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### "Stop, Look, Listen"

All animal and insect life is protected in some physical way against enemies. The rabbit is given great speed in running, the turtle a hard shell, birds and insects a coloration which makes it difficult for them to be seen in their natural habitat, and so on thru the list. Man, however, is not physically equipped to combat with a great many of the lower animals, and must depend upon the use of his wits in protecting himself against them. Primitive man found that he could use a club, and later bows and arrows, and finally rifles and all the modern inventions. He has come to depend so much on these external means of protection that he oftentimes forgets that in themselves they are sufficient only when used with knowledge and cunning. For this reason he may be over-equipped by some wild animal less well equipped than he.

In any industrial plant there are, of course, numbers of places where a man can get hurt, provided he does not exercise the proper amount of care. As far as that goes, we are always in danger of being hurt thru carelessness, no matter whether we are chopping wood in our back yard or walking down a broad cement sidewalk. We all know men who

are continually getting themselves hurt, no matter where they are. These fellows themselves think they are unlucky, whereas they really are careless. It is the purpose of this Company to protect its workmen as far as possible by means of guards over machinery, and safety first measures wherever possible. These guards are comparable to the weapons which a man uses in protecting himself from wild animals, and are effective only as they are used with the proper amount of knowledge and caution. There is a tendency on the part of any man to be careful when he first comes in contact with anything having an element of danger in it, but there is also, a little later, a tendency for him to become hardened to such danger, and to forget his caution. In other words, he becomes careless. It seems to me that a famous quotation could be made to read a little differently, and still carry a big truth:

Danger is a monster of such frightful mien  
That to be shunned needs but to be seen;  
But seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then court her, then embrace.

Very nearly one hundred per cent. of the accidents which occur in this plant are attributable to carelessness—either the carelessness of the man himself, or the carelessness of some fellow-workman; and I am writing this to warn you that the habit of exercising ordinary precaution is a valuable asset to anyone, and something hard to hold and very easy to lose. If we have not already formed the habit of "stopping, looking, and listening," let's begin now, and let's take to task anyone we see who is not being careful, telling him that it is done not only for himself alone but for some other innocent person who may suffer from the effects of his carelessness. All of us appreciate the man who is able to take care of himself creditably in a fight. He is simply exercising his powers of self-preservation. We should realize, however, that the man who is able to take care of himself in a plant is just as worthy of praise, and is really a more desirable citizen, not alone because he keeps out of trouble himself, but because by his acts and example he keeps other people out of trouble.

—R. E. PARKS

Tommie Cotton says Flint, Mich., is all right; but Badin for him.

### The Boy Scouts

No movement ever secured as quickly a permanent hold upon this country as that which brought into being the Boy Scouts' organization. And no organization in the country is more worthy of encouragement and support.

The record of the organization during the war is notable, and these activities were due chiefly to the fact that the Scouts were prepared to render instant service. When the Nation called, the Boy Scouts were three hundred thousand strong. In the first four Liberty Loan campaigns, acting for the most part as gleaners after the reapers, they sold 1,967,947 bonds, amounting to \$276,744,650. They sold War Savings Stamps in excess of fifty million dollars. They located 5,200 carloads of standing walnut, and collected more than one hundred carloads of fruit and nut pits. They distributed more than fifty million pieces of Government literature. They conducted war gardens and war farms thru-out the country. They rendered all sorts of valuable services to the Red Cross, the United War Work Committee, the American Library Association, and various other organizations that were helping the Government. They performed countless individual acts of service to the Government that were not recordable under any particular classification. They presented a united front of patriotic zeal in every community, which in itself was of incalculable value to the Nation.

What interests us now is the part this splendid organization may play in peace. The purpose of the organization and the activities of the Boy Scouts are admirable in every way. It is an honor to any American boy to be a Boy Scout, and every American boy should have it as his ambition to attain membership in the organization as soon as he can.

Parents ought to encourage their boys to join, and should themselves become associate members. Every father who has a son of Boy Scout age should encourage him to join the Scouts, and to become an enthusiastic supporter of Boy Scout principles and practices. The Boy Scout organization simply takes the vast reservoir of boy power, so often turned to mischievous ends, and diverts it into channels where it is of tremendous benefit to the boy and to the rest of us. If your boy is not a Boy Scout, and is qualified to be one, get him into the now familiar khaki as soon as you can. It will be good for both him and you.—*The Valve World.*