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White Lawn Waists, 70c., 95c., $1.10, $1.15, $1.40, $1.50, $1.85.
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SYSTEMATIC PLAY IS NECESSARY FOR CHILDREN

Miss Marshall Saunders Makes a Strong Argument in Favor of Public Playgrounds for the Little People of the Cities.

(Halifax Herald.)

What is wrong with our young men?

Every thoughtful reader of The Mail of March 22nd must be profoundly impressed by the above title of an article written apparently by one who is sadly musing over the prevalence of the fun-loving and work-averse spirit of the young men of our city.

There is a cause for everything. Why is it that the most of our boys love hockey and billiards and games of all kinds better than they love their work? Is it wrong to play games? Not at all. There is an interesting theory with regard to this matter of what is called team-sports or organizing for the purpose of play. Dr. Gulick says that it is a survival of what was noblest and best in primitive man. Women were not organizers. They stayed at home and worked as individuals. The men were obliged to combine in order to defend their homes. Each savage armed himself with a club and joined other savages to protect his precious wife and baby. If a man would not fight neither could he live. I do not see a band of little boys playing ball without thinking of this interesting theory. Something impels our boys to join together. It is the organizing spirit of their forefathers transmitted in the male line. This loyalty to tribe or clan has the good root of altruism. Therefore let us not despise play. There is emulation, competition, and inspiration in a combination.

Now, I do not think that there is anything wrong with the boys of today, or rather I do not blame them for their excessive interest in play and small interest in work. I blame the grown people. Our boys are not trained properly.

This play spirit is a good spirit, and it has run wild because we have not trained it. It is mis-directed energy. The best educators now recognize the value of play. There are teachers who teach the boys how to play as well as those who teach them how to work. In this way boys learn the true proportion of things. A lad who is taught how to play wisely does not run wild in a riot of games when he reaches early manhood.

Halifax is sadly behind the times with regard to the training of her youth. Our boys are handicapped. The country boy outstrips them, and why does he do this? The country boy has responsibilities and privileges that the city boy does not have. For a play ground he has the whole free, beautiful country-side. After school, and often before school, he must assist with the farm duties.

Have you ever seen a farmer's lad in the back pasture looking for his cows? There is a hole in the fence and they are in his neighbor's oats. Watch him get those cows back and mend that fence without hammer or nails. He is ingenious, self-dependent, nothing daunts him.

The city boy has no responsibility. He is not required even to keep his back-yard tidy. After school, when he sets out to amuse himself, he usually begins to break some city law. He must not coast down those tempting icy hills. He stations a sentinel and runs when he sees a policeman coming. Sometimes he is caught. Have we not all seen those mournful processions—a policeman dragging captured sleds and a group of boys following. In my youthful days one policeman—of blessed memory—had a charming way of letting the sled ropes slip from his suddenly forgetful hand.

Hockey must not be played in the streets—and the whole city except sidewalks, is a sea of mud! The boy breaks another city law. Is that good training for the future citizen?

"Boys," I said the other day to a group of little fellows under my window, "you are breaking our glass—you must move on."

"Where shall we go?" they asked. "There is no place for little boys to play in Halifax."

Perhaps some of these are the boys who will get infatuated with play when they are older.

England has compulsory athletics in school. Germany does well in the way of intellectual amusement. The United States is doing nobly, and an attempt is about to be made to nationalize sport. Canada is behind hand, though a movement is on foot to do something for the children of our cities.

Get them out of the streets by all means. The education of the street is worthless. It teaches only a certain shrewdness and slyness. Analyze the dust of our streets and see what our boys and girls are breathing. Halifax has space enough to have places set apart all over the city for children to play. Have play supervisors. Boys will leave free play grounds and go to those where a paid supervisor teaches them how to play games scientifically, and where instruction is given in carpentry, gymnastics, drill, basketry, iron work, etc. This half play half work promotes good fellowship, good manners and good morals.

I would have the boys play so hard that when they reach manhood they will see things in their just proportions and will not run wild to get satiated with amusements that they have never enjoyed when younger.

You say that some of the idle young men are boys who have played all their lives. Not so—they have loafed. A boy who plays a good vigorous game makes a good worker.

Idleness leads to viciousness. The latest and best opinion is that systematic play is as necessary for the child's intellect as is systematic work.

Do the parents of Halifax realize how some of the little boys waste their spare time? The other day a small boy had to hold on to a chair to keep himself upright. Poor child, he had been trying the amusement of getting drunk. A pity that something more profitable had not been open to him.

Smoking cigarettes is another amusement that has been carried into the open. "Why, lad," I said to a sickly child on Granville street the other day, "that cigarette is bad for you."

"I'm thinking of quitting," he said, politely, but he went on smoking.

Another small child on Barrington street when I suggested that he, too, should give up the tobacco habit, smiled saucily, and went on lighting his cigarette. He could not smoke on a supervised play ground. He would not want to, and if he did he would not be permitted.

I wish some of the Halifax parents could follow their children in their amusements. Could they hear the idle and worse than idle conversation, could they witness the aimless loafing among the little boys something would be done for our city children.

Do you remember what old Uncle Bobbie Wicks said?—"Some fellers go to the devil just because they ain't got nowhere's else to go!"

MARSHALL SAUNDERS.

THIS EVENING

Kirk Brown Co., in Under the Red Robe, at the Opera House.

Special meeting of the Natural History Society in their rooms in the Market building at 8 o'clock. Associate members requested to attend. Council meets at 7.30 p. m.

N. C. O.'s of the 62nd Fusiliers meet tonight.

Court La Tour regular meeting in Foresters' Hall.

St. Josephs vs. St. Roses, baseball teams on the Shamrock grounds.

Inquest into the death of Hyman Einsteen.

THE WEATHER

Forecasts—Moderate variable winds, fine. Wednesday, south and southeast winds, fine and moderately warm.

Synopsis—A pronounced high area is centred in New England and no disturbances are indicated at present. The weather is showery throughout the northwest provinces. To Banks, moderate to fresh westerly winds. To American ports, light and variable winds today, southeast on Wednesday.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON.

Tuesday, May 15.

Highest temperature during last 24 hours.. 52
Lowest temperature during last 24 hours 36
Temperature at noon 50
Humidity at noon 57
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degs Fah.) 30.40 inches.
Wind at noon:—Direction northwest, velocity 10 miles per hour. Clear and cool this morning.
Same date last year—Highest temperature 62, lowest 44, cloudy to fair weather.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

WASHINGTON WEATHER REPORT.

WASHINGTON, May 15—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York, fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday, fair, warmer on the coast, fresh southeast to south winds.

LATE LOCALS

There are answers at this office to the following "ads:" Advertisers kindly call for same. "D," "Photo," "K. K. K.," "House," "Cottage," "Farm."

Wm. Spain, Halifax; Thos. Dean, New York; Charles Yapp, Toronto; George Hall and wife, Halifax, were registered at the New Victoria today.

Joseph Dwyer, formerly of the Victoria barber shop, has started in business for himself at 195 Union street, in the store formerly occupied by Kee & Burgess.

A Hebrew woman tried to explain in the police court this morning that she wanted something done for her. She tried to explain what she wanted to nearly everyone in court but no one could understand her. Officer Crawford settled the matter by saying to her "Go and get a Jew to interpret your sentiments for you." The woman understood and left the court.

Tonight's grand concert in St. David's Presbyterian church promises to be one of the musical events of the season. In the concert the choir of St. David's under the leadership of John Lloyd will be assisted by some of the leading vocalists of the city. The programme will be entirely high class and will include a number of selections from oratorio.

IT EMPHASISES NEED OF DRY DOCK

The stranding of the Donaldson line steamship Hestia on the shores of Nova Scotia recalls the fact that a dry dock is greatly needed at this port. This vessel is loaded with a large freight for this city, and if the proper facilities had been provided she would have been brought here for repairs. The Times in speaking with a number of pilots this morning was told that during the past season a number of steamship captains had said to them that if the port of St. John had a dry dock it would bring a larger number of steamers to the place. One captain stated that his vessel had been in the eastern trade for some time. The bottom of the ship had become foul. He was offered a good charter party, but could not accept it on account of his vessel being in bad shape, and that he would have to go to New York and be put to great expense, getting her cleaned and painted. If he could have come direct to this port and found a dry dock, he could have made money out of the charter.

GAGE STOCK COMPANY

"Man's Enemy" will be the second offering of the Gage Stock Co. which is to open at the York Theatre on Monday, May 21st. This is one of the greatest English melodramas ever written and deals with the social life in London, Paris, and Monte Carlo. It tells of the temptation of one Harry Stanton, of excellent lineage, his degradation and his subsequent triumph over his passion for drink and the machinations of his arch enemies, "Tony Drake" and "Sarah Banks." The play is dramatic from beginning to end. Full of bright dialogue and pleasing comedy, the same being in the hands of Al. Lester, who is sure to win a warm place in the hearts of all theatre goers.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, May 15—A number of the speculative market leaders opened at unchanged prices from last night. Otherwise fractional gains were the rule, with the copper group conspicuous. Smelting rose nearly a point and Amalgamated Copper 5-8. Northern Pacific gained 7-8 and Minneapolis, St. Paul & S. S. Marie fell a point.

The river at Indiantown has fallen several inches today.

The members of No. 7 Co., Canadian Army Service Corps, are requested to meet at their armory Wednesday evening for issue of uniforms.

The Norwegian steamship Symra, Captain Halfstad, arrived in port this morning from Sydney, N. S., with 4,400 tons of coal.

Only 58 beer licenses have been issued by Inspector J. B. Jones up to the present time. Last year there were about 150 licenses. Many have been refused this year as undesirable.

The funeral of Mrs. Mackin was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her son's residence, Guilford street, W. E. Rev. W. H. Sampson conducted the burial services and interment was at Cedar Hill.

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White Victorian Lawns, 36 to 40 in., 11c. to 40c.
White India Linens, 32 in., 20c. to 50c.
White Tucked Skirting Lawn, 20c. to 48c.
Pure White Lustre, 60, 80, 90c.
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White Swiss Spot Muslins, 20c. to 65c.
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White Linen, 36 in. to 2½ yards wide.
White Linen Lawn, 36 in.
White China and Japanese Silk, 27 in., 35c. to $1.10.
White Peau-de-Soie Silk, 50c. per yard.
White Point d'esprit Net, 28c. to 60c.
White Chiffon Embroidered Allovers.
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