

THE PUBLIC FORUM

MOTHER'S GARDEN.—We have boulevards, parks and playgrounds in this city, but no mother's garden. I doubt whether any city has. I wish little gardens for mothers and prospective mothers were dotted all over the city of Chicago. Most mothers, especially in the poorer districts, have never a chance to go to the parks to recuperate and meditate on beautiful things. The child's future greatly depends on its mother's thoughts and environments before its birth.

Woman is the tree of life. Therefore, to bring forth a noble race woman ought to be surrounded with flowers, music, books, the best nature and man can produce. Then a great many mothers would not think of running to the doctor's office with the demon fear hounding her footsteps.

Woman is the finer vessel. Still, she must do the hardest work. If she don't, woe to her.—Alma B. Wilson, 6105 S. Halsted.

ON CHRISTIANS AND SOLDIERS

—My objection to Socialism, and the Socialist party in particular, are as follows: Like Christianity, it enslaves the mind of the individual to the extent that he will get something from others.

The one says that if the worker will only pray he will reap his reward in heaven later on.

The ballot-box artist tells the worker if he will only vote for Socialism, he (the worker) will be a power right here on earth.

Goethe, one of the greatest intellects the world has ever produced, says: "Only he deserves freedom and liberty who every day conquers them anew."

Bravery and the love of conquest, which at one time ruled supreme and which has made the American people a great race, is gradually dwindling, and now the country produces

the most submissive people on earth. Christians and Socialists, who are now working hand in hand, have been held responsible and condemned by the progressives on account of the decay of bravery and the installation of moral cowardice.

Napoleon said: "After my resolution is taken, all is forgotten except whatever will make it succeed."

Not by speechifying and majority votes can the great questions of today be solved. Look at Mexico! Look at Ireland!

Blessed are the strong and powerful, for they alone dictate and possess.—W. J. S.

TEACHINGS.—Judging from the way big business throttles the trust press by its advertising, the press evidently believes in using the same sense of honesty and fairness in business as the World's Greatest Self-Praiser believes in using toward other nations, and it might change Decatur's saying to read: "Money! In our intercourse with other people may we always get it right; but money, right or wrong."

Why not teach the same principle in the schools? Tell the boy that when he enters business if his goods are not above the average he will have to lie to sell them, for he will only find it out before long, anyway. Tell him that if he does not tell his prospective buyer that the lot "will surely rise in value," that "this auto is the best on the market for the money," that "this suit was reduced from \$20 to \$12," etc., he will "starve to death."

Tell the boy about to earn his living that unless he is above the average in intelligence he might have to lie to get a job, and then work like heck to hold it.

Tell the girl that if she is not above the average in cleverness she is doomed to a life of toil in some shop or store, or, if her parents are too occupied with the struggle to give her the protection and care she