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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Books for children in the public library are selected with the greatest possible care. Nothing is bought for children which the librarian has not seen, or had recommended by the best authorities. As an example of how easy it is to make a mistake, a book recently purchased, "Belgium," in the "Peeps at Many Lands Series," is a volume published before the war, and often found in the best libraries. In looking it over, we find the statement that: "It is curious how few Belgians, old or young, rich or poor, consider the feelings or convenience of others. They are intensely selfish, and this is doubtless caused by the way in which they are brought up." Further on is described the disorder following the annual conscription for the army, with the comment, "It is quite different from Germany, where every boy knows he must be trained to defend his country, and where almost everyone is proud of being a soldier."

Statements like this could easily pass unnoticed at the time the book was published; but are not in keeping with the spirit of the present time.

WHAT IS IN BOOKS?

Just what is the matter with our public libraries? Or is "the matter" with the people? One thing is certain. This magazine, as other magazines, is deluged with letters from folks living in large cities, asking questions which can be answered by going to any public library and asking the librarian for the book in which the information can be obtained, and then by taking the book out. The libraries answer that folks are too lazy. But is that true? Will a person living within easy access of a library sit down, write a letter, spend four cents for stamps and wait perhaps for a week until an answer is received, in preference to going to a library? It doesn't sound reasonable. Do people know what there is in the libraries and that a library offers them a storehouse of the very information which they write hundreds of miles away to secure? The magazine urges its readers to come to it for information; does the library? Is it not time for libraries, first, to advertise themselves more than they do; and, second, not to advertise how much it costs for a person to join or to get a book, but what they have to offer? Of what use is a free library if the public does not know what it has that is free? Books, yes; the simplest-

minded knows that. But does the person know what is in the books?—Ladies Home Journal.

A Practical Creed for Nowadays.

(Thomas Van Alstyne, electrical engineer for the West-Inchouse Company, died at Hanley, Canada, October, 1912. Among his papers was found this piece of practical philosophy.)

"To respect my country, my profession, and myself. To be honest and fair with my fellowmen, as I expect them to be honest and square with me. To be a loyal citizen of the United States of America. To speak of it with praise, and act always as a trustworthy custodian of its good name. To be a man whose name carries weight wherever it goes.

"To base my expectations of reward on a solid foundation of service rendered. To be willing to pay the price of success in honest effort. To look upon my work as an opportunity to be seized with joy and made the most of, and not as painful drudgery to be reluctantly endured.

"To remember that success lies within myself—my own brain, my own ambition, my own courage and determination. To expect difficulties and force my way through them. To turn hard experience into capital for future use.

"To believe in my proposition. To carry an air of optimism in the presence of those I meet. To dispel ill temper with cheerfulness, kill doubts with a strong conviction, and reduce active friction with an agreeable personality.

"To make a study of my business. To know my profession in every detail. To mix brains with my efforts, and use system and method in my work. To find time to do every needful thing by never letting time find me doing nothing. To hoard days as a miser hoards dollars. To make every hour bring me dividends, increased knowledge, or healthful recreation.

"To keep my future unmortgaged by debts. To save as well as earn. To cut out expensive amusements until I can afford them. To steer clear of dissipation, and guard my health of body and peace of mind as a precious stock in trade.

"Finally, to make a good grip on the joys of life. To play the game like a man. To fight against nothing so hard as my own weaknesses, and endeavor to grow in strength, a gentleman, a Christian.

"So I may be courteous to men, faithful to friends, true to God, a fragrance in the path I tread."

The Government should resume coining 2-cent pieces and should mint a new coin, a half-nickel. Call it a jitney. It would be a popular coin.

Senator Chamberlain urges compulsory military training. If we had had it, probably we would not have been in the war.

Whether Jack O'Neill wins or loses, the people will admire him as a clean sportsman. Victory isn't everything.

Boys and girls gather up one hundred pennies. Turn them into the banks for one dollar and ten cents.

The Russian situation is getting no better fast.

The money you give the Army Y. M. C. A. is spent on the boys at the front.

Don't forget the next Tuesday luncheon.

Now for the Army Y. M. C. A. drive.

Life is just one drive after another.

Latest quotation on pennies 110.

The penny has come into its own.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



CONSERVING THINGS

I want to save the food supply, and so I follow every faddist, and thus explains my heartfelt sigh, and why I find each week the saddest. Persuaded by the faddist bunch, I started making Monday's mealless; on Tuesdays I've a sickly lunch; for Tuesdays are appointed wheatless. My heart that once was lifting song, is dismal now, and dumb and tuneless; I do not smile, the whole week long, for every other day is prudeness. I hope my self-denying stunt may help to squelch the beastly foe; I hope to aid things at the front by disciplining my abdomen. The Prussian strength I hope to break, and so my diet's stale and wooden; on Saturdays I have no cake, on Sundays I cut out the pudding. I'd rob the Kaiser of his throne, the keapsprings of his martial splendor, and so I gnaw an old shinsbone, where once I ate the sirloin tender. I am too thin to fill my duds, my cheek is hollow, wan and hueless; for Thursdays see me shun the spuds, and every Friday, now, I am stewless. I have the gripes are not in vain, which now disturb my midriff regions; I hope my colic and my pain may play the duce with Wilhelm's legions.

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Men's Pajamas

These cold mornings, when you get up to put down your window, ought to make you think about flannels. We've just received a new shipment of Pajamas and night robes that we are sure will interest you. They're ready for you to see — from 50c up.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

Nov. 7, 1917.

To the Honorable Commission: Herewith I submit my weekly report ending today.

Fire chief reports one fire for the week, which was mentioned in last week's report. Nine volunteers responded.

Water and street superintendent reports a total expenditure for labor during week of \$129.37, of which \$61.75 should be charged to the water department and \$67.62 to the street department.

Chief of police reports two arrests for the week, one for traffic violation and the other upon the request of outside officer. Fines and forfeitures \$7.50.

Following is the report of the treasurer:

Receipts—	
Water	\$ 478.63
Interest	356.94
Installments	905.72
Permits	1.50
Licenses	5.00
Taxes	19,422.04
Total receipts	\$21,169.83

Disbursements—	
Bonds taken up	\$12,000.00
Coupons	1,609.81
War. on Contingent fund	151.70
War. on Water fund	1.50
War. on Road fund	2.70
War. on Library fund	320.96
War. on Sewer 1-7	266.30
Total disbursements	\$14,353.00

Below is report of the recorder:	
Receipts—	
Fines	\$2.50
Filling sewer ditch	2.50
Total	\$5.00

Disbursements—	
War. on Imp. Bond Sink	\$4,000.00
War. for Int. on bonds	564.61
War. on Library exp. vouchers	320.96
Total	\$4,885.57

License issued auctioneer

License issued taxi

As per instruction of the commission have had lights placed on viaduct. An arc light has been placed at the lower end of each approach and a 250-candle power series light in the center of the steel span. Have asked city attorney to draft copy of suitable warning sign to be placed at each approach calling attention to the new traffic ordinance, recently passed with reference to the viaduct approach. Said sign will be placed in position early next week.

Have examined petition of property owners on North Side of Z avenue, block A, New Haven addition, and find that apparently an injustice has been perpetrated against property owners and an adjustment of their assessment should be made. Have requested the city attorney to make proper resolution and have same ready for consideration of the commission next meeting.

Water superintendent reports that telephone line and pipe line are both in complete state of repair, a crew having returned from making proper protection against winter floods in the canyons. The telephone line was rebuilt in places and strengthened where necessary. Caretaker Woods at intake reports a heavy rain in the mountains November 4. Water superintendent also has completed arrangements for reconstructing pipe line across Grande Ronde River. This line was taken out last winter during the floods and temporary crills placed in bed of river where pipe was carried to make connection with line across river. The washout was caused by reason of the river having changed its course. This necessitated lowering pipe, covering same with rock and concrete.

The Daily Observer

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