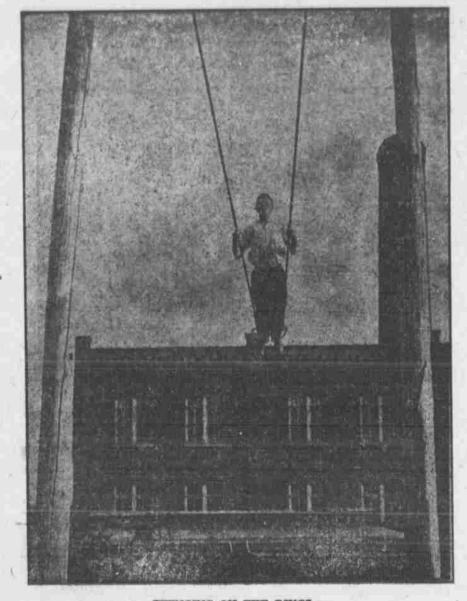
Public Playgrounds and Outdoor Games for Omaha Boys and Girls



SWINGING ON THE RINGS.

LL WORK and no play makes used to consider the locality of a glacial Jack a dull boy. Through many forms and fil-

belief derived from ages of experience.

visions of a big lot with many trees making alongside a creek or a lake; or a vacant of golf. lot where there is room to swing a bat and knock the cover off the ball. The doubt responsible for some playground

How Some Games Started.

rill quite desirable; and in the stone age caves and mountains we may be sure oftered through many languages, fered attractions to the hardy youngsters from the time of the original cave of the men who used to crack the bones probably, we of today have of mastodons with their trenchant teeth. have framed in this saying the concrete Out on the wild prairies the wild lads of the aboriginal vagabonds used to practice We should couple Jill with Jack, if we the capture of flerce cacti against the day were revising the axiom, for girls stand when they could leave mimic warfare for equal with boys in this age of the world. the real thing. Long before the days of And we all know that the word work as Brian Boru the gossoons of the Emerald here used is meant to comprise everything isle coursed the green fields with hurling that is not play; yet some kinds of work sticks. They were the original "shinky" are really play for Jack-to Instance, car- players and set the pace for modern hockey rying water to the elephant for a peep at tricks. Over on Auld Scotia's hills the canny bairns indulged in a rough game we To mention play ground is to call up know in its tame aspect as "duck on the rock." Grownup folk afterward developed shady spots, with hedges and grass and this into the roarin' game of curling. The swings and sand piles. This is the set and first marble players were in glorious Egypt proper play ground. Another kind not to and ancient Persia and laid the foundabe despised is a gravel pit or a side hill tions for the useful and healthful game Even the Chinese and Esquimaux are no

public road or alley will do in an emer- games. The young Esquimo hitched himself to a reindeer, most likely, and thus we get the hunch the boys of many lands have evinced for hobby horses and hitching Children of the loe age on real hot days on. Perhaps some genius of the slant-eyed



MERRY-GO-ROUND IS POPULAR.

seashore urchins is but the continuation of the play of the vikings' sons. "Ring around ning playgrounds. the rosy" was old before the glory that A scholar and traveler of a bygone cen-

Playgrounds in Modern Times.

Nature provided the playgrounds for the the school, college, or municipality fur- from any cause. nishes them. The world is getting pretty well crowded where children most do congregate and to provide places where they

he sports a button of some kind for a ure that the great public is concerned. It suit. It is a saving game that all sociolotopknot. The sending affoat of boats by is of the crowded districts of cities that gists are willingly learning and teaching. modern philanthropy takes note when plan-

was Greece ever began to appear over the tury on his return home from a heathen playground was opened. It is nothing much horizon. Top time had its earliest incep- land shocked all educated Europe with the tion, quite likely, when the young dervishes, questionable statement that the hearts of selfish work by earnest bodies of men and despairing of spinning like their elders, de- 18,000 boys were offered in sacrifice yearly. Women. And it may be mentioned that termined to make something else spin. Kite The heart of every boy in Omaha and the money spenders for this initial effort flying, it appears, was practiced by the an- throughout the great cities of the United at a public gathering and playing place for cestors of the high-flyers of many ancient States is to some extent sacrificed when little ones were the members of the Wosmall for high endeavor when pleasurable tent of \$150. They expect to draw interest boys and men of the untamed lands. Today exertion along the bent of play is prevented in the satisfaction of witnessing the good

Thus it is that today we find parks in abolished; sand piles in school yards; pub- foundation with a clay surfacing and have can expend their surplus energy is become lie natatoriums and base ball grounds; pub- provided an invalided street car and a tent and undoubtedly got them. In our day a hard for "our side." something of a problem. Men like George lic golf links; neighborhood breathing spots for shade when playing in the sun has be- dog is a treasure for a real boy and a doll Gould, who want to be pais with their boys, and play rooms in churches. Close at home, can build wonderful courts whereon they comparatively, may be mentioned St. Paul, for this public place to be vigorously joyful may disport themselves to exhaustion's with costly public baths and extensive play- is proved by the crowds of lads and lassies edge. The great universities and the pre- grounds fitted up with athletic apparatus, who are to be seen swinging, using the strength; to choose sides and struggle paratory schools also devote many ducats swings, running tracks, and a zoo. Kansas rings and riding on the rather primitive to places to play; and schools and colleges City has done almost as well with a public merry-go-round. This consists of a wagon for girls vie with those for boys in laying natatorium and a generous plaza for ball wheel fitted onto a support in the ground out campuses and their annexes whereon playing in summer and skating in winter. and two boards thrown across it. It serves

first proposed 'button, button, who's the body may be made strong, supple and In nearly all the larger cities, especially in got the button?" A man doesn't carry enduring. But it is not of these private the east, much or little has been done on much weight in China, even today, unless abodes of healthful play and physical pleas- the same line. Canada, too, has followed

Omaha Makes a Start.

Only the other night Omaha's first public belief of all who have studied the subject tributed in quite generous measure by men, hasn't far to drop. that young hearts become ossified and throb but the women put up the coin, to the exthey have done.

Lacking trees or grass, the people managwhich the "Keep Off the Grass" sign is ing the playground have laid a cinder come tiresome. That there was a need



DOES STUNT FOR ARTIST.

he cannot have healthful play. It is the man's club. Time and materials were con- the purpose and the toddler who falls off lighted bloodthirsty onlookers and was play

What the Play Leads To.

While in ancient days children could play is a darling for a girl, but they will not noise enough to shatter the nerves of many suffice. To run and romp, and shout, and male and female non-players, but the efjump, and engage in feats of skill or of forts of the latter to stop the noise won't mightily, to climb, and "skin the cat," to folks live nowadays, the noise and vim and play hide and seek, to fight a few licks vociferous ebullitions must find vest somemayhap, is as necessary to nature's own where. The playground solves the problem, loved ones as is eating. Children have been and these open air, regulated romping spots meal for a few minutes or an hour more with the passing years. If the municipaliof good strong play. And if they had to ties will not provide them the general lose the meal they could always play even bunch of citizens will.

arena to stop one kind of sport that de- father to the man without a job."

for all hands. Some new Telemachus may yet plunge into a foot ball game with his life in his hands, but if he gets killed it will be in a rush of husky lads of good moral training whose veins are throbbing with wooly rhinoceroses and draw pictures with warm red blood. They are but rein stone caves during rough weather, they sponding to the world-old spring of life demanded wider chances for doing things that bids them bound and spring and hold

There are small youngsters who can make count. Hardly permissible at home as known to take a large chance on losing a for the boys and girls promise to increase

He was a wise man who wrote recently Telemachus gave his life In the Roman that "The boy without a playground is

Gossip aud Stories About Noted People

An Ingersollian Roast. REDERICK TREVOR HILL has to take charge of the president. gathered many anecdotes during sixteen years' activity at the New York bar. He told a good story the other day of the most severe arraignment he ever heard in a court room. "It was uttered by Colonel Robert nature," he said. "In a case which aroused his indignation he requested the jury to study the defendant's face. 'I mark out in

Johnny Let Go. President Roosevelt, on one of his hunting tours in the Adirondacks, spent a very long day in restless pursuit of big game, By the time success had finally justified the chase, he made the discovery that he was a very hungry man. At his urgent request, the guide conducted the party to the nearest inn the wilderness afforded The journey was not a brief one, and, by the time the hostelry was reached, Mr.

Roosevelt was still more hungry. When informed that the only fare obtainable at the establishment was corned beef and cabbage, relates Success, involuntarily he made use of the expression

which has long been famous: "Delighted!" Amusement was created in the presidential party when the chief executive, whose identity had been kept a secret, was rights covering the United States, Mexico given a seat at the family board. It was and Cuba and all of the West Indies other increased when the huge portions of corned beef and cabbage was passed from the rector of the company describes its purhead of the table where sat the host. The pones in the New York Evening Post: first plate to make its appearance was heaped very high. It reached a small boy and got no further. The president sighed to express his envy and disappointment. "Johnny!" exclaimed the host, sharply, "that ben't fer you; that be for the stranger.

Much to the amusement of all, the president selzed the rim of the plate on one side while Johnny held to the other. There was a moment of doubt.

Then the president, softly and with a twinkle in his eye, but with inexorable decision, leaned over and spoke into the red, resentful face of the hungry boy: "Johnny," he said, "let go!"

Johnny let go. A Preacher Husbed.

During the heat of the anti-mavery agitation while on a rallroad train Wendell Phillips was thus addressed by a clergy-"Mr. Phillips, why do you and your associates continue to excite our people of the north when no slavery exists here? Why do you not go to the south where slavery does exist and stop the importation of slaves?" "I believe you are a minlater of the gospel," said Phillips. "That my vocation," replied the clergyman. 'And your mission is to save souls from hell?" "That is my mission," replied the other. "Then," replied Phillips, "why do you not go there and stop the importation

Pamous Group Reduced to Two. Of all the persons who stood about the deathbed of President Lincoln when he died in the Peterson home in Washington only two are now living. The death of Secretary Hay removed another of the famous group of twenty-two, and now Robert Lincoln, son of the former president, and Dr. Charles A. Leale of 604 Madison

Dr. Leale was the surgeon in attendance on President Lincoln during the entire time elevation of 6.770 feet above sea level. The The doctor was then summit of the Jungfrau is 13,670 feet high, executive officer of the United States army and the electric trolley ascends to within general hospital in Armory Square, Wash- 140 feet of the highest point in a distance

ington, and was summoned by Mrs. Lincoln

Obeyed Orders. The late General Negley of Pennsylvania was a strict disciplinarian. During one of the winters of the civil war he concluded that a certain guard house was altogether Ingersoll, who was usually the soul of good too comfortable quarters for prisoners and ordered Colonel Marston, who later won fame as a soldier, lawyer and statesman, to build a dungeon without so much as a him,' he exclaimed, 'the meanest man I crack or opening anywhere, so that it know-a man so mean that nature wasted should be perfectly dark. The dungeon her time in making him, and the dirt of was built with four solid walls, according which he is composed would have been bet- to the Chicago News. One day General ter employed in filling the grave of some Negley came over to inspect it. He was other such man, if such another ever accompanied by Colonel Marston. is the entrance," said the general, "and how do you get anybody into it?" "Oh," said C. fonel Marston, "that is not my lookout. I simply obeyed your orders."

Electrifying Railroads.

company has acquired all the Ganz elec-

than those under British control. A di-

"The huge initial cost of converting

has been a stumbling block to the

steam railroads on this side of the Atlan-

various managements considering change

of motive power. The installation of the

three-phase system costs about 40 per

cent less than that of direct current, which

is the prevailing mode of electric traction

so far installed by the large American

electrical companies. Another important

claim made for the three-phase system is

that it is the only method which provided

for recuperation of power on down grades.

In other words, the power usually wasted

in braking and coasting down grades is

by this system returned to the line as

useful energy for handling other trains.

It futhermore saves the wear and tear

"The most striking illustration of the

three-phase system is the sixty-five mile

Valtellina line of the Italian State rail-

ways, which has been inspected by elec-

trical experts from all over the world.

The operating cost has been reduced by

upwards of 50 per cent over steam loco-

with one of the large trunk lines looking

toward the conversion of part of its road

into electric motive power by the Ganz

Electricity Conquers the Alps,

highest of the Swiss Alps, has been made

accessible to tourists without running any

of the risks that have hitherto been taken

of the Jungfrau electric railway. The rail-

way starts at the Little Scheidegg station

operated by powerful steam locomotives.

The summit of the Jungfrau, one of the

mechanical braking.

power daed."

tric traction patents and manufacturing ent on the line is 25 per cent.



IN THE SAND PILE



SWING FOR THE GIRLS.

Recent Progress Made in the Field of Electricity

electric traction system which has closed in a tunnel, except at the three way any part of the world. The entire cost of per cent interest on the \$800,000 capital in- ers of mountain scenery annually.

observation purposes. The highest gradi- financied on an estimated traffic of 10,000 way will probably lead to the invasion of

vator shaft 240 feet in height reaches the \$8.68, but it is understood that the company may suggest the construction some day of

summit of the peak, where an observa- contemplates establishing a \$5.75 rate. The electric railways to the summits of Mounts

COMPANY has been organized in road climbs along the base of the Eiger tion of tourists and sightseers. The view of \$139,350 from the traffic, and the operate which could be operated cheaply with elec-

New York for the purpose of in- and a grade ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. abtained from the top of the Jungfrau is ing expenses, reserve fund and interest on tric power derived from the streams flow-troducing on steam roads the Then it plunges into the mountain rock and said to be one of the finest in the Swiss its bonded indebtedness are estimated at ing down their flanks, and would doubtless

three-phase alternating current is for the remainder of the distance in- Alps and one of the most impressive in \$56.850, which will give its stockholders ? be patronized by tens of thousands of lov-

of 7.9 miles. For the first 1.2 miles the tory has been erected for the accommoda- company figures on a total annual income Shasta, Whitney and other Sierran peaks



FOR LITTLE BOYS

Real Life Illustrated by Anecdotes

was an admirer of consistency, ulty." relates the Boston Herald. When

a co-educational school, the old Newbury way to the seminary, how far apart they seminary in Vermont, where very strict must walk not to infringe upon this rule?" rules were laid down to regulate the assoclation of the sexes. One morning as he reached the entrance An exchange of notes between Mr. Peck from the opposite direction, and at the the campus entrance the following morn-

same moment a drenching shower began. had none, so he gallantly held his over her trance to the chapel. Being called to account for this, Peck re-

plied: "No wrong was intended, but I couldnot see the lady get wet when I could prevent it; neither did I wish to get drenched myself, so saw no other way but to share my umbrella with her."

"But," remonstrated the grave professor, "do you not know, Mr. Peck, that ladies and

Electric Train Test.

made public. The test was made two weeks

ago. A maximum speed of fifty-seven miles

trouble in keeping up an average speel

of forty-five miles an hour or better. The

ordinary subway express runs about forty-

two miles an hour. When the work of elec-

trification was started it was predicted

that electric trains would be running on

the Rockway branch by July. It is now

said that the work will be delayed possibly

a month or more. It is understood that the

delay is due to the protests of property

owners against the surface third rail, but

it is declared that this opposition is soon

Electric Engines for Subway.

There is under construction at the Juni-

ata shops of the Pennsylvania railroad a

unique experimental electrical engine for

use, if satisfactory, in the company's New

York subway and Long Island tunnel con-

nections. The engine is to be built in two

sections, with a truck under each, the

trucks having four wheels sixty-five inches

in diameter. The length of the engine will

be thirty-seven feet ten and a half inches

over all. All parts of the machine will be

built for strength, the trucks constructed

an hour was attained.

to be overcome.

gentlemen, while students at this seminary, HE late Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck, well are not allowed to walk together without known in the Methodist church, permission from some member of the fac-

"I do sir; but allow me to ask if a lady preparing for college he attended and gentleman thus chance to meet on their "Really-shem!-I should say ten feet at the least."

to the campus a young lady also arrived and the young lady caused the two to reach ing at the same moment, and Peck was car-Young Peck had an umbrella, but the lady rying in his hand a ten-foot pole. Politely handing one end of the pole to her, he head until he left her at the ladies' en- carried the other and thus they went to

Dream Told of Mother's Death.

William Craw, a 19-year-old patient in the Bridgeport (Conn.) hospital, has amazed the surgeons by a mysterious faculty of 'seeing things' in dreams before they happen, or about the time they happen. Mrs. Rose Jepson, a sister of the young man, who is recovering from the loss of a leg in a railroad accident, called on him. His mother died after he was taken to the hospital and his sister feared to break the

"Mother had another of those bad spells

last night," she said. "Why, mother is dead now," said the young man, sadly. Then he told of a "I knew she was dead last night when I had a dream at 10 o'clock," he said. "I dreamed that I was in the open air. Suddenly two stars descended. One of them burst open and I saw mother's face. She smiled and I felt her fingers running through my hair. She said: 'Oh, Willie!'

Then I awoke." Details of the first electrico train test The boy's mother died at 10 o'clock, the passengers a year and the franchise was other Alpine peaks by similar methods, held on the Long Island railroad with the At the upper terminal of the road an els- obtained on a maximum round trip rate of and, bringing the matter pearer home, it cars and apparatus to be used everywhere hour the lad had the dream. Three nights before Craw met with the on the line when the equipping of the road accident he dreamed that he was injured with electricity is accomplished, has been

and told his friends at the time.

Novelties in Laundry Tage. The train was equipped with the Westing-The number of letters used by American house multiple control apparatus, which laundries to distinguish their patron's garhas been selected for the road. The motorments are disfiguring enough, but we are man had no trouble with the train. The fortunate in that the collars and cuffs do opinion was expressed that there would be not come back from the wash tagged with

the business card of the laundry. In certain parts of France the name and address of the laundry are stamped on each plece sent home, and should several laundries be patronized one after another a fine collection will soon be found in addition to geometrical marks indicative of owner of the garment.

In Russian towns laundry marks are under police supervision, and in this manner a refugee who makes his way to another town upon a forged passport is liable to detection unless he can borrow linea with the mark of one of the town laun-

Bulgarian laundries employ rubber stamps with ornamental designs, while in Germany the laundry comes home tagged with a small cloth label attached with a heat and waterproof cement.

Activities of Westinghouse. George Westinghouse of Pittsburg, who

has been chosen to act as trustee in the Equitable society's affairs, controls fifteen great manufacturing companies, nine in the United States, one in Canada and five in Europe. Business is his recreation, taking the place of automobiles and yachts and race horses and picture galleries, which other hard-worked millionaires find necessary to rest their tired faculties. As an inventor he takes high rank. On one occasion, while engineering a large financial movement in New York City, an idea for a mechanical device suggested itself. As soon as possible ne took the train for Pitts-

drawing a sketch of the proposed inven-

proved to be a great success.

tion. On reaching his destination he

of steel castings of extra heaviness Washington-Baltimore by Trolley. From the heart of Baltimore to the heart of Washington by trolley has been an oftrecurring dream that has constantly fitted and refused to come true. At last, however, it seems that the connection is to be wideawake fact. It is a result which

the people of both cities will welcome, exclaims the Baltimore American. I the burg, busying himself while en route by through passenger rates are made so moderate as to be popular, as it is to be assumed they will be, the movement each way drove to one of his factories and, placing will be of large proportions. The two cities the drawing in the hands of a master work-will find great future satisfaction in an ex- man, said: "Make that." The machine

change of attractions.

Omaha Women Who Won Honors at Golf in St. Louis



erfected in Europe by the engineer- stations and the terminal, where the sides the road, including construction and equip- vested in the enterprise.

ing firm of Ganz & Co. of Budapest. The of the bore are loopholed with windows for ment, has approximated \$2,000,000. It was The successful construction of this rail-

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