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Monmouth Meditations

The late G. T. Boothby was a man of positive character. It was impossible for him to be lukewarm in any cause he advocated. He sometimes doubted the successful outcome of a project he favored, but never was divided in his loyalty to it. He was devoted to Monmouth and its welfare and in the same way he was loyal to his friends and their interests. He was a strong party man but if he came to see that the interests of his home town were to be advanced or the public welfare promoted he did not hesitate to leave a party candidate.

To him the Herald man must acknowledge a debt of gratitude. Hardly a week went by that he did not volunteer one or two items of interest. Items about strangers or of civic interest and improvement he never failed to pass along. Politics and religion we seldom discussed but within the memory of his experiences in the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon found many things to relate.

He was cleanly and neat in his personal habits. He liked to wear good clothes. His automobile must have no squeak or rattle about it and no spot of mud. We can imagine that in the days of horses he saw that his four footed friends were well cared for and looked after.

He kept things picked up about the yard. His tools were under cover and in their places. Nails, screws, bolts and other such thing were where he could put his hand on them. His personal habits reflected an orderly mind.

Mr. Boothby's position in the community will not readily be filled.

BELONGS TO EVERY CITIZEN

Community Building and Gymnasium
in Maine Town First of Its
Type in the State.

First of its type in Maine will be the new community building and gymnasium that is being erected in Woodland, a correspondent there asserts. In Washington county, in a paper-mill town that grew up suddenly in the woods like a mushroom, plans are being materialized which provide for a one-story structure, 60 by 80 feet, with room for basket ball and other indoor games, wings in which spectators may sit, a stage that may be raised out of the way when not needed, provision for a moving picture booth in compliance with the state law, storage capacity for extra seats. This will accommodate 600 people for community purposes; 300 where games are on. Other towns in the state are considering duplication of this building—a combination of gymnasium and community house—at moderate cost, with possibilities for great service.

"Play-as-you-enter" Cars for Kids. "Play as you enter" is the welcome sign on the sides of the "Jollytown" trolley cars in Baltimore, where the traction company has set aside several cars for the children to play in. They are complete in every detail except that the power is turned off and they are anchored to the ground. Instead of the usual advertising cards, Mother Goose rhymes and pictures are displayed along the sides. The clanging gongs and the loud calling of the imaginary and unheard of street names afford noisy proof of the popularity of the play cars as the crews take them along fancied routes.

Uncle John's Josh

MAKES A NEW BROOM 'LL SWEEP
CLEAN—BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS
KNOW ALL
THE CORNERS.



Community Building

WALLED GARDENS IN EAST

Park at Edge of Cliff in Brooklyn is a Refuge for Stenographers and Others.

Brooklyn has a pleasant little nook for wayfarers that Manhattan well might envy. Leading from Borough hall and the financial district is Montague street, which becomes a thoroughfare of discreet old mansions for a few blocks before it jumps over a cliff into the East river. But at the edge of the cliff is a little cement park with a dozen or two benches and a high iron fence through which one looks down at the declivity and the fussy river traffic below.

On either side of this oasis are walled gardens that suggest convents and Nineteenth century romances and other subjects far removed from the time and the place. They furnish just a glimpse of trees and shrubbery, of wide spaces of greensward that to the city dweller seem vast. Above the walls two old mansions show proud and haughty windows.

Ships' officers and bronzed seamen come up from the docks and are swallowed by a tunnel through the cliff. Longshoremen scurry around on the docks. Puffing tugs and lumbering ferries dot the waters of the East river and the bay down below. Within easy sight is Governor's island, while to the right Manhattan's skyline looms up, its towers glistening in the sun, shattering space with their whiteness.

It is a diverse collection of people that drifts to the benches of Montague street oasis. Here come well dressed women of the studio apartments with books or embroidery to while away a few hours outdoors. Stenographers and clerks from the office buildings around Borough hall slip away here to spend part of their noon hour, and earnest youths who look like students gather with books and discuss the weighty problems of the young. And here come idle men of the neighborhood—caretakers of some of the mansions, retired uncles and grandfathers, who just like to sit around and read.

A block or two of old mansions, some with drawn shades and others showing signs of habitation, another block or two of lesser mansions, some of which are now frankly apartment buildings or rooming houses, a block or two of just comfortable houses, quiet and discreet as is all this part of old Brooklyn, and you are in the Twentieth century again. Office buildings rise on either side of the street, the incredible tangle of traffic that is Brooklyn's downtown is ahead of you; three subways roar under foot. As you plunge into one of them you reflect that walled gardens have their advantages. —New York Sun and Globe.

ELECTRICITY TO AID CROPS

Scientific Gardening Produces Two Batches of Lettuce to One by Daylight.

Larger and better crops of vegetables can be produced with the aid of electric lights, says a recent report of the International Institute of Agriculture, which describes experiments made in forcing lettuce for the market.

Five electric lamps were so arranged over a plot of lettuce as to diffuse uniform light, the lamps being turned on daily for about six hours, beginning at dusk. After 12 days the lettuce so treated had two and a half times as many fresh leaves as other heads which had been planted at the same time but which had not been exposed to the electric light. The heads of forced lettuce were described in the report as larger and firmer and they realized better prices when sold.

Plants exposed only to daylight required from four to five weeks, or double the time, to reach this development, so that, with the use of electric light, two crops of lettuce could be raised in the time required to raise one under ordinary conditions.

After seven weeks of electrical illumination a comparison made between the "illuminated" plants and a similar number of plants not illuminated showed a 50 per cent advantage in weight in favor of the former.

Chance for Schools.

Railroad companies are beautifying their rights-of-way and station grounds by naturalistic planting. They could encourage birds by choosing shrubs and trees which furnish bird food and by attaching bird boxes to fence posts and telegraph poles. Barren and ugly school grounds may, by the planting of hardy trees and shrubs and the erection of bird boxes, become bird resorts and pleasant centers for nature study. —Nature Magazine.

American Elm Is Dead.

The dean of shade bearers and city beautifiers for New England, New York and the Great Lakes region is the American elm, says the American Tree association of Washington, D. C. In urging you to join the tree-planting army this fall by planting a tree and registering it with the association.

Building Costs in Dixie.

Building costs in the southern states are 24.7 per cent less than in the cities of the North, according to an analysis made by a Dixie corporation.

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