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Children and Work

No one nowadays believes in child labor that forces the boys to spend long hours behind the counter or in the shop. Happily for all of us, the day of the exploitation of the child is over, and salutary laws prevent its return.

That children should learn to work or be provided with home service jobs is a proposition fundamentally sound and wise. High school boys and girls, and those in the grades, too, who have regular tasks to perform are infinitely better off than those who are idling away all of their spare time.

Back of the work which a child performs in its spare hours is a constructive principle. A job which the child must perform regularly teaches it to assume responsibility, which in turn makes for the development of character.

Idleness in itself is not objectionable. All of us, adults as well as children, need hours of rest from the routine of our daily work. A limited

amount of idleness gives time for sound introspection, for planning, and for relaxation. The menace of idleness lies in what we do in the spare hours. If they do not tend to develop character, they undermine our moral strength and habits.

And so wise parents provide their children with tasks that must be performed punctually and regularly. The assumption of the responsibility of executing these tasks develops manhood and womanhood. It adds to the understanding of life in the minds of the youth and develops the ability of the boys and girls to do things.

At first glance it seems strange that many persons whose success is phenomenal have attained to high stations and affluence without the advantages of an education and the other factors that are supposed to be helpful; but the key to the mystery usually is the fact that they were forced to assume responsibility in early years, and by learning life's values early were able to reject the dross and hold the gold while some of their companions, who were reared in a more fortunate environment, were still in the swaddling clothes of their experiences with life and its lessons.

Parents will be conferring distinct favors upon their children by assigning household service jobs to them and holding them strictly accountable for their performance. The character development will amply repay the child for the comparatively short time which it must devote to this work daily.

Musings for the Evening

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

THEY DID NOT MAKE

I will not offer the world any advice.—Henry Ford.

I will not build any new theaters.—Lee Shubert.

I will not play "The Music Master."—David Warfield.

I will not appear in divorce court.—James A. Stillman.

I will not have my picture taken.—Mary Pickford.

I will not dabble in international politics.—Lloyd George.

I will not take my wife to any public functions.—King George.

I will not recite "Casey."—DeWolf Hopper.

I will not write any sex stuff.—Ellen Glyn.

I will not wear a flat-topped hat.—Josephine Daniels.

I will not knock anybody in the world.—G. Bernard Shaw.

I will not ask any questions.—Thomas A. Edison.

I will not advertise my circus.—John Ringling.

I will not smoke a long black stogie.—Uncle Joe Cannon.

I will not have any trouble with temperamental singers.—Gatti Casazza.

I will not allow any photographer to take my picture.—Laddie Boy.

I will not try to get out of anything.—Houdini.

I will not make a bum guess.—The Weather Man.

I will not write any poetry that people can't understand.—Amy Lowell.

Somebody has written a book entitled "Wild Flowers of New York."

It was a book on "Wild Birds of New York." It would be exciting, for there are some wild ones there.

King George is getting his name in the papers at last. He is to ride to Westminster with his daughter, Princess Mary, on her wedding day.

Grandson of Napoleon a Paris ragsicker. Well, old Nap himself was some picker.

The organist who plays the wedding march for Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will receive \$1,000. They could hire Sousa's band to do it in jazz for that.

Dear Roy—if a Husband told his Other Half to "Say It With Flowers" would the lady be justified in calling him "Poppy?"—Mervin L. Lane.

Who's Who in the Day's News

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Answers to Questions

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Answers to Questions

Q. In using the word venison, does it mean meat of the deer or does it mean the meat of other wild animals?—F. A.

A. While custom restricts the meaning of venison to the flesh of deer, one definition of venison is the flesh of any beast of the chase or game bird.

Q. The year 1921 had 53 pay days in it. How soon will this happen again?—T. A.

A. The next year that will begin and end on Saturday will be 1927.

Q. What are the 10 largest cities in the United States?—F. A. C.

A. The 10 largest cities in the United States ranked according to size are New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

Q. Is there any way of killing out water hyacinths that make creeks in Florida unavigable?—S. M. W.

A. The best way of exterminating the nuisance is to spread among the water hyacinths their natural enemy, the water weeds, water pests (Elodea Canadensis); further, to disseminate among them some virulent disease capable of destroying them, and finally to

in which he has figured.

Horatio Bottomley, a self-styled independent in politics, is member of parliament for South Hackney. In Who's Who Mr. Bottomley is described—probably by himself—as "for many years connected with large financial undertakings in the city; acted as pioneer of western Australian mining; founded the Financial Times; subsequently became proprietor of the Sun newspaper, and afterwards established John Bull, of which he is also acting editor; is generally regarded as the best 'lay lawyer' in the country; takes a keen interest in sport and is owner of many well-known race horses."

Mr. Bottomley has been known as very wealthy, but his journalistic career has always involved him in law suits.

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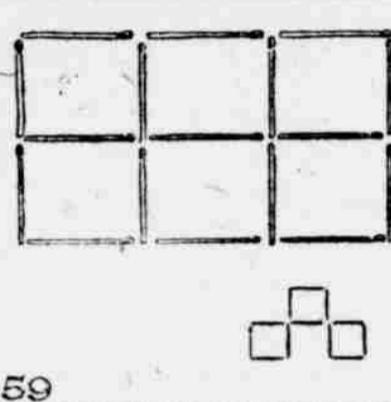
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After Dinner Tricks



No. 59—A Puzzle With Matches

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The solution is shown in the second illustration.

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reconstruct the bridges, so that the Christmas spirit filled my breast. I shook off all the old age stuff, I chorused till I couldn't rest, and with the kids played blind man's buff. I ate too many geese and ducks, too many turkeys, cakes and pies, and now I'm taking pills of nux, and other pills that I despise. I caroled in the ice and snow, as people caroled in the past. I went forth where the wild winds blow and froze my whiskers in the blast. The women bring me chicken broth and flagons from the cistern pump, and say I tried to cut a swath on Christmas evening like a chump. Perhaps I was a chump, my lads, perhaps I was a giddy loon; when young folks play the old gray dame should sit before the fire and croon. I see it now, here in my den, my joints all stiff and muscles sore, but when the Yuletide comes again, I'll be a blooming chump once more.

other points east. Concrete bridges which were located in these districts would be inspected.

Reports of the First, Second and Union National banks for the fiscal banking year just ended, were made at the meeting of the stockholders of these institutions and approved as reported. The administration officials of the different banks were re-elected in each instance without opposition and were to serve for the ensuing year.

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