Guarding the Corncrib. haps that was the reason why he kept going back there, for he was nothing if not determined. Anyhow, he had found the hunting poor along his stone wall in the woods. And there was so much "game," as he called it, about the farm buildings that he thought it was silly to leave it for such scamps as Peter Mink and Tommy Fox and Fatty Coon. So he took to loitering near Farm-



Don't you suppose I know that?" Grumpy retorted.

er Green's corncrib. And he was not at all pleased to find Fatty Coon can run incre than one way at a there one evening. He wouldn't have time?" spoken to Fatty at all had not that "Why don't you run round and

Mother and Madge.

corner with his face to the wall."

any words from you, while the

the young man bowed above it deferentially. 'I shall never forget

you-or the adivce," he said earnest-

around the bend in the road.

quotation laughingly.

slender arms.

Marion for directions.

with one match.

piled in a most approved camp fire.

Marion's Ambition.

said, amazement and gratified pride

you could do anything like this. Who

poise every fibre of Lillian's being

was thrilling to that name. "Then

I've read how the Girl Scouts and

the Girl Pioneers and the Camp Fire

matches handy, mother?"

ness she was far from feeling.

ed ever so slightly.

sie." she said contritely.

"I just needed this big one for the

truders upon our picnic had gone.

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"Thank you again, and good-

you never noticed those tin pans, Grumpy Weasel never seemed to upside down, on top of the posts on have anything but bad luck when- which the cornerip rests? How could ever he went near the farmyard. Per- a mouse or a squirrel ever climb past one of those?" "There are ways," Grumpy Weasel

said wisely. "I doubt it," Fatty replied. "I don't believe the trick can be done." Then, not to oblige Fatty, but to show him he was mistaken, Grumpy

climbed a tree nearby, dropped from one of its branches to the roof of the cornerip, and quickly found a crack in the side of the building through which he slipped with no trouble at all.

Suddenly there was a great scurrying and scrambling inside. And soon Fatty Coon saw Frisky Squirrel and several of his friends-not to mention three frightened mice-come tumbling out and tear off in every direction.

Presently Grumpy Weasel stuck his head through a crack between two boards. "Did you catch the robbers?" he

called to Fatty Coon. "They were too spry for me," Fatty told him. He wouldn't have stopped one anyhow, for Grumpy

"Which way did they go, old Slow Poke?" Grumpy cried as he jumped down in great haste.

"Everywhere!" Fatty told him. "Can't you be a little more exact? You don't think-do you?-that I

plump young chap hurled a cutting round in a circle?" Fatty suggested, remark directly at him: "There are "In that way you might catch at no chickens in this building. This is least half those youngsters-and perhaps all of them."

"Don't you suppose I know that?" | "That's the first real idea you ever Grumpy retorted. "I've come here had in your life!" Grumpy exclaimed to guard the corn from mice and —which was as near to thanking a squirrels." person as he was ever known to

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# "ONWARD ... OMAHA" that," Fatty Coon told him, "Have

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notions we have encouraged since the war ended? The reader

will'answer that we are rapidly returning to wholesome ways and

sound business conditions. We are making progress, no doubt, but

few of us are traveling willingly. We are being thrust along by

circumstances over which we seem to lack control. To say that we

are not cutting wry faces over the experience would be to depart

ployers and the employed which tend in the right direction. In a

general way very little is being done along the line indicated. Shops

and factories are closing; employes are idle; consumers are waiting

for lower prices before contracting for their needs. Business in

many lines is at a standstill while each of the three great classes

of business men-employers, employed and consumers-is heard to

abundance of money in the country and countless demands for its

Se. Some unwise and excessive loans have been made and the

to Al volume of credits has been unwisely increased. Taxing laws

have penalized success and have encouraged municipal extrava-

gance at the expense of business generally. Nothing akin to panic

prevails. We are all in fairly good shape to go ahead with our

affairs. The bducer is not quite willing to forego all of the

abnormal profits of war days. The employe insists upon shortened

hours of labor and an excessive wage. The consumer, unable to

comprehend the change brought about in costs of production by

the accident of war, demands goods at pre-war prices. The divergent demands of these great business agencies prevent trade from functioning in a normal way. Each of these classes is contributing

its full share to the losses all are sustaining. We are all interested in the speedy resumption of business activities and each is doing

our tasks as formerly? Is there anything insurmountable in the way? We can delay until insistent demand for goods sets the

wheels of production in motion. But we will then have more

of abnormal costs and of selling prices and the recurrence of con-

The way out is through mutual effort, open and straightfor-

Producers must forget the unusual rates of profit made as a

result of war. They must get back to the notion of normal re-

turns on actual investments. The sooner they do this the better

it will be. It will not do to agree with one's employes on an ex-

cessive wage scale and then pass the burden on to the consumer.

The buying public believes that it was exploited by employers and

their employes after the armistice was signed. It is in ugly mood

over some of the disclosures made. In retaliation it withdrew from

the market and refuses to buying excepting as to its absolute re-

quirements. It will delay re-entering the market until it is assured

of fair play. It feels like inflicting some sort of penalty upon

those of whom it complains. This condition must be cared before

we can go along again comfortably. The best way to do it is for

employers and employes to meet the consumer at least half way

get started within a reasonable time in the future. His wages

comprise the greater part of the cost of things sold in the open

market. This is particularly true of the great staples of iron ore,

grain and lumber. There can be no maintained lessening of the

selling prices of these things while the costs of production remain

at the present levels. Incidental drops in selling prices will occur,

of course. These will be at the expense of the producers, as is

the case now with farmers and lumber men. Such happenings

work for a fair wage. He has not been doing so in many cases.

He is not as productive as he was before the war. He has lessened

the quantity of his daily output and, in some cases, its quality as well. He must know that his well-being and that of business oper-

ations generally will be promoted if he corrects these faults. Seli-

ing prices, when fairly fixed, are based upon costs. If the em-

ploye hopes for anything like continued employment he must assist

in producing what is sold in the market so that the product can

be offered to the consumer at prices which will encourage trade

to a sound basis. In some places he is doing all that he can do

to prevent this result. He is asserting, here and there, that he will

not buy until he can fill his needs at pre-war rates. If he persists

in that course he will prevent all production. He may go even

further and accomplish the financial ruin of all who attempt to

continue producing things under the selling conditions he would

to the burden of the consumer finally. A buyers' strike, called

for the purpose of depressing prices, is quite as reprehensible as

is the act of the producer who, in concert with others, closes his

factory for the purpose of lessening output and enhancing prices.

by the occasional withdrawal of consumers from the market. Pur-

chases may be deferred by following that plan, but they will be

made later when the need becomes urgent. The obstinate buyer

who changes his mind under such circumstances is likely to find

himself in a market penalized for their stubbornness in the rapidly

advancing prices they are obliged to pay for what they seek.

Any attempt to control prices in an arbitrary way will add

The total normal demand for any necessity cannot be lessened

The consumer must assist in bringing our business affairs back

The employe must also practice the doing of a fair day's

are of little value to anyone.

The employe must sense a few obvious truths if we are to

down the road. Any hesitancy in doing so will delay recovery.

ditions which, in the end, will be devoid of benefit to anyone.

How are we going to get away from all of this and prosecute

what he can do to delay the desired result.

ward dealing and well-directed publicity.

But we are not getting on well in the readjustment of our

usual activities and to buy and pay for whatever we need.

The trouble is not traceable to basic conditions. There is an

charge the other with fault because conditions do not mend.

Here and there agreements are being worked out between em-

widely from the path of rectitude in speech.

How are we, as business folk, to free ourselves from the false

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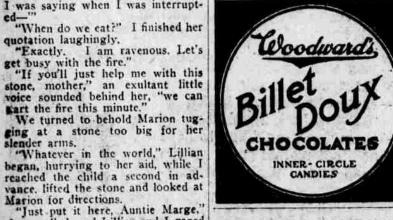
It will do you no harm, and excuse for her shortcomings. "I'll do it, mother, I'm sure," she will be c. immense service to your cried, and she cupped her fingers father-lough he probably will not carefully, struck the match, nursed She held out her hand in gracious the flame and applied it gently to the dry leaves. though unmistakable dismissal, and

And in another minute a cheerful crackling told us that our camp fire was a success.

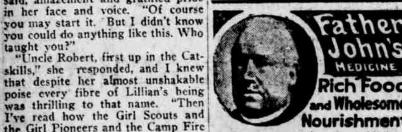
#### Parents' Problems

He lifted his hat, turned with a perfunctory salute to me, a merry one to Marion, and walked swiftly Lillian spread her hands wide and bowed low in the direction the in-

Yes. With it, the child should be expected to buy the trifles for which children ask their parents for pen nies, marbles, a top, a balloon, etc. It is very good for a child to have "So endeth the first lesson," she said with a little intake of her breath which told me how distastean allowance. In no better way can ful to her was the whole episode he learn to spend and to save wisely that had been lightened only by the and well. wholesomeness of the boy, Ted. "As



low inside where leaves, tiny sticks and small pieces of dead wood were Is not a disease but simply a sign that many body cells have become tired or lazy after the stress of Win-ter conditions. Such cells need to be nourished and fed, not whipped into back," Marion said with a relieved temporary activity by so-called "tonics." Father John's Medicine sigh when I had put the stone down.
"Now, mother, may I start it all myhelps Naure repair and rebuild tissue. self? I want to see if I can do it contains no drugs nor alcohol. Hence, it is a builder not a bracer. It is a food-medicine, not a mere tonic. "Why, my blessed baby!" Lillian In use for over sixty-five years.



Girls start fires, and it's just the way Uncle Robert taught me, so I know it's right. Gee! I wish I were old enough to be a scout. Are the "What a diplomatic way of asking me to hurry, Marion," her mother said hurriedly, and I guessed that she was masking her agitation at Robert Savarin's name with a light

The child's expressive face cloud-Sherman & McConnell & Drug Stores "I didn't mean it that way, Mum-

Lillian fairly sprang toward her small daughter and hugged the child tightly to her. "And I didn't mean anything either, sweetheart," she said with a loving kiss, "except that you're the

The Way Marion Surprised Her daughter a mother ever had, and I'm so proud of your camp fire. It's a Lillian smiled maternally at the perfect one, and here are the matches. grateful young son of the purseproud Auntie Madge and I won't even man whom she had just "put in a breathe while you light them."

Marion took the matchbox, looking "Don't waste any time either beup roughishly at her mother. able to do it," she said whimsically. "Not 'them.' mother, I hope, but 'one.' she said. "That is, if I don't "I am assured of the first without get nervous."

second is my own little secret. It get nervous!" Lillian's voice was like a slogan, and the child rallied to own private resentment and do a it as I have seen her do before. service to another. I flatter myself that inadvertently I have been helpful to you. Take an old woman's advice and grab the reins occasion-

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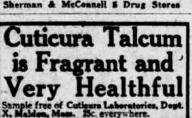
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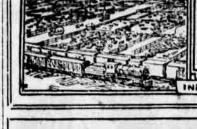


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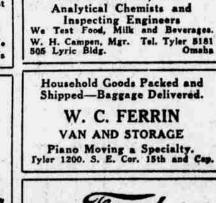
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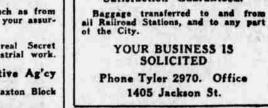
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