

### Children's Judge Says Spanking Is Beneficial to Some Boys.

By Justice OLMSTED of the Children's Court, New York.

EVERY child reasons things out in his own way just as much as an adult. If the man or woman who is to pass judgment on the act of that child fails to take account of that reasoning power or to get the child's point of view he will fail utterly as a judge.

IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTRY HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED AS LONG AS THEY HAVE. THEY ARE THE VERY BONE AND SINOW OF OUR NATION, AND TURNED ASTRAY IN CHILDHOOD THEIR ENTIRE LIFE IS BOUND TO BE WORKED OUT ON FALSE LINES.

I believe EVERY CHILD AT HEART IS GOOD. HE MEANS WELL, and when through the exuberance of his feelings he commits some act against the good of the community it is but a simple mistake that can be corrected in simple ways.

SPANKING IS GOOD FOR MANY BOYS, especially if the spanking is administered by some one in parental authority. I have frequently sentenced a boy to a sound spanking by his father or mother right here in court, because I believe it will do him good. Its effect on him is far more salutary than if it were administered in his own home.

I got but one spanking in all my life, but I will never forget the impression it made on me. I debated most seriously for hours whether to run away from such cruel parents or not, and of course I finally decided not to. Why? Because the punishment was of such a nature that it appealed to me, and I finally came to the conclusion that perhaps I had deserved what I got.

The remembrance of that spanking came back to me when I took charge of the children's court. If it had so good an effect on me, I argued, why wouldn't it be a good thing to try on others? So I got to ordering spankings right here in court, and I think they are doing good.

BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN INDISCRIMINATE LICKINGS EITHER. THERE ARE SOME BOYS TO WHOM A SPANKING WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

### PICTURE LECTURE BOOMS.

How Some Towns Advertise Their Beauties to Other Towns.

There are many methods of getting the attractions and advantages of a town before the outside public. If the townspeople only care enough about the matter to do something active and actual in that line. One of the most up to date methods of town booming is to have a good talker go from town to town delivering a "picture lecture" about the place which is to be boomed. The first thing, of course, is to have about fifty or sixty lantern slides made from photographs of places of interest in and around the town. The slides may be colored or left in black and white. Colored ones naturally add to the beauty of the scenes in cases where coloring is indicated.

The lecturer, who should be personally acquainted with each building, bridge, stream, park, landscape or person represented, devotes a minute's talk to each subject as the picture is thrown on the screen. Half a hundred pictures will make an evening's entertainment of an hour to an hour and a half, sure to be enjoyed by the people of the towns visited.

The outfit for a picture lecture costs so little that the expense is scarcely to be considered when a whole community is interested in the project.

There are towns in southern California which maintain regular booming offices in Los Angeles, the metropolis of the district. At certain intervals picture lectures are given, the dates being advertised in the local press. The admission is free. Thousands of tourists from all parts of the country are attracted to the hall where the show takes place. Many of these are attracted to the town which is the subject of the show. Some of them buy lots, start in business, build homes there.

The California idea can be applied to any town elsewhere. Put your picture lecture man in a suitable hall in the nearest city of considerable size, and it is reasonably certain that before very long inquiries will begin to come and people will begin to follow the inquiries. This is a suggestion easy to work out anywhere. "If nobody does nothin', nothin' will be done."

### SPOTLESS INDIANA TOWN.

How the Inhabitants of Hope Cleaned It Up.

Hope, Ind., observed a cleanup day a short time ago, and an enterprising poet was moved to write the following:

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
Each one with a bar of soap,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Make a spotless town of Hope.  
And that's what they did. The residents of the place certainly made Hope a spotless town, and there is a reward of \$5 in gold for the smallest piece of dirt to be found inside the corporate limits.

The town board decided that June 11 should be cleanup day. Notices were posted, the town marshal went around and notified everybody, the board of health got busy, and when the sun arose on a Thursday morning brigades of cleaners were at work. It became the duty of every person to clean up his own premises and to pile the garbage and trash in the street in front of his house. The town furnished wagons to make the rounds and haul the trash away. Other men were employed to clean the streets, and by evening everything was spick and span. Now the people of Hope intend to keep their town that way.

### A BUMP OF ORDER.

It Saves Wear and Tear on One's Nerves. It is a big boon to be born orderly. It means such a saving in wear and tear on one's nerves.

There are some people who have the desire for neatness, but lack in its execution. They can put to rights, but not keep it up.

It is easier to be a born sloven than one with a wish for orderliness allied to the habit of misplacing. That place for everything rule is a good one—if you don't forget the place. The woman who can find her belongings even in the dark is the one to tie to, provided she doesn't achieve her neatness by nagging and everlasting primpsness.

That some girls' bureau drawers have a cyclone struck look may not argue a lack of orderliness so much as an overpressure of affairs. It is not easy when every minute counts to put things back in the exact spot where they should go.

As the bump of order is the greatest time saver known, it is well, however, for the busy girl to make strenuous efforts to acquire it. It may take an extra minute to put things where they belong, but time is often reckoned by hours when it comes to hunting them where they don't belong.

Orderliness is a good business asset. The girl who can put her fingers on notebook at an instant's notice, who is not on a perpetual hunt for pencil, eraser and other daily necessities, who has learned to classify her papers for easy finding, rarely makes a failure of her career.

### NEW CANDLE SHADES.

Umbrella Shaped Affairs of Dainty Cretonne Very Smart.

Very new and pretty candle shades are made in the simplest possible way. The frame is merely two wire circles—an umbrella shaped affair, with no angles whatever. The cover is a circle of cretonne about six inches bigger in diameter than is the frame. Around the edge of this cretonne is sewed a fringe of glass beads, which is heavy enough to hold down the cover and to cause it to fall in graceful folds. Another circle is cut from the center of the cover just the size to fit around the frame. The cover is then fastened at the inside circle to the frame by a binding of gold braid. The mica shade, of course, fits on the stand entirely independent of the candle shade.

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Should handsomer shades than cretonne be desired the cover may be of broaded silk or a heavy silk of a solid light color. The fringe might then be either gold or silver, while the braid at the top would, of course, match it.

### THE AMULET.

YOUR picture smiles as first it smiled;  
The ring you gave is still the same;  
Your letter tells, O changing child,  
No tidings since it came!

GIVE me an amulet  
That keeps intelligence with you—  
Red when you love, and rosier red,  
And when you love not, pale and blue.

ALAS, that neither beads nor vows  
Can certify possessions!  
Torments me still the fear that love  
Died in its last expression.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### MAN WITH A HAMMER

Every Town Should Take Quarantine Measures Against Him.

NATURE ABHORS A KNOCKER.

Several Sprightly California Papers Jump on Hammer Handlers With Both Feet, Even Poetic Feet—Let Us Bury the Hatchet and Hammer.

It has been said that there is a time and place for everything and that everything has some good and practical use in the universal plan. While this may be true, there remain to be discovered the benefits to be derived from the "man with the hammer."

This does not refer to the man who wields that useful implement of toil, but to the figurative hammer in the hands of that species of the human animal known as the "knocker."

The real man with the hammer is a builder. He is one of the most necessary and beneficial of our citizens. The figurative man with the hammer is a tearer down, a hindrance, an obstacle, a tumor on the body politic, a municipal cancer, a menace to progress, a breeder of dissatisfaction, a promoter of trouble.

Thank heaven Beaumont has not many of these enemies of peace and prosperity. editorially remarks the Gateway Gazette, published at Beaumont, Cal. There may be one or two of the species among us, for it is said that no community is free from them. Some recent editorials and contributions in southern California papers indicate that there are "men with hammers" in neighboring towns. For this reason warning is here given. Let us quarantine against the pests.

One of the towns which seem to be infested is Huntington Beach, and an editorial in the News of that city contains so much good and sensible material that it is here appended:

"Much has been said and more has been written of the person who is always bewailing the fact that the town in which he lives is doomed to be forever small and unimportant, its people shiftless and incompetent in business, its streets in filthy condition—in short, the other towns are in every way more desirable as places of residence. To define his qualities, the word 'knocker' has been coined. It is impressive. It is even emphatic, yet it is not strong enough.

"This kind of alleged citizen is found everywhere, even in Huntington Beach. The News meets him occasionally and tries to talk him out of his 'stumps.' No one so quickly contracts disease physical as the one who always seems to think that he has it. No one contracts disease financial so certainly as he who is always telling and finally persuades himself that he is doomed to be a pauper; that his town affords no opportunity of earning a decent livelihood. Brace up. Talk cheerfully. Make your opportunities. Boost your town. Join the board of trade. Try to have some enterprise. Try to believe that others have. Be sure that your town is the best in the country. Why, the members of our Woman's club are more than in spirit, more helpful to the town, more likely to build it up, than a male 'knocker.' An admission that has been given ever since the advent of the Prince of Peace is, 'Bury the hatchet.' Quite right. Favor always peace, but 'bury the hammer' is not a bad motto, either."

Deducing from a poetical contribution to the Chino Champion, the sugar beet town is not all sweetness. The article is entitled "Boost a Bit" and is contributed by one of the merchants of the town. It, too, is worth reading, and it is here given:

Here, you discontented knocker,  
Growlin' 'bout the country's ills,  
Chloroform yer dismal talker;  
Take a course of liver pills,  
Stop yer darn klutze howlin',  
Chaw some sand an' get some grit.  
Don't sit in the dumps a-growlin',  
Jump the roost  
An' boost  
A bit!

Fall in while the band's a-playin',  
Ketch the step an' march along.  
'Stead o' pessimistic brayin'  
'Hie the halleyvah song!  
Drop yer hammer, do some rootin',  
Grab a horn, you cuss, an' split  
Every echo with yer tootin',  
Jump the roost  
An' boost  
A bit!

### A Hint to Home Merchants.

Most farmers would rather trade with their local merchants than send off for goods if they can get what they want and at something near the same price, but the business of the mail order houses is growing and will continue to grow until the local merchants wake up to the fact that they must keep in stock what the people want and sell at a price that will not exceed that of the mail order house with the freight added. Merchants who make a "bid" for business by keeping the right kind of stock and letting the people know it through the advertising columns of the local paper are reasonably sure of prosperity.

### Value of Fine Grounds.

A noted landscape designer who has much to do with city beautiful planning has said that Los Angeles is not a beautiful city because we have little good landscape work in our private grounds. The rules concerning open lawn centers and massed borders are almost entirely ignored. We do have masses of vegetation, all wrongly placed, which is really overplanting, and too many of our lawn areas are dotted over with plants, almost in orchard style, thereby losing in grand and dignified effect of broad expanses of greenward.—Los Angeles Times.

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