THE LIFE OF BERT WILLIAMS No. 16.

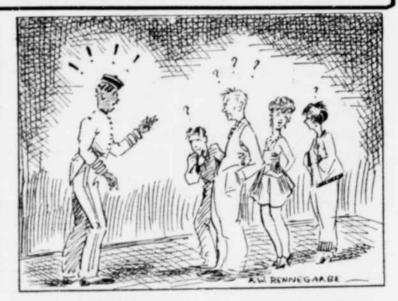
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A. In 1914 he posed for a few one-reel plans in order to make sure that he acreened well, for it was thought that in motion pictures his pantomimic talent would be a great hit. But this venture never materialized.



B. Bert never lost his sense of humor. Once his physician advised him to go to Mt. Clemens, to take bicycle rides. But one day a Michigan constacle ordered him to "get off thet wheel," asking him where'd he steal it at.



C. His last stage appearance was made in "Under the Bamboo Tree." In this production he played the part of a hotel porter named "Ananias," and true to that name, he "lied" to the enire cast,

Child Training

By Elise Johnson Ayer Authority on the Care of the Child.

INTERESTING THE CHILD AT HOME

The child at home, whether it be a city or country, has an excellent opport unity to learn, provided he has parents who are interested it him and who are clever enough to

clever enough to give him the prop-er environment. I say, clever enough, because the par-ent himself shoul!

say, clever enough, because the parent himself shoult always have an object of his own in giving the child what it really wants. Here is an orrenovating a little-used basement room, which is on the level of the street, as a play room for his four youngsters, and their friends. There is only enough furniture in it to allow for needed rest—a few chairs. There is space for the smaller ones to romp and even ride about. Near a window is a work-bench for the older boy who is a radio fan.

The rest of the equipment is left to the children to devise as they wish. They find boxes, pieces of carpet, pictures, table-cloths, and other things for playing house. And, the more they are left to their own choosing, the fonder they are of their play room.

They like a place of their own where there are no "don'ts" in the air to cramp their freedom. They like a place where they can be hospitable to their friends in their special way without supervision.

It is a happy trait in healthy, normal youngsters that they also like to have their parents visit them at their play. When a parent is truly welcome, it is proof that the parent is a success in this role. He must first establish this cordial relationship of good comradeship in order that all his other efforts will bear the fruit for which he works. Then can he attain his goal—guidance toward full develonment and growth. Visiting the play room in the spirit of play, the mother or father has created ideal conditions for roal attudy of the child. Then, by inviting or rather encouraging the children to invite outside children in to play the mother can watch the budding social tendencies of the youngsters.

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It is on the playground of the school yard that teachers say they become really acquainted with their pupils. Generosity or selfishness, leadership or backwardness etc. all make their appearance as oupil reacts upon pupil. Unless there are many children in a family, the mother seldom knows this side of her child unless some such device as described above creates the social situation. is on the playground of the

described above creates the social aituation.

These revelations of the play-ground or play room, forecast a picture of the child's future actions; and to the wise mother, means hints for the centle, indirect moral guidance which she must give.

Over in the carner at the work bench, there is another kind of reve-

watching without much interference, child. the father can detect degrees of

manual skill in his son, executive in infancy and extending over years ability, grit to stick and see it of the child's life, what then? It is through, neatness, carefulness and all for the purpose of facing the Campbell. This newspaper is in exmany other mother watch for these same traits knowing their capabilities; sympain the daughter in the kitchen? In thizing with their ambitions; and fact, the whole house is a laboratory avoiding illusions and our own delation for the parent. By quietly for the knowing parent to study his sires to falsely mold their lives into

And after all this study, beginning intended.

traits. Cannot the facts about our children; really istence now and is reputed to be the shapes for which they were never in 48 national and international la-

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