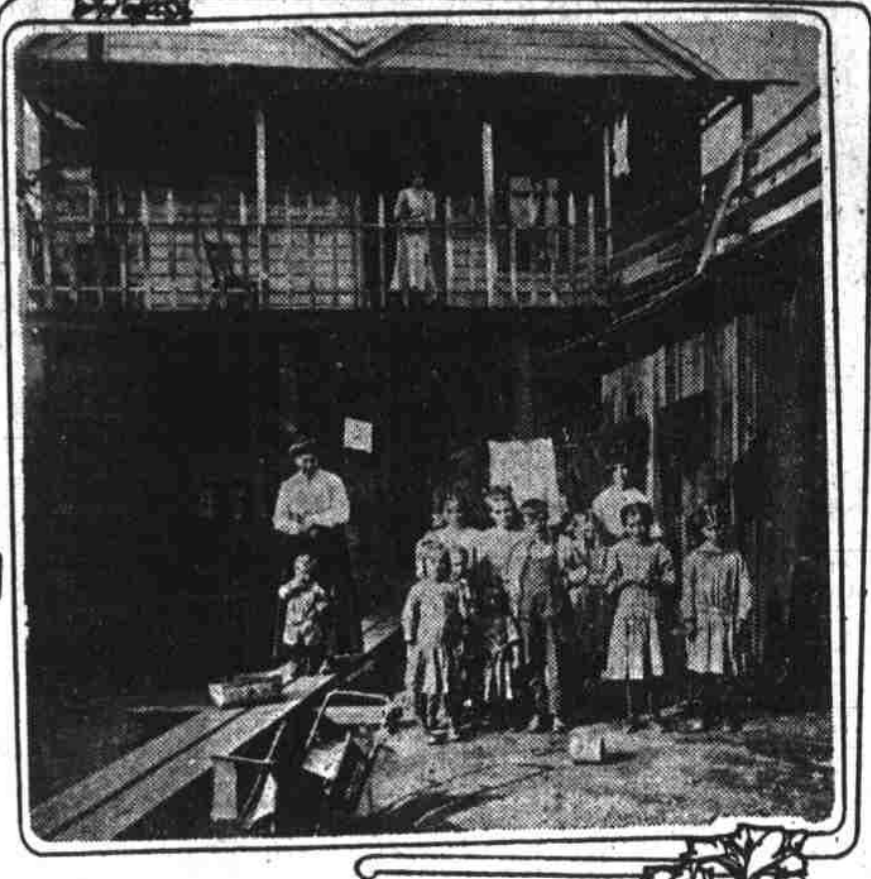


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By Vella Winner.

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The children have barely enough clothing to cover their nakedness and the present abode is almost entirely without furniture. Anyone having discarded but wearable clothes, furniture, bedding or dishes that they do not need, or second hand school books, will confer a great favor upon this poor widow and her children by taking the same to the juvenile court room, county court house, or calling up the juvenile court and leaving an address where things may be called for.

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