quality Line we will offer you a man's semi-English, combination last shoe, stamped \$6.50, and worth \$8.00 today

Special This Week  
\$4.95

Men's dark brown English, soft kid leather and a good run of sizes, stamped \$6.50, worth now \$8.00; SPECIAL THIS

WEEK.....\$4.95  
Young Men's brown dress shoes, in medium dark shade, sizes 6 to 9, sold for \$6.50. The few pair left, at

the pair.....\$4.95  
A nifty dark brown English Shoe with the white Neolin sole and rubber heel, not an extreme pointed shoe, make a dandy winter shoe and a bargain this week

at.....\$5.95

Plenty of wide toe shoes on sale for the more conservative dresser. A medium high toe, wide last, comes either in gunmetal, calf or soft glazed kid leather, staple \$5.00 shoe at.....\$3.95

A wide box toe gunmetal shoe, either lace or button. Our King Quality leader this week.....\$3.45

A good solid gunmetal wide roomy last, but very neat looking shoe, button or lace, SPECIAL.....\$2.95

THE REGULATION ARMY SHOE.

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## Boys School Shoes.

Line of good heavy school shoes, sizes up to 5 1-2, at the pair.....\$2.45  
Girl's School Shoes, pair.....\$2.35  
Same in high top button or lace, pair.....\$2.85

## Very Special-Silver Grey Kid Boot

One of Utz & Dunn's finest creations, in a light shade of gray, a good welt sole and a covered heel.

Come in and get a pair of these before your size is gone. A \$12.50 boot for this week only, the pair.....\$8.95

We also have several styles of high priced novelty boots to offer at a bargain the rest of this week. Our regular price is very moderate and with shoes advancing as rapidly as they are in price, it would pay you to pick out several pairs.

1st—Two new fall colors in the hi-top ladies dress boot. One a gray, the other a new shade of light tan, or Ivory. The colors are different from what you've seen all summer and the shoes themselves are out of the ordinary. Choice of either \$9.50 boot this week

\$6.95

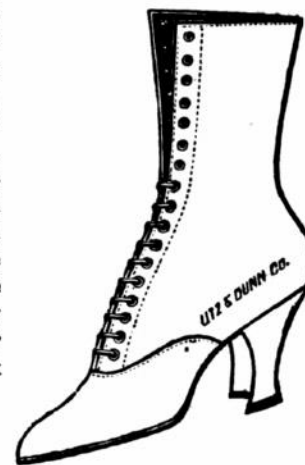
2nd—Another gray lace boot, a darker shade called the "cruiser gray." Comes either in a high leather Louis heel or a medium heel for walking. Plenty of these in all sizes A-D and widths, while they last.....\$6.25

3rd—A few odd sizes in our Utz & Dunn novelty boots we are going to clean up in a hurry.....\$5.95

4 pairs of Fawn Buck, all boots that formerly sold for \$9.00.

5 pairs of dark gray kid boots in a lace, with a white kid top and covered heels. Also a \$9.00 one.

1 pair size 2 1/2, in a patent lace with a cham-



pagne kid top, very high covered Louis heel. 3 pair, small sizes, Dark Chocolate Brown lace boots with high heels.

1 pair size 5 1/2 A in a patent shoe with a white kid top, long vamp and a very dressy pair sold for \$10.00.

1 pair small size in a black with a gray buck top.

13 pairs of white Delhi calf boots. Slightly heavier than the ordinary kid boot and very stylish for late fall and winter this year. All sizes and widths up to size 6 only and we are making the price of these \$9.00 boots attractive for the week.

CHOICE OF ANY OF THE ABOVE CLEANS-UPS FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.....\$5.95

4th—Every one wants a pair of STAPLE BLACK BOOTS AND WE HAVE LOTS OF THEM ON SALE AT POPULAR PRICES.

8 and 9-inch boots in the Glove Kid, either dull or glazed finish, or cloth top high leather Louis heels, medium heels or low heels; all sizes and widths in these dress shoes that usually sell for \$6, \$6.50, \$7.

Also a black glove-like kid boot of Utz & Dunn's with the white Reinskin top, and one with the black cloth top.

FULL RUN OF SIZES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE, ONLY.....\$4.95

## 5th—NEW FALL MEDIUM HEELED BOOTS AT A PRICE

A \$7.00 chocolate brown lace boot with the Neolin sole and a white rubber heel, high tops, at the pair.....\$4.85

A new fall walking boot in a patent chamol colored top with the medium heel, a \$6.00 one at.....\$4.85

Dark chocolate brown, medium heel walking boot, narrow toe and imitation tip, a few pairs at.....\$4.85

Utz & Dunn's Tan College Boot in a heavy Russian Calf Leather—a dandy winter shoe in a medium heel. They're a \$7.00 value at.....\$4.85

Two other of these lace boots in a medium heel, either a light or dark brown calf bottom with a fawn buck top. These \$8.00 sports shoes for only.....\$6.25

## 6th—AT \$3.85 WE ALSO HAVE A GOOD ASSORTMENT

A black Gun metal lace shoe in a medium heel with dark brown cloth tops. Something new.

Also a black Gun metal HI-TOP lace shoe with a high leather Louis heel, pointed toe.

And one in a patent bottom, either lace or button. A very pretty dress shoe and the price is moderate.

CHOICE OF THE ABOVE, THIS WEEK.....\$3.85

7th—A large table of odd sizes in black shoes, not all sizes in each but a fit in some style for every foot. High, low or medium heels—lace or button—patent, gun metal or soft kid. Any one of the shoes cannot be duplicated today, wholesale at this price, and you can buy them at.....\$2.85

8th—30 pairs of ladies' Juliets and house slippers. Every woman can use at least a pair of these at.....\$2.15

9th—An odd lot of ladies' colored Boudoir Slippers at.....50c



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