

## PLAYGROUNDS AND VICE

Investigation in cities has revealed th on charges of delinquency more than three-fourth them are of children who live at a distance from a public
playgrounds. playgrounds.
This is in
This is in line with the generally accepted conclusio
that healthful play and recreation provide an outlet f
youthful energies youthful energies without leading to vice and crime.
A recognition of this conclusion is found in the con
gested city of New York, where, during the past yea
103 streets have been closed to traffie in 103 streets have been closed to traffic in order to provid that, even though her streets che the busiest in the world
the needs of the children for the needs of the children for recreation must come first.
This is one of the atural advantages of life in a small city

## RENTS NOT DECREASING It was not vey heartening information to the aver age rentpayer in the United States which was recently conveyed to the public as a result of a National Industrial Conference Board covering the hous ing situation in 178 American cities. The survey showed that rents in the United States were higher in June the at any time since 1914, and this despite the fact that re ports have been constantly heard for quite a while concerning lower rents, which are always shortly to be in evidence. This increase in rents, it appears, is considerably greater than the increase in the cost of any other major item in the family budget. In the seven months previous to june 15, 1924, it was 3 per cent, and from

BROTHERHOOD
then the dew falls and the desert it within and without sympathy I do not mean merely a fellowship in sorrow, but also, and no less truly, a fellowship in joy-a feel
ing for which we ought to have an English word glad when your brother men are prosperous and happy, be compassionate and pitiful when for their victories; to
distressed and mither men are to help them in their troubles-this is over their failures, which blesses him who exercises it, and those

HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS
in the announcement from Portland that the Veterans Bureau has ordered the transfer of two medical officials duty, following the insistent charges of the American Legion of Portland that the officials were inefficient. Why should the government merely shift an employe who is charged with inefficiency, from one post to an-
other? Would it not be better to thoroughly investige he charges and, if they better to thoroughly investigate the employe entirely from the service? This is the way peatedly switches inefficient employes from one post re peatedly
another.

## THE ANCIENT BOTTLER

American bottlers of carbonated beverages are to have convention at Louisville, November 10 to 14 . They
want people to $\mathrm{kn} \rightarrow \mathrm{w}$ of the improved methods of bottling and will have m dern bottling machinery in operation uring the convencion.
Back in 1772, Joseph Priestley, an English chemist, produced "soda water," but it was a sort of profitless
fizzle. In 1807, Townsend Speakman, a Philadelphia drug fizzle. In 1807, Townsend Speakman, a Philadelphia drug
gist, added fruit juices to the Priestley formula, and thus originated the carbonated beverage known to our times Although Speakman is no more, his works go flowing ounce bottles of carbonated beverages. If placed 8,0006 side by side, those bottles would make approximately forty-two rows extending from New York to San Fran ciscofi or five rows circling the globe, and their content would fill a $500,000,000$ gallon reservoir. And soft word are not needed to get soft drinks-"speak man, easy" not in the bright lexicon of the bottlers of fruit juices. In the old days the bottler mixed the ingredients by hand, washed the bottles in a tub and made his own carbonic gas-usually from marble dust-cut his own cork does all the work. The modern bottlers have come a long way from that early scene, where
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