

WHERE ARE THE TOYS?
THERE ARE NO TOYS AT ALL.

Armenian Children Imitate American Girls and Games — They Want Some of Our Dolls.

Toys are unknown to Armenian children, according to Miss Mary F. Smith, a Near East relief welfare worker, who recently returned to this country from Asia Minor.

"Think of a country without toys," said Miss Smith. "It does seem hard to imagine such a place, when at least every other youngster we see is rolling along on a pair of skates or a coaster, playing ball or drazzling around a squeaky duck of some sort. I saw only one doll in all the months I was over there. That doll belonged to a little American girl who was there with her parents."

Miss Smith was in charge of an orphanage at Marash, Armenia, one hundred and thirty-eight miles from Aleppo, for almost a year. She took care of more than two hundred children between the ages of three and fifteen years, taking the place of mother, housekeeper, teacher and playmate, as needed.

"The children just love everything American and they would do anything if one were to tell them that American children always do that particular thing," she said. "I remember one time last summer, it was very hot, and we made them little caps of white duck to protect their heads from the glaring sun. As first I had the greatest difficulty getting them to put them on. Just about that time I received a girls camp catalog from America and in it was a picture of a girl clad in a bloomer suit and wearing a small white cap similar to those we had made. As soon as I showed it to the children they eagerly put on the caps and cried at night when I wouldn't let them wear them to bed."

"When the clothing sent from the United States arrived for distribution among the refugees, the children in the orphanages received their share, of course. Some of the garments had been incorrectly made so that dresses were brought up and down like a bag and did not fit the children skin-tight, and they could barely walk in them, to say nothing of bending over. But just because the youngsters didn't enjoy the discomfort in the least, but said, 'Open America,' as they proudly paraded the new garments."

"They are so anxious to be just like Americans that it is sometimes almost painful. One child who most unaccountably in her new dress and she looked so badly that we thought it would be a kind thing to make her another dress out of some native cloth which one of us had been lucky enough to be able to buy, but when we tried to put it on her she wept bitterly, saying, 'I do not like to be native.'"

Explaining that the Armenian children learn the American games very quickly when taught to play them, Miss Smith said that one of the remarkable things about the children was that they seemed to have no idea of how to play until shown. "They make mud pies and dig caves and have a game something like packstones which they play with pebbles, and a few of them have fashioned crude dolls out of old rags, but they haven't any toys," she declared.

"I remember meeting one man who was traveling all over the world, and he wanted to take back to his children in America a toy from every country and he said that Armenia was the only country where he couldn't find a single one."

At Marash, Miss Smith said, they had a fair supply of food when she left and their needs now are chiefly clothing, industrial materials and kindergarten supplies of all kinds. In the Caucasus, however, it is much colder, and as there will be no harvest this year, and there are no cattle, the pinch of hunger will be felt there most keenly.

"There are refuge homes and orphanages in practically every town and station," she continued. "Our first concern is to give the refugees food and shelter and then, as rapidly as possible, to start educational industrial work to aid in reacquainting them. We haven't nearly enough utensils to go around. At meals, for instance, the children all sit around on the floor—we have neither table nor chairs. There is just one tin basin of food between two children, though each child has a separate spoon."

"At first when we received the refugee children, they were scrawny, starved little frightened things, but under our care they rapidly picked up, and you could see them grow. While eating they never used to talk and it was a most dismal affair to watch them. I finally persuaded them to try a bit of conversation with their food, and it did not take long for them to learn, so that I almost wished I had left them alone, although, really, I preferred them to act like normal children."

"Just before I started away one of my little children came to me and said: 'Please, mother, don't go American, but if you do go bring back to me a doll, some paper dolls and a rubber ball.'"

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CIGARETTE NO WORSE THAN
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Dr. Brady Says No Parent Should Permit a Boy to Smoke Until He Becomes Twenty-one Years of Age.

(WILLIAM BRADY, M. D., in The Raleigh Times.)

A lad who indulges in cigarettes or a pipe while attending high school is a pretty dangerous person for real boys and girls to be forced to associate with. In my opinion that lad ought to be permanently expelled from school by the principal for the general welfare and the maintenance of morals. As I have said before and now repeat, I wouldn't trust a cigarette-smoking lad of high school age out of my sight. His moral fibre is wrong and he is not a fit companion or classmate for the normal boy or girl. I cannot understand how parents can condone this sort of thing and I do not see why school authorities should hesitate to clean house on such grounds.

There is nothing in cigarettes that makes them any whit more injurious in any way, so far as I know, than cigars or the pipe. But cigarette smoking is taken up by boys who would not be likely to indulge in cigars and worse still, girls a trifle trail in the upper story sometimes think it is real smart to accept a cigarette and learn to smoke while attending a dance or some other affair where the smart-aleck type of scatter-brain youth shines for a brief spell before he goes to the devil.

No man who understands the drug action of tobacco will deny that it produces certain characteristic and deplorable effects upon young, immature individuals. One effect is a stunting in growth when the tobacco habit is acquired at a tender age. Another well-known effect of tobacco is impairment of mental acuity, so that the smart-aleck lad is generally trailing around the foot of his class of falling in more than a fair share of his subjects. A great western university instructor informed me that in many years he had noticed that no smoker had ever attained scholastic honors.

There is one direction in which it is too obvious that the tobacco smoking youth is rather precocious and that is in the matter of sexual life. It is for this reason that I say that parents who fail to exact from boys a solemn pledge not to use tobacco until twenty-one fall in a plain duty. And boys who cannot give and keep such a pledge are unworthy of the sacrifices parents and other fond relatives are constantly making to give them an education. There is something painful in the sight of a high school or a college lad sneaking a cigarette which has been bought with money he has been loaned or given by some doing relative.

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I will not accept any blanks unless all questions are answered and the same sworn to as the law directs.

There is a penalty of twenty-five per cent to be added to the value of all real estate for failure to comply with the law.

I hope that all real estate owners will take notice of the requirements.

M. L. FLOW,
County Supervisor.

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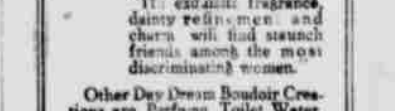
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Winkate January 29 and 30th.
Baker's February 4th.
Iceomlee February 5th.

I ask that all taxpayers avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting at some one of the above places and times to make their returns, and not be forced to make long trips to other places.

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