

### TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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#### The Wind.

(By Alice Wingate Frary.)

The wind's activities hold the small child's attention—the clouds, the flying flag, and pinwheels, clothes swaying on the line, the blowing of children's hair and the tails of the kites the swaying trees and grass, while the weathervane,

"Turning, pointing, ever showing How the merry wind is blowing," asks repeatedly, "Where? How?"

There are a number of verses easily memorized which will make the wind seem a friendly element: "The Weather vane," by Laura E. Richards, "I Saw You Toss the Kites on High," by Stevenson, and Christina Rossetti's

"Who hath seen the wind? Neither you nor I, But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing by."

As the child makes these verses his own listens to stories such as "Jan" (in Mother Goose Stories by Maud Lindsay) and "Aeolus and the Bag of Winds, and learns what the difference winds bring, he is being awakened to a finer appreciation of a force that can be so gentle and yet so mighty.

Was there ever a child that did not ask, "Where does the wind come from?" It is part of the high office of parenthood to deepen a child's inherent sense of reverence before the elements, to prevent if possible its deterioration into empty wonder or morbid fear. It is well to cultivate the feeling of awe, teaching the careless child that the piling up of thunder clouds and the howling of the wind-swept trees are to be appreciated by this same appreciation leading the timid one out of fear.

The wind signifies the spirit. No mother who desires a well-rounded development for her child will fail to recognize his need of inner strength his misconceptions that need straightening. While the kingdom of heaven is the inheritance of child-like hearts, children have need of guidance and, they guide us too, when we are clear-sighted enough to respond, but our emphasis upon values which are unseen helps to raise our children's standards. Froebel's Mother Play of the Weathervane brings to the child its tale of the wind's work and play; to the mother it brings a reminder of the inner forces that must be strengthened, the inner light that may illumine puzzling situations. Two books which are helpful in this respect are "The Notebook of an Adopted Mother," by Eleanor Davis (E. P. Dutton Company, New York) and "The Spiritual Care of a Child" by Anna Robertson Lindsay, (T. Y. Crowell Company, New York) the latter with its vigorous reassurance of a truth all too easily ignored.

#### In a Friendly Sort O' Way.

When a man ain't got a cent, and he's feeling kind of blue,  
An' the clouds 'ang dark an' heavy,  
An' won't let the sunshine through.

It's a great thing, O, my brethren,  
for a feller just to lay  
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

It makes a man feel curious, it makes the teardrops start,  
An' you sort o' feel a curious flutter in the region of the heart,  
You can look up and meet his eyes; you don't know what to say.

When you feel his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall,  
With its cares and bitter crosses, but a good old world after all.  
An' a good God must have made it—leastways, that is what I say.

When a hand is on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.  
—James Whitcomb Riley.

"Only God can bring up a child. Nothing will bridge the abyss of the aetel and the ideal except faith, hope, love, work and the immediate help of divinity."

The Weathervane—Songs and music of Froebel's mother play by Susan E. Blow. Publisher—D. A. Appleton & Co., New York.

The Wind—A Child's garden of verses by Robert Louis Stevenson. Publisher—Henry Altemus Company, Philadelphia.

JanMother stories by Maud Lindsay, Publisher, Milton Bradley company, Springfield, Mass.

Mythland, vol. 1, by Helen Beckwith, Publisher, Educational Publishing Co., New York.

Odysseus and the Bag of Winds.—By Emily Poulson. Publisher, Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass.



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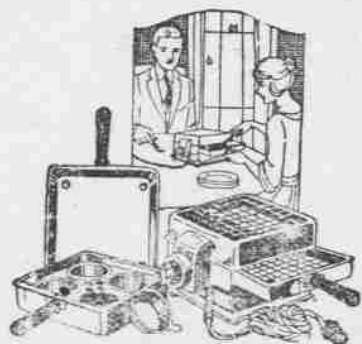
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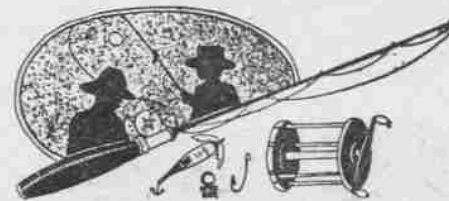
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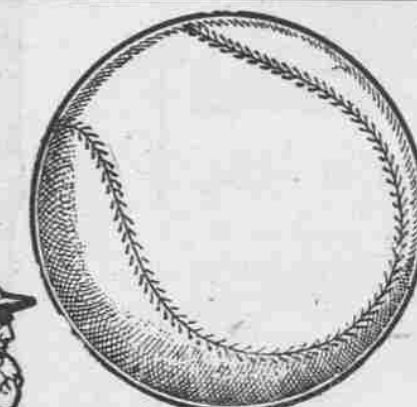
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