

CHILDREN STRONG'S FLOCK

Chicago Realty Dealer With Ideas on Child Education, Gets Material.

Chicago, July 20.—Gordon Strong's name is making the character of his children through the influence of a good environment has brought three additions to his flock.

Mr. Strong is a wealthy real estate dealer, and has lived alone at 61 Bellevue Ave. That is, he was living alone until recently, the idea of benefiting his wife with the luxury and refinement of a big home, and at the same time providing an interesting occupation for his spare hours by watching the coming and chattering of small boys and girls.

Mr. Strong refused to divulge the name of his new ward. Two of them are boys, strapping, bright eyed totos full of energy in abundance, and the other a 3-year-old girl, shy, brown eyed, fair haired, with a lip and doll like expression. Floyd and Kenneth Keefer are the boys, one 2, the other 3 years old. They were the first to come to live with Mr. Strong.

Nurse Has Been Employed.
A nurse, chosen by Mr. Strong on account of her fondness for children, has been employed to look after the youngsters. She helps them play healthfully, washes them, and cares for their early education.

The happy sextet, children and nurse, were setting out yesterday afternoon for a romp along the lake shore only a block away. The house was in a riot. Floyd and Kenneth were chasing up and down the stairs trying to make a good escape. The brown eyed girl all togged out in a white dress and red Norfolk coat, stood impatient for the start of the outing. She ran up to the stairway, crooked her head, and called up to her foster brother, Kenneth, to see her hurrying up now.

Kenneth and Floyd found their misadventure and came bounding down the stairs. The others were out on the front porch, and all joined hands and skipped toward the lake. The nurse followed a short distance behind.

Babies Are Happy.
They are happy babies, who said, "I am free from any kind of excellent food, but unable to give their children a proper atmosphere and surroundings. The mother, who brought the last child, had tears in her eyes and begged Mr. Strong not to put the child's name on the paper. Mr. Strong is going to give the baby the advantage of a good education, and hopes to see them grow up into broad, useful men and women."

The children seemed entirely uncontent with the transition brought about by their mode of living. They play with their mother like brothers and sisters. They are affectionate toward each other as they had lived together all their lives. Mr. Strong says he is not adopting the children; he is merely assuming the position of guardian. The mothers come to their babies as often as they wish, and they are allowed to go through school and college and fit them for the latest social service of which they are capable.

MONEY MAKER STEALS WORTHLESS BANKNOTES
New York, July 20.—With more than \$100,000 of near-Brazilian money in his pocket, Louis Mues was arrested by the New York police on a charge of stealing \$100,000 of money from the Bronx plant of the American Bank Note company, where he had been employed for nine years.

When the prisoner was brought to headquarters he admitted that he had been taking the near-money for the last 10 months. Wrapped around his body were 100,000 of the money, each note containing eight bills, each representing \$100,000—\$100,000, a monetary unit of Brazil, being equal to 100 cents.

After he was placed in a cell, the detectives went to Hoboken and made a search of Louis's room at 87 Monroe street, and when they finished there they went to his mother's home in Jackson avenue, Hoboken. In all they uncovered \$100,000 of bills aggregating 113,000 cents.

There was neither signature nor serial number on the bills, and so far as the detectives learned no attempt had been made to place a number or a copy of a bill on any of them; although they found in Louis's home seven small cameras, a typewriter, a numbering machine, and a letter press.

The only way the man could have disposed of the money, according to Commissioner Dougherty, would be through a foreign exchange, where he could receive Brazilian money and then trace the natives appearing on the money and identify the serial numbers himself.

THE POOR OF NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE SEEKING RELIEF FROM THE HEAT



Top—East Side children stealing a bath in a public fountain when "the cop" isn't looking. Center—Two views of heat sufferers, seeking relief in the sand. Bottom—Babies from New York's tenement district at Sea Breeze.

GARDEN OF EDEN FIGURE OF SPEECH

Professor Robertson Says Location of Paradise Will Never Be Found.

Chicago, July 20.—All persons who may be looking for the original home of Adam and Eve are notified to desist by Professor Edward Robertson in an article on "Where Was Eden?" in the current number of the American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures just issued by the University of Chicago. The scholar asserts that the attempt to locate the paradise described in the book of Genesis is "folly."

According to Professor Robertson, the site of Eden will forever remain an unsettled problem, owing to the conflicts, misrepresentations and editorial revision of the biblical accounts. He denies the claims of critics who have placed the garden variously in Armenia, in Babylonia, in Arabia, in the Palestinian Near East, near Damascus, near Kashmir, near the Altai mountains, on the mountains above Pamir, in Somaliland in Australia, at the north pole, and in the starry heavens.

A Composite Document.
Professor Robertson advances the theory that the section of Genesis containing the account of the garden is not the work of one hand but a composite document. He describes the Eden seen after the compilation of the documents as "artificial" and impossible of location because of the faulty geographical directions given.

The "real" Eden as treated in one of the documents called "the paradise story proper," is not intended to have definite bounds, Professor Robertson declares. Of this narrative he asserts: "It is evident that the whole narrative is a figure of speech expressing the doctrine of an irresponsible and ahistorical state in which man was created, whence he passed into one responsible and sinful. From what we can gather there appears to have been no definite location of the garden in the mind of the narrator. His pleasure garden is an ideal locality."

He intimates that the tradition of the creation of woman in Eden may be the result of corruption of the text. Of the efforts of early editors to weld the different documents he declares: "By arranging the texts suitably it might be made to appear that woman was created after man was put into the garden. The same, too, with the beasts of the field. Thus it comes about that the creation of woman and of the beasts of the field is made to appear as a work performed by the Lord God within the garden, while the language used, as can readily be observed, conveys not the slightest hint that such was really the case."

PASTOR IN PRISON LEADS IN MUSIC

Baseball and Orchestra Practice Bring Change in Man's Life.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—Rev. Frank W. Sandford, in prison here, is making good in music and baseball. When he came to prison he announced that he would continue his work in religious lines. Sandford is under sentence of 10 years for having caused the death of two members of his Holy Ghost and U. S. Society on board the yacht Corwin.

Sandford is as much enthused over baseball as the little boy who spends the better part of a day hunting for a bigger hole in the ball fence. All the way to Atlanta on his first trip down he was perusing the pages of a baseball magazine, and when he arrived here, while he let the deputies care for everything else, he clung to his solace.

Got Baseball "Bug."
This spring, when the weather began to soften and the prisoners who had "made good" on the league teams of the prison last season pulled out their uniforms and got to active work, Sandford was one of the first ones on the ground and did service for a few days in the outfield, chasing flies. But the game was too strenuous for the old man, and he finally decided that it was wiser to play safe on the side lines near the diamond. He is keeping score for one of the teams.

But he hasn't confined his activities to the baseball field. Sandford is a good musician. When Jake Matthieson, who is the leader of the orchestra for three Atlanta theatres, took charge of the prison band and began calling for musicians, one of the first was Sandford.

"What do you play?" he was asked.
"The harp," said Sandford, and ever since his first tryout, he has held his place without opposition, for he knows how to play it better than any other man in the prison. His friends sent him his own harp and this has given him great comfort. He has appeared at two Sunday concerts at the prison, to which the general public has been admitted on invitation.

MILLIONS ON ROADS WASTED ANNUALLY

Authority Says Patchwork Usually Done Leaves No Permanent Benefits.

Chicago, July 20.—"Good roads—a means of equalizing the price of grains and of preventing speculative inflation," was one of the arguments brought forth by Homer J. Tice, chairman of the state highway commission. He spoke at the Hotel La Salle before the Chicago Association of Commerce, which was host to business organizations from Lake, DuPage, Will, Kane, Cook and Cook counties.

He argued that at present with the roads in Illinois passable only during a few months of the year almost all grain is moved from the farm in a 60 days period, necessitating a large investment in rolling stock for the railroads and in elevators for storage companies, while preventing the farmer from choosing his own time for the marketing of his grain. With a road from the farm to the market passable in every season, the farmer could store his products himself much more cheaply than the rate of toll levied by the elevators, the speaker asserted.

Urges State Supervision.
"The laws governing our present system of road maintenance and construction are conflicting and ununiform," said Mr. Tice. "State aid and uniform system of building is needed, instead of the present isolated local exertions. In a report of the good roads committee issued recently and utilizing the observations of its membership all over the state, it was said \$1,000,000 is spent each year on our highways in for a patchwork that leaves no permanent benefit—an utter waste of resources."

The speaker closed his address by recommending an increase in annual expenditure of from one to two million dollars to be used for the issue of 10, 20 and 50 year bonds by the state.

\$400,000 Now Available.
William G. Edens, president of the Illinois Highway Improvement association, said on the same subject: "The annual income from automobile license and the fund already collected should be used for the purpose originally intended—namely, the construction and maintenance of permanent hard roads." "The fund at present has reached \$400,000 and the annual income is about \$250,000. It is the nucleus of funds to be improved at once. In Illinois it would comprise 915 miles, and would call for an expenditure of a little more than \$1,000,000. The counties, I think, could market bonds for these roads being 4 1/2 per cent, making an annual interest charge of about \$200,000. These figures show a substantial initial achievement does not require fantastic sums."

HEAVY DEATHS IN COAL MINES

Government Investigation Expected to Bring About Great Changes for Good.

Washington, D. C., July 20.—That the high tide in the terrible death rate in American coal mines has been reached and passed is the confident belief of the officials of the United States bureau of mines.

Figures in a report by the bureau show that 2517 men were killed in the mines last year as against 2381 for 1910. This shows a reduction in the number of lives lost of 317 in one year's time. The death rate in 1910 was 3.91 men in every 1000 employed. The rate in 1911 was 2.74.

Compared with 1907, the largest year in the history of American mining, when 472 men lost their lives, 1911 shows a decrease of 650 in the number of men killed. It was following the record of this year that congress authorized the government to begin investigations looking toward a reduction in the death rate and this was supplemented in 1910 by the creation of the bureau of mines.

Good Record Shown.
Discussing the death statistics of the coal mines, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mineral said: "While these latest mortality statistics in the coal mines of the country show slight improvement over the previous years, the United States has still no record to be proud of. In spite of the progress we have made, we are still far below the standard of safety that we ought to have reached."

"It is of course comforting to know that for each year since 1907 there has been a decreasing number of men killed for every million tons of coal mined, and that for every life lost we have each year taken out of the earth more tons of coal. This is an improvement in the right direction. I hope that within the next year or two we will see as great an improvement in the reduction of the number of men killed per 1000 employed."

"The bureau is cooperating with the state mine inspectors, the mine workers and with the mine operators in an endeavor to solve many of the difficult problems connected with the coal mining industry in this country. In this effort all the above forces are cooperating in good spirit in the determination to bring about better conditions. In this cooperative effort there is also serious need of the state men."

Legislation Much Needed.
"No branch of industry in this country is on so bad an economic basis today as is the coal mining industry, and this industry can never be placed on a satisfactory basis until, through important legislative changes, improvement in

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