

# TRAINING TODAY'S BOYS AND GIRLS

Spontaneous Desire to "Invent" Is Worth Preserving.

DO NOT LOOK FOR THE MOTIVE

Impulse to Create Something Unusual May Be Directed Into Channels That Are Worth While Without Being Suppressed.

By SIDONIE GRUENBERG.

THE first day of father's little vacation it rained, so they could not go on the excursion, as planned. That gave father a chance to catch up with some reading, as everyone had to stay indoors. The first interruption came when James brought him an odd contrivance made up of sticks and wires and strings. James was very enthusiastic, and father patiently laid his book aside to see what was going on.

relation to the question "What's the use?"

But this question is quite proper, it is even necessary. Children must learn to conserve their energy and to make full use of their time and of their resources. The only danger is that we shall narrow the range of "uses" that are to guide us and our children in controlling and directing the impulses. We must recognize that having fun solving puzzles or contriving gimcracks or whittling a stick is quite as legitimate a motive for a child as getting satisfaction by mending clothes or building a fence or "making money" is for adults.

It is better for the child to be making something for the fun of making it than to do nothing for lack of something "useful" to do. The Edisons and Fultons and Howes are rare enough; but every normal child is considerably more of an inventor than we ordinarily recognize. Most of us stop inventing rather early in life because those who are a few years older ask the stupid



Some of the best work we accomplish is quite devoid of any motive of material reward.

question, "What's the use?" We discredit the inventor because he does things out of the conventional, or because we do not see the value of the tinkering. When he happens to make something that the rest of us can use we are likely to assume that he did the "useful" thing because he wanted us to reward him for it. But the facts are probably inverted by us. We reward the useful results, and thus encouraged him to try again.

We should do all we can to preserve the child's spontaneous impulses—not "pickle" them—and as the child grows older to direct them into useful channels. He will learn soon enough what kinds of contrivances are worth while; the first thing to guard against is the suppression of the joy of doing and contriving.

## FEATS OF TURKISH PORTERS

Fierce Kurds Carry Great Odds—No Burden Too Great, and Their Pay Is Small.

More varied, as a spectacle, than the veiled women of the Galata Bridge are the hamals, or coolies. Most of these carriers are Kurds, fierce people of the eastern mountains who have fallen into the low estate of selling their strength to city dwellers.

I know the feats of transportation achieved by Chinese servants, by Japanese go-rickies, by hill women of the Himalayas, by dusky coolies of India and the Straits, but to the Kurdish hamal must be accorded the palm as burden-bearer.

Yonder man carries on his back a bedstead and mattress fastened on top of a great basket. The next man carries 20 watermelons as one load. Here is another with 24 square feet of plate glass mirror in a frame, and following him one who carries a roll-top desk, and on top of that an office chair. There must have been a furniture sale somewhere, for the next fellow bears a sofa and two parlor chairs.

Now comes a hamal groaning under the weight of two kegs of white lead or paint—a heavier load than his mate's more showy burden of 38 five-gallon oil cans. And here comes one with 33 wooden boxes on his back.

Not all the hamals are young and strong. Here comes an old Albanian, whose load of figs bends him to the ground. As if to point the contrast, two boys with huge hampers on their backs come prancing and playing pranks.

Is not this next coolie carrying the heaviest load of all? On his back is a full-sized packing case, and lashed to it are other large wooden boxes. That is no white man's burden. A not uncommon load for hamals, I am told, is 300 pounds. Is there any other city in the world where men work so hard to earn five or ten cents?—Youth's Companion.

## As to Golf.

It was the office of the great sporting newspaper, and the golf editor was taking a brief holiday. In his absence the inquiries from readers which the golfing man answered through his correspondence columns were handed to the racing editor.

"Which is the better course," wrote an ardent follower of the royal and ancient game, "to fuzzle one's putt or to fettle on the tee?"

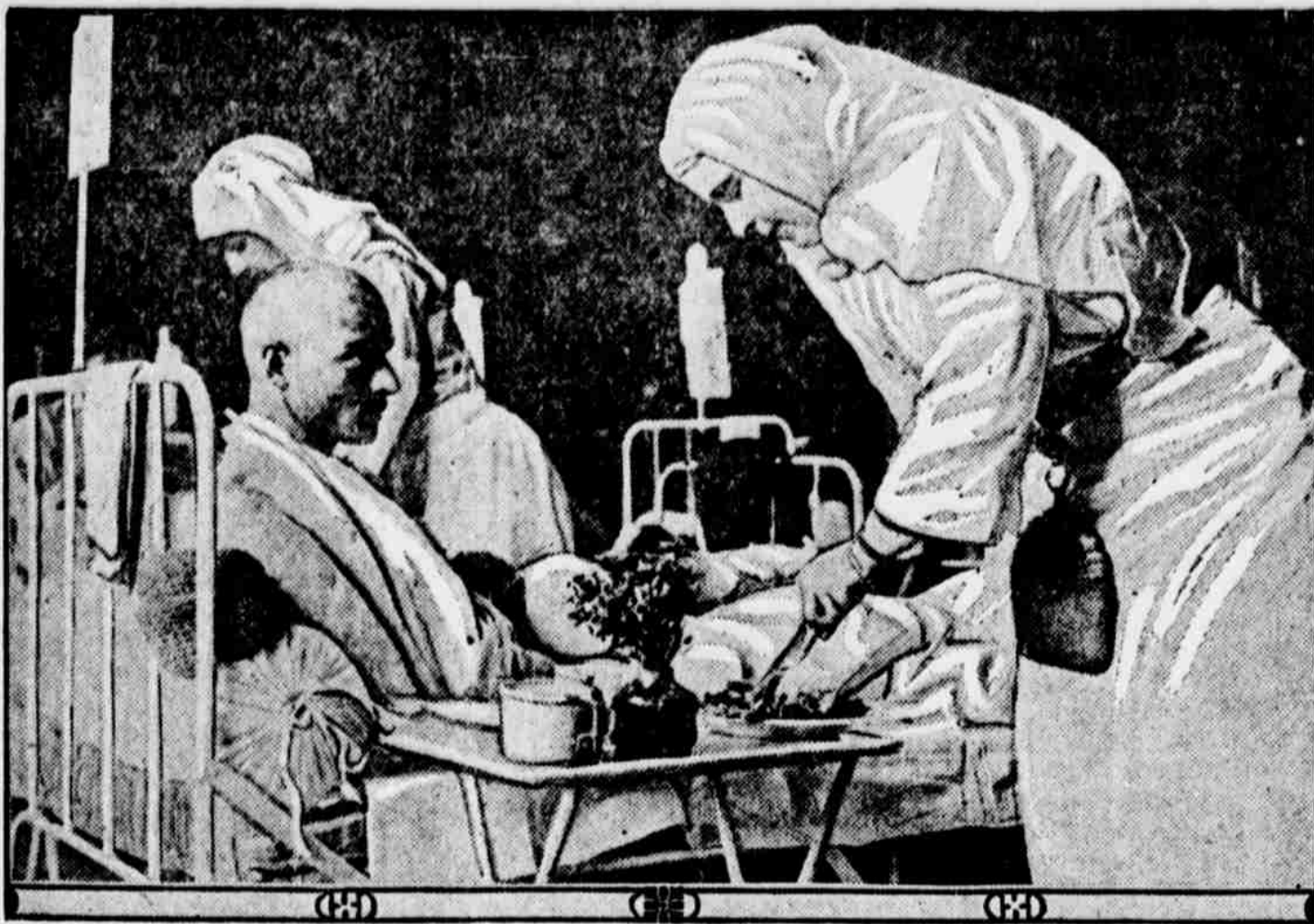
The turf man tilted back his chair and smoked five cigarettes before taking his pen in hand. Then, when he had come to a decision on the weighty problem, he wrote as follows:

"Should a player snuggle his iron, it is permissible for him to fuzzle his putt; but a better plan would be to drop his guppy into the pringle and snoodle it out with niblick."

## A Protest.

"What I want," said the restless person, "is an eight-hour day."  
"Why, you don't do more than two or three hours' actual work any day?"  
"That's the trouble. If I don't get occupation enough to consume more time, it'll soon begin to look as if they didn't need me at all."

## QUEEN OF ROUMANIA NURSING THE WOUNDED



If a wounded soldier could be considered lucky, that distraction would be thrust on this man, who is being waited on by Queen Marie of Roumania in the royal palace at Bucharest, which has been turned into a hospital, ere put to work in the fields.

## PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE BATTLE OF FLEURY



While the battle of Fleury still raged these German prisoners were sent to the rear of the French lines to wait transportation to the farm lands of France, where they were put to work in the fields.

## RUTH LAW, AVIATOR



This is Ruth Law, foremost woman aviator of America, who established an American nonstop record by her flight from Chicago to Hornell, N. Y. She is planning a flight across the continent in three jumps.

## City of Memories.

The most interesting spot in Cracow is little besides a mass of memories of the past—the old church with its tombs and monuments to dead kings and dead heroes. Here lies the great King Casimir, whom the Poles idolized because he was a fighting monarch and led a fighting race to victory. Here lies Kosciusko, whose monument broods over West Point on the Hudson, and whose memory has been preserved in bronze and stone in a dozen other places in the United States. Here is the monument to King John, who saved Europe and Christianity from the Moslem when he took his army of 70,000 Poles and beat back the Asiatic horde that had driven the Austrians from their capital. It must be a melancholy pleasure to the Pole of today to walk among those memories of the past.

## Headed for It.

They lost their way in their new expensive car.  
"There's a sign, dear," she said to her husband, who got out of the car and flashed his flashlight on the board.  
"Are we on the right road?" she asked.  
He read: "To the poorhouse."  
"Yes," he answered. "We're on the right road and we didn't know it."

## HEIR TO FORTUNE AND HIS FIANCEE



Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coster Emmet of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jeannie Emmet, to William Barton French, son of the late Seth Barton French and Mrs. Mary Walker Fearn French, who served as a Red Cross nurse in the Serbian war. Mr. French is a grandson of Walker Fearn, now dead, who was American minister to Greece and Serbia. He recently became of age and inherited the greater part of his father's money. The first thing he did with his money was to purchase the French estate at White Sulphur Springs, Va., for \$100,000.

## SHACKLETON AND HIS CAPTAIN



Sir Ernest Shackleton (right) and Capt. F. A. Worsley, photographed in San Francisco, where they were preparing to go on a fourth trip to rescue ten members of the Shackleton antarctic expedition who were marooned on an island in Ross sea. Captain Worsley was in command of the expedition's steamer Endurance, which was wrecked in the ice.

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