

## NATURALIST OF ROCKIES LAUDS HOOSIER STATE

Says Proper Spirit Shown in Establishing Parks and Playgrounds.

### DUNES NATURAL WONDER

Special to The Times.  
KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18.—"Children of Indiana, from which State sprang some of the greatest of our national leaders, are showing the true spirit which Hoosiers of the future will commend—that is the present generation is making praiseworthy progress in the establishment of parks and recreational centers," said Enos A. Mills, addressing an audience in this city.

Mr. Mills is a prominent figure in the movement for State and national parks, and is widely known as the "Father of Rocky Mountain Park." For seven years he persisted to have the Federal Government set aside this reservation in Colorado for a park. He was forced to see a bill he had written for its preservation three times defeated in Congress and, figuratively speaking, he was opposed by the entire population of Colorado before success crowned his efforts. Last year 250,000 people visited this park—more than the total number who visited half a dozen other national parks, and millions of dollars were left by tourists in Colorado, Mills said.

### WILD ANIMALS NOT FEROCIOUS.

Mr. Mills, who is a naturalist and the author of such books on outdoor life as "Wild Life in the Rockies," "Long Speak Inn," "Scotch" and "The Thousand Year Pine," spoke under the auspices of the Kendallville library and public schools.

He deplored the fact that many natural history stories erroneously pictured wild animals of the Rockies as ferocious. "There is not a ferocious wild animal on the North American continent; one has no need of a firearm in the wilds, but they probably need a weapon in such civilized centers as Chicago and New York City," the naturalist said.

Mills was introduced as the man who had camped and explored in the wilds of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Alaska, and who sojourned off the beaten paths in the far North five years before Klondike and the subsequent rush to the gold fields of the north was heard of. Because he has spent the greater part of his life in the open, he has acquired knowledge of the habits of all wild creatures, such as animals and birds, to be found on this continent, as well as an intimate acquaintance with geological and topographical formations and of plant and tree life.

### GRIZZLY BEAR BRAINIEST.

He spoke of the grizzly bear as one of the brainiest animals on earth; dignified, stern, leading almost a solitary life, but having time to play and when in such moods, was the clown of the animal world.

"All children of the wilds spend much time at play," Mills declared, "and the time is coming when our national citizenship has doubled, mankind, too, will realize the value and the necessity for play in the open, because right now we are becoming more and more cognizant that outdoor recreation not only is a physical benefit but lessens crime and brings about a complete rejuvenation."

Mr. Mills urged forest and park reservation by counties, States and Federal Government, not only for the physical

and economic benefit to our race, but to preserve many of the wild creatures which are fast disappearing. If such preserves are maintained and laws enforced affording protection to wild life, animals now nearly extinct will again reproduce. He cited the life habits and customs of many individual animals and pointed out how man can learn a valuable lesson from them.

### PLEADS FOR DUNES' PRESERVATION.

The speaker said that Indiana is fortunate in possession of much primitive scenery and urged that a State park be established in the picturesque wooded ravines of Brown County.

In pleading for preservation of the dunes of northern Indiana, Mills said they are beyond compare. He recalled having guided a party of international scientists through the Rockies. As the party prepared to depart for New York and thence to places in Europe and Asia, he asked, "Gentlemen, is there any other place you will stop to see between the mountains and the sea?"

"Yes, the dunes of northern Indiana," they replied.

Mr. Mills gave statistics to show that thousands of tourists are attracted to State and National parks. He predicted that a park in the dunes would draw people from all over the world and in a short time prove the best financial investment Indiana ever made. He paid touching tribute to the late Mrs. Juliet V. Strauss, for her work in saving Turkey Run State Park, and lauded Robert Lieber, director of conservation in Indiana, as a man with a vision who is earnestly striving to conserve some of Indiana's primitive beauty spots for the Hoosiers to come. "His department deserves the united support of all patriotic Hoosiers," Mills declared.

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"We had a careful census taken," she says, "and went prepared to furnish every one with new, clean, warm clothes. The census had failed to reveal any young children, but we took some clothes for them, believing that the native worker who had prepared the census had failed to note them."

"From house to house I went, my inquiries always bringing forth the reply that the babies were dead. The interpreter had told the truth. Indeed there were very few children younger than 9 years old. So we rolled up the baby clothes and gave them out to be used as patches."

"Some weeks later one of our native workers came up to Ismid from the village and told me that the clothing we had distributed had reduced sickness at least 50 per cent."

### Child Hangs Self

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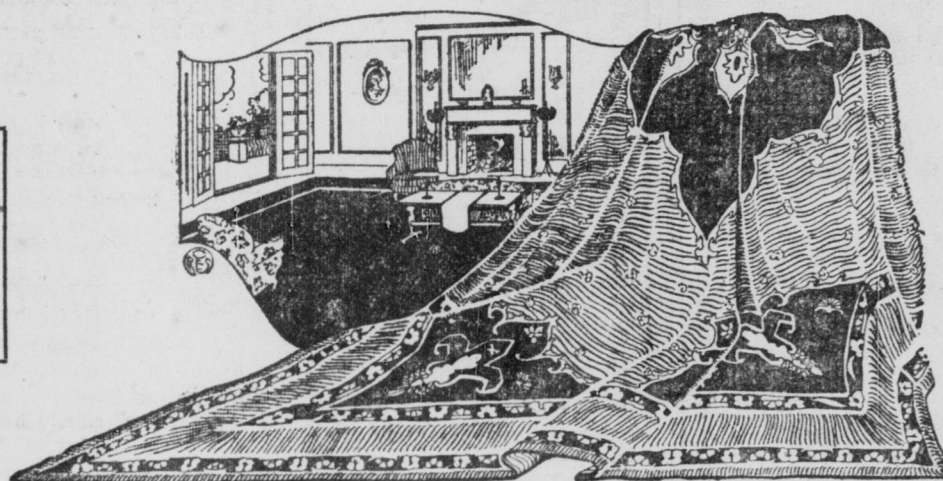
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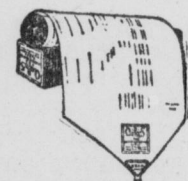
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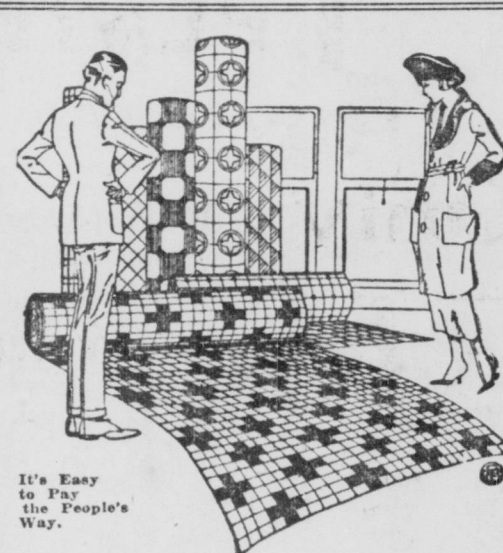
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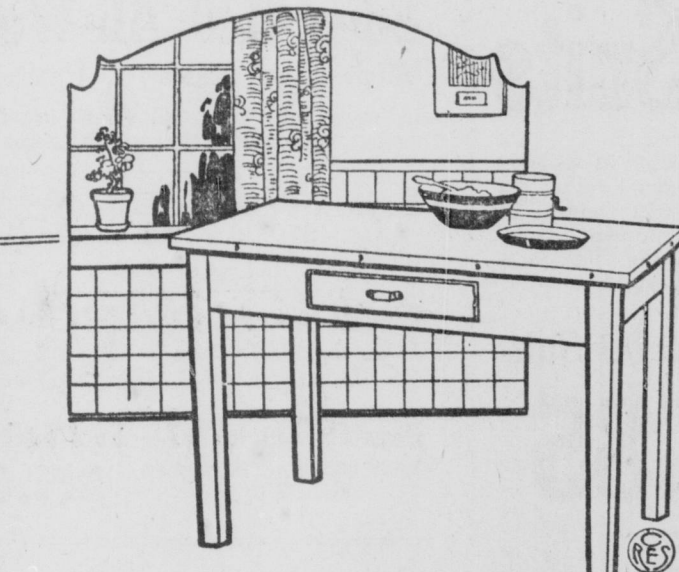
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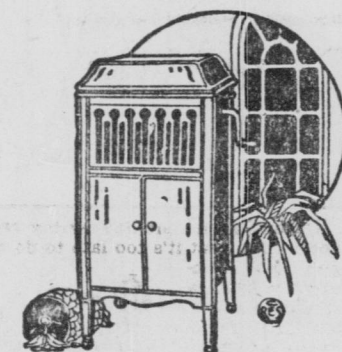
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