

# TOTS BY SCORE, SOME PRETTY, OTHERS PLAIN, ALL MISCHIEVOUS, SEEK NEW FIRESIDES

### Fifty-two Children, Wards of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Are Ready for Adoption.

JUST 52 children who have not had a square deal in their young lives, some because of their own shortcomings, some because of their parents' longings, congregated in a big barn of a house at East Twenty-ninth and East Irving streets, waiting for would-be fathers and mothers to carry them away and give them a real home.

A home—that's what they want. These youngsters are of all kinds of breeding and bringing up, and at present are under the care of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, which is doing its best to turn them into good citizens.

But the society does not feel that it should do all the work. The hard task of breaking the ground is willing and anxious to do, but when that first hard and thankless task is at last accomplished it feels that the people of Oregon ought to step in and take a share of the burden. After the breaking of the ground comes the long preparation for the harvest of citizenship. That is the work the society wants some of the fathers and mothers of Oregon to take in hand.

**Inherited Traits Show.**

Here, for instance, is a golden-haired Dorothy, her eyes blue as the deep sea and a face that might well be that of any cherub. She's only 8. She wants someone to love—she says so herself—but those who should care for her are far away. Her father is a criminal, her mother a vagrant, both once of good family, and yet already there have begun to show in Dorothy some of those fatal traits that make all the workers of the Aid Society such firm believers in the doctrine of heredity.

Who wants Dorothy? She needs the tenderest care, and if that care is given with love, motherly "Auntie" Graham, the matron of the home, says little Dorothy will make a fine girl. She's pretty enough and lovely enough for anyone, but anyone who takes her will have to love her to give her the parental watching and upbringing she needs.

But for "Auntie," though, there might not be that whole-souled belief in the child and its possibilities. W. T. Gardner—"papa," as the younger ones called by the younger ones—the superintendent, is a believer in children, too; but anyway no mere man can be a mother to over 50 children and young people, who comprise the inmates of the home. It takes a woman of "Auntie's" type, spare of form—so spare that it seems almost impossible that it hides the great heart beating underneath—to say of the worst child in the home, "Yes, I know he's a bad boy, very bad sometimes. But it isn't his fault. Why? Well, I don't exactly know, but that boy is not normal or he would not do things like that. I am sure he wants to do well." There's but little logic in "Auntie" Graham, but her faith in children is meaning a great deal to those 50-odd youngsters.

**Some Are Court Wards.**

Not all the children can be adopted, for some are there under the order of the County Court or the Juvenile Court. These may only be moved by the permission of the committing authority, but the great majority are under the watchfulness and authority of Mr. Gardner. In many cases Mr. Gardner investigates personally the homes of people who are desirous of being foster parents to one of the children, and those who desire to employ one of the older boys and girls are not given the same treatment. Inquiry is undergone and references furnished.

Perhaps the most interesting youngster under the society's care is little 11-year-old Lizzie. She is shown in a picture herewith and is actually 15, although she looks 12. For sheer devilry there is probably no child who can compare with Lizzie, and yet, with it all, the child is good-hearted and willing. At times she nearly drives her would-be friends crazy. She's not actually wicked—it's just uncontrollable high spirits in a girl who has taken the 33d degree in the order of mischievous children.

**Many Families Teled.**

Fourteen families have had a hand in looking after this one girl and they have all more or less promptly returned her without any undue expression of thanks for the experience.

She's known as Topsy, principally because Mrs. Stowe's little apple pie best to her. Later to what she herself says: "I can be good if I want to. I know I'm bad and I don't think I want to be good."

Probably like a number of other people Topsy finds the life of the sinner the more exciting.

Here is her history: She was found with a younger brother and sister in a respectable saw near Linton, where the father abused them to such a degree that it was difficult to find one spot of the tiny bodies not marked with the welt raised by a rope end or the red mark of the heavily-shod boot. This was in 1877. Lizzie's mother was good, but she had the strength of body nor will to oppose the tyrannical father.

**She Always Returns.**

On the charge of assaulting his wife and children the father was lodged in the County Jail, while Lizzie-Topsy came to the Aid Society. Later she was sent to the children's home, but Lizzie was returned to the society.

Now, who wants to make a trial of Lizzie?

Then there's Juanita. Juanita is not pretty, but there's somehow a look about her you like. She's 15, dull and slow-witted. Her mother, a vagabond, her father having run away, she was committed by the County Court of Polk County. Every bit of her family history is bad and Juanita started bad. She has been sent to several homes and returned each time she did a little better. They are giving her work to do now and she works like a little Trojan.

On the other side of the scale is Ruth, who was returned a few days ago to the home for slapping the woman for whom she worked. "A mistake," Ruth calls it. This is a synopsis of Ruth's clever, bright, incorrigible, hard to keep in place on account of her temper, absolutely beyond control, yet not immoral.

**Good Lasses, Too.**

Against them must be placed girls like Mary and Julia. Both were brought up in families of respectability with every possibility of imbibing evil habits. Mary spent two weeks in the home and is wonderfully happy with her adopted parents. Julia, fully the handsomest little girl possible in the Oregon town in which she lives.

Esther is another pictured girl. Because she ran away from home last year when 14 years of age, she was committed by the Juvenile Court.

"My father married again and my stepmother treated me badly," said Esther. "My father told me not to stand it any longer, so I ran away."

When Esther did as he told her, her father disowned her. Now she is supported by the institution. She is not bright, but does as she is told. Perhaps that is why she followed her father's instructions so literally.

"Why, Mamie, I would never recognize you," he said to the girl.

"No?" she queried. "I am married now, and I have the two loveliest children."

Mamie used to be one of the trials



GROUP OF BOYS



GRANDPA ROY AND PERCY



BOTTOM ROW, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, MINTIE, CORA, LOUIE, DORA, MIDDLE ROW, LAURA, DOROTHY, FRANCES, BERTIE - TOP ROW, CLARE, VIOLET, MARY



JUANITA



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, LIZZIE, GRACE AND ESTHER



JULIA IN HER ADOPTED HOME

"Her father, mother and sister are all dead," said Mr. Gardner. "She is 14 years old and hard to manage. Her sister had to be sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd. The girl never had a single good environment until she came to the County Court of Polk County. Every bit of her family history is bad and Juanita started bad. She has been sent to several homes and returned each time she did a little better. They are giving her work to do now and she works like a little Trojan."

Fair-haired Francis has a bonny Raphael-child face. But she isn't an angel. Eight years of age and of good parentage, her father and mother were unable to keep her. A prominent Portland woman adopted her, but later obtained a divorce. During these proceedings the child learned somewhat of evil. A friend of her adopted mother then adopted her and kept her some time but became dissatisfied with her habits and returned her to the home, where she now is.

of the home, but that it had changed her was to be seen by her happy, smiling face and general air of respectability. It's one of the good things about the home. When the boys and girls get on in the home, they never forget Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Graham.

But the children are not all bad. The woman or the man, whether in town or country, who wants one of these youngsters can take a full choice. There are bad ones and good ones; there are handsome and plain ones; children with all kinds of dispositions. Every tiny thing they have done, their character, disposition, habits, particulars about every member of their family—all this can be found by referring to Mr. Gardner's wonderful library of records. Thousands of records are there. Even now the home has 500 children placed in Oregon.

Children under 5 may be adopted legally. This costs about \$20. From 5 to 15, children may be placed for board, school and \$5 a month for clothes, in exchange for their services. The older children go into employment. The home watches the boys until they are 21, the girls until they are 18.

Just now at the home they are busy storing away the gifts the school children of Oregon from the country schools have sent to their poorer brothers and sisters. The gifts include hundreds of bottles of fruit, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables carried in free by the railroads. A bottle of fruit is the biggest thing a child brings to school for the other youngsters; some bring an apple, others a few potatoes

and others just a handful of rice. It all amounts up at the home.

The home is everything to the youngsters. Most of them go to the public schools, but backward girls and some under the order of the court are taught there.

**Old Resident Dies.**

Carl Sperling, who had lived in Oregon for the past 22 years and in Port-

land for four years, died at his home, 845 Haight avenue, December 2. He was 67 years old. For 22 years he lived in Harrisburg, Or. He is survived by his widow and the following children: S. E. Charles, A. S. Minnie, Martha Sperling, Mrs. Verna Griffith and Mrs. L. Walker. The funeral will be held today at 1:30 o'clock, and the interment will be in Rose City Cemetery.

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Owing to weather conditions, we have decided to extend the sale advertised for last Friday and Saturday over to Monday and Tuesday—tomorrow and next day. We decided to carry this sale over to Tuesday night after receiving hundreds of telephone and telegraph messages from people who desired to be here, but could not on account of the storm. Here is the proposition, just as we made it last week, the only difference is as mentioned above. We have extended the sale two days—Monday and Tuesday—to allow you to select from any bolt of woolen in our entire stock. We are going to take your measure and build you a Suit for

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### FRUIT EXHIBITS ARRIVING

Display of Oregon's Luscious Products Will Open Wednesday.

The fruit for the exhibit of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, which convenes from tomorrow till Wednesday in the Meier & Frank Auditorium, has begun to arrive, and there is every prospect that the exhibit will be the largest that has ever been put on by the society.

Shipments are in from Hood River, Linn County, Yamhill County, Marion County and Polk County, and another large lot is expected tomorrow morning. Preparations for placing the fruit have been going on the last three days, and the work of arranging the displays will not be finished till tomorrow evening.

The largest premium list ever offered by the society has served to bring out the large display. A total of \$12,000 is offered in prizes and premiums for the best displays.

The exhibit will consist principally of apples, but pears, dried fruit, nuts and vegetables will also be included. The Yamhill Walnut Association notified Secretary Fowler yesterday that it will put up a walnut arch nine feet wide by six feet high, similar to the one which was on exhibition by the same association at the A-Y-P Exposition.

The displays will be arranged on parallel tables, sloping toward both sides, alternating with flat tables, on which the plates will be placed.

The fruit exhibit committee consists of E. C. Armstrong, E. C. Roberts and J. O. Holt, William J. Green, the horticulturist of the Ohio Experiment Station, will be the judge of the fruit display if he arrives from the East in time.

The judge of vegetables will be Arthur G. B. Boquet, instructor in market gardening at the Oregon Agricultural College.

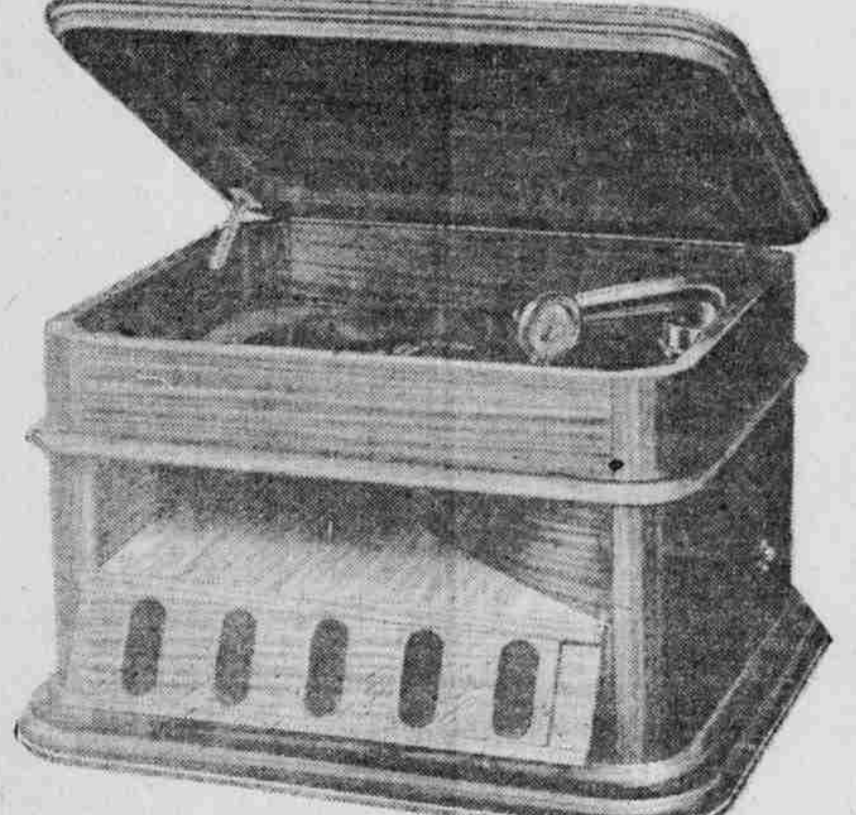
The general public will be admitted to the fruit display at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, at which time the convention proper will begin with a business session. The meetings are all free, expenses being met through fees paid by members and donations. The exhibit and all the meetings will be on the fifth-floor auditorium of the Meier & Frank building.

Tuesday evening will be devoted to a lecture at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium by Dean A. E. Cordley, of the Oregon

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