

For the Children

Boy Scouts Enjoying a Melon Feast in Camp.



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Reports to national headquarters show that thousands of the Boy Scouts of America now are in camp in various parts of the country. The encampments vary from a troop of twenty-four to a thousand boys. The leaders of the Boy Scouts of America appreciate the danger of large encampments and for that reason announced some months ago that they would have no national encampment. They pointed out that it is much wiser for the boys to get their first experience in camping in small groups. They also have sent out bulletins to the scout masters of the extreme necessity of using all sanitary precautions in camping and warning the scout masters not thoroughly versed in methods of having camps sanitary against taking the boys into camps of more than two or three days. The illustration shows a couple of New York boy scouts enjoying a feast of watermelon beside their tent.

Magnetic Currents.

Procure a gold ring, the more massive the better, and attach it to a silk thread about a dozen inches long. Fasten the other end of the thread around the nail joint of the forefinger of the right hand. Rest your elbow on the table to steady your hand and hold the thread in such a position as to allow the ring to hang about half an inch above the surface of the table. Hold your finger out straight and throw back your thumb as far as possible. So long as there is nothing on the table the ring will remain stationary.

Place some silver coin immediately below it, when the ring will begin to oscillate back and forth, to and from you. If you bring your thumb in contact with your forefinger the oscillations will become transverse to their former swing. This may also be effected by allowing some one to take hold of your disengaged hand. These effects are produced by the animal magnetic currents given forth by the hands of the experimenters.

Tree Puzzles.

- The tree used in kissing? Tulip.
- The level tree? Plane.
- The tree used in a bottle? Cork.
- The fisherman's tree? Basswood.
- The tree that belongs to the sea? Bay.
- An immortal tree? Arbor Vitae.
- A tree worn in oriental countries? Sandal.
- A tree used in battle? Bayonet.
- A tree used in drawing an accurate line? Plum.
- A tree used to describe pretty girls? Peach.
- An emblem of grief? Weeping Willow.
- A personal pronoun tree? Yew.
- The sweetest tree? Maple.

Old Proverbs.

- It is difficult to tame the proud.
- The end of a feast is better than the beginning of a quarrel.
- A cat may look at a king.
- Without treasure, without friends.
- Wine is sweet, to pay for it is bitter.
- Character is better than wealth.
- No man is wise at all times.
- Not every flatterer is a friend.
- Sleep is the image of death.
- Enough is a feast.

Nursery Rhymes.

"Three Blind Mice" is in a music book of 1609, and must have been familiar to the early English settlers of our country.

"Old Mother Hubbard" and "Goosey, Goosey, Gander," date back to the sixteenth century.

Health Alphabet.

- A is for Adenoids, which no child should own.
- B is for right Breathing to give the lungs tone.
- C is for Cough, which we should not neglect.
- D is for the Dentist, who finds tooth defect.
- E is for Evils of foul air and dirt.
- F is for Fresh air—too much cannot hurt.
- G is for Gardens, where boys and girls play.
- H is for Hardiness gained in that way.
- I is for Infection from foul drinking cups.
- J is for Joy in the bubbling taps.
- K is for Knowledge of rules of good health.
- L is for Lungs, whose soundness is wealth.
- M is for Milk; it must be quite pure.
- N is for Nurses, your health to insure.
- O is for Oxygen, not found in a crowd.
- P is for Pencils—in mouths not allowed.
- Q is for Quiet, which sick people need.
- R is for Rest, as part of our creed.
- S is for Sunshine to drive germs away.
- T is for Toothbrush, used three times a day.
- U is for Useful health rules in the school.
- V is the Value of learning these rules.
- W is Worry, which always does harm.
- X is for Xcess—indulge in no form.
- Y is for Youth, the time to grow strong.
- Z is for Zest. Help the good work along.—Chicago Tuberculosis Nurse in Survey.

TENNIS COSTUME.

Up to Date Girl Wears Trouserine Skirt.



There is no suggestion of beauty or grace certainly to be connected with the trouserine tennis skirt, but it is practical and makes for expert play, therefore the girl who goes in for a serious game often sacrifices appearances to comfort.

The material used is a lightweight black and white checked cloth, and the trousers effect is entirely hidden when away from the tennis court by straps that hold the concealing front panel in place.

The shirt waist is of striped flannel, with collar and cuffs of black moire silk.

An Oriental Negligee.

Oriental negligees are not new costumes in the fashion world, but the pretty boudoir dress pictured is both smart and the latest design modeled after the eastern woman's dress. It is



IN PALE GOLD SATIN.

of pale gold satin patterned in a floral design worked out in black and orange colorings.

Every woman's purse will not allow her to purchase such a sartorial luxury, but it is a stunning negligee for the fortunate possessor of a well filled purse.

Sleeve of the Moment.

There can be no question that simplicity will not be the distinguishing feature of the sleeve of the fall. A few weeks ago nearly all bodices and blouses were made with the Asiatic sleeve—i. e., cut in one piece with that garment and minus seams. In the new modes the sleeves are put in separately with just a little fullness, and nearly all sleeves have a bit of black velvet trimming applied in the bandings, pipings, panelings or buttons. Perhaps the smartest and newest sleeve is the Breton, which will be much exploited. It reaches below the elbow, is straight and wide and is often made of different material from the bodice. In evening gowns this feature is effectively carried out in beaded and jetted nets, embroidered tissues and in laces of all kinds.

With decollete bodices sleeves are worn small, so small that sometimes they seem quite absent.

Dr. Shaw's Influence on Norway.

Although the Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, American suffragist, could not get permission from the authorities in Christiania to give lectures in churches, it develops the Norwegians are planning to give greater opportunities to women who must earn their own livelihood. A bill has been introduced providing liberally for women. The measure says they shall have access on the same conditions as men to offices of the state with a few exceptions.

Points for Mothers

Nervous Young Girls.

One is rather shocked in this day of athletics and fresh air to know how prevalent neurasthenia is among young girls. One is constantly hearing of nervous breakdowns while girls are still too young to know the meaning of nerves. This condition has been laid at the door of the school life by eminent authorities.

It seems that the practically continuous time table of the school life of the present day is responsible for the development of nerves. Girls over-trained in athletics and in the gymnasium develop a restless incapacity to interest and occupy themselves satisfactorily when they return to their homes.

To this grinding and pushing is also due the fact that valuable knowledge of character is so ill assimilated that it fails to make life a comprehensible and interesting whole. The failure is a serious defect in any system of education.

It is equally injurious, on the other hand, to fill a girl's life with such a continuous round of games and lessons that the knowledge absorbed from both has no time to be digested. The modern girl undoubtedly needs more leisure.

The art of assimilation is what will make a girl into the competent, self-reliant woman who will be able to enjoy applying what she has learned to any circumstance she may find herself in, one who will be able to regard all forms of athletics in their proper proportion and not become morbid if she is withdrawn from their influence.

One cannot quarrel with games as a means of exercise if they are not carried to the extreme, but that seems to a great extent to be just the tendency of the schoolgirl's training.

Consequently educators are beginning to see the advantage of giving girls proper exercise by means of practical work. There is a satisfaction in it that cannot find a counterpart in games.

The Hay Pillow.

"I wish mothers would, first of all, throw away those feather pillows and wool mattresses which their children sleep on and substitute bolsters and beds of hay. It would cost only about 10 cents, and think of the wonderful relief," remarked a well known physician. "The profuse perspiration of a child at night would be done away with. Children should not be roasted night after night as they are. The hay is cool and sweet smelling, and the child couldn't do anything but sleep comfortably."

"The mothers could get long tufting needles and tuft the hay so it wouldn't form in mounds or slide to one end completely. It would be a good thing if grownups also tried it. Once having experimented with it they never would pass through another hot wave without it. It is hygienic, cooling, aromatic. It is an easy matter to establish hay beds and pillows in the home.

"On hot nights a child should be wrapped in a wet sheet, with cold compresses on his head. It would save him great discomfort."

Care of the Baby's Feet.

Too much care cannot be given the baby's feet. The little child's foot is naturally pretty, but it is so soft and pliant that it is easily molded, and an ill fitting, badly made shoe will only too quickly deform it and twist it out of shape. The shoes, regardless of whether they are buttoned or laced, must not be too tightly fastened or the circulation of the blood will be impeded. It is a good plan in summer to allow the baby to go barefoot as much of the time as possible about the home. This allows the foot to grow naturally.

Children's Names.

Some parents seem unable to resist the temptation to make a joke with the Christian names of their children. A certain register testifies to the existence of a Mineral Waters, a Frosty Winter and an Alfred Days Weeks. "There is something to be said in favor of naming children in the order of their arrival—Primus, Secundus, etc.—but it is unfortunate for a well known Canadian named Cumber that it should have fallen to his lot to be Quintus, for his name is always appearing in the papers as Q. Cumber."

Encouraging His Appetite.

"When I have any difficulty in getting my boy of three and a half years to eat his food at the table we start a little game," said a clever mother recently. "We name each bite for a member of the family or for a little playmate or some place he has been, and it is surprising what an amount he will eat and enjoy."

Nursery Suggestion.

For children's rooms and night nurseries pale pink and white is a delightful combination, and while striving to have everything as dainty as possible one must avoid unnecessary fluffiness, remembering that all draperies, etc., will be paying frequent visits to the laundry.

Suggestion to Mothers.

If your child's permanent teeth come through irregularly and overlapping they should be straightened. It is better to remove a tooth if overcrowded, as this condition produces decay.

Grand Display of

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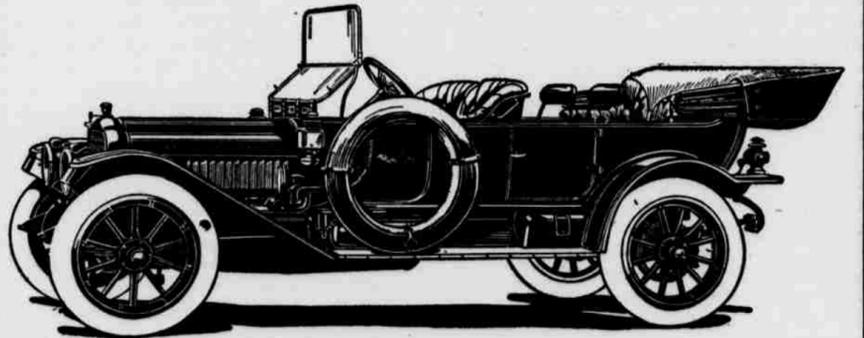
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