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Play ball!

J. Pluvius doesn't seem to be able to deliver the goods.

The Ford candidacy is the worst Ford joke we have heard yet.

The dates for the Chautauqua this year are June 30 to July 6, so make no engagements or plans to conflict, Terese.

Now that the last note has been sent, followed up by the final word, we begin to suspect that the President is not going to write Germany more than a dozen or two additional notes.

Lost a leg, afflicted with blood poison, badly wounded, dead and buried, and still obliged to die for his life before the United States troops. Villa's condition strikes us as being unusually unfortunate.

Of course, we really do not care a hang whether you have paid that measly little poll tax bill or not and it is our opinion that if you haven't paid, you should not be allowed to vote even if you do manage to sneak in and pay before May 1.

Roanoke Rapids gets more free advertising of the finest quality in the recent bulletin issued by the State Board of Health in regard to the "successful efforts in wholly eradicating malaria", part of the bulletin being a quotation verbatim from the Herald's recent Anniversary Edition.

They take their politics seriously in Brinkleyville -- with a wholesale riot over the election of precinct executive committee men. Ninety nine voters out of a hundred in Roanoke Rapids township can't name one member of the precinct committee elected here two weeks ago!

No opponent having filed notice of candidacy, Hon. W. L. Long is now the Democratic candidate for Senator from Halifax County and his name will therefore not be on the ticket to be used in the June primary. There are three candidates for the House of Representatives: J. H. Darden, F. M. Taylor, and J. L. Alston. The two receiving the highest number of votes in the June primary will be the Democratic nominees.

The Voting Precincts

The action of the Halifax County Board of Elections in creating two voting precincts in Roanoke Rapids Township, taken at the request of W. F. Horner and others, we believe will result in getting out a greatly augmented vote at both primary and general elections.

The distance to be travelled to vote, when it is as great as that from South Rosemary to Roanoke Rapids, is unquestionably deterrent to busy and indifferent electors. The creation of a new polling place which will probably be located on Roanoke Avenue near the Patterson Store. Company will cut off a mile in distance for about half the people of the township; a saving effected at a cost inconsiderable to the conservation of time and effort. Let us hope that the electors of the township will no longer

ignore the duties of a free citizenship and that a vote will be polled at the November elections commensurate with the size and progressiveness of this community.

Child Labor North and South

The Woman's Municipal League in New York City reports that 67,614 fourteen year old children in New York State left school in 1913 to go to work. These figures indicate the economic pressure or the lure of life in a great industrial State.

In Massachusetts, where educational advantages are unlimited, there were 31,633 children from 10 to 16 years old busy earning a living in the census year in mills, factories, trade, transportation, domestic service and clerical occupations. The same year the children of these ages in North Carolina engaged in similar occupations numbered 23,844. In 1915 the children under 16 years of age in our cotton mills numbered 7,292, or 636 fewer than the year before, says Mr. M. L. Shipman our Labor Commissioner.

The biggest end of the child labor probably in North Carolina is in our country regions, where 74,000 children between 10 and 13 years of age are farm workers, mainly on the home farms. But the country children of these ages hired out for work on other farms in 1910 numbered 11,203, or more than twice the number in our mills and factories.

This situation largely explains why 124,000 or 94 per cent of the native white illiterates of the State live in the country. —University News

Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Ministerial Union

Vested Choir at Episcopal Church

The regular attendants of the Episcopal Church were delightfully surprised on Easter Day to see a thoroughly trained choir of twelve young ladies, vested in immaculate white cottas and uniform black caps and skirts, marching in procession for the opening hymn. Everybody wanted to know where all this talent had been buried so long. The full Easter music of the Episcopal Church was sung with a richness and sweetness that surprised all who heard it.

For several weeks, in addition to the work with the usual choir, Miss Smith, ably and faithfully seconded by Mr. Lehman with his clarinet, has been drilling some of the young ladies of her Sunday School class in the music of the Church. These girls have now added their rich young voices to the regular choir with most pleasing results. On Sunday they sang with the accuracy and composure of veterans. Those vested were: Misses Lillian Graham, Sallie Saunders, Clyde Short, Jennie Short, Nannie Twisdal, Polly Cummings, Ruth Transou, Sallie Long, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. W. L. Long, and Mrs. C. A. Webb. Vestments for the men have not yet been made, but sitting near the choir, lending vigorous support to the ladies were Messrs. C. A. Webb, C. A. Lyerly, and J. T. Strother.

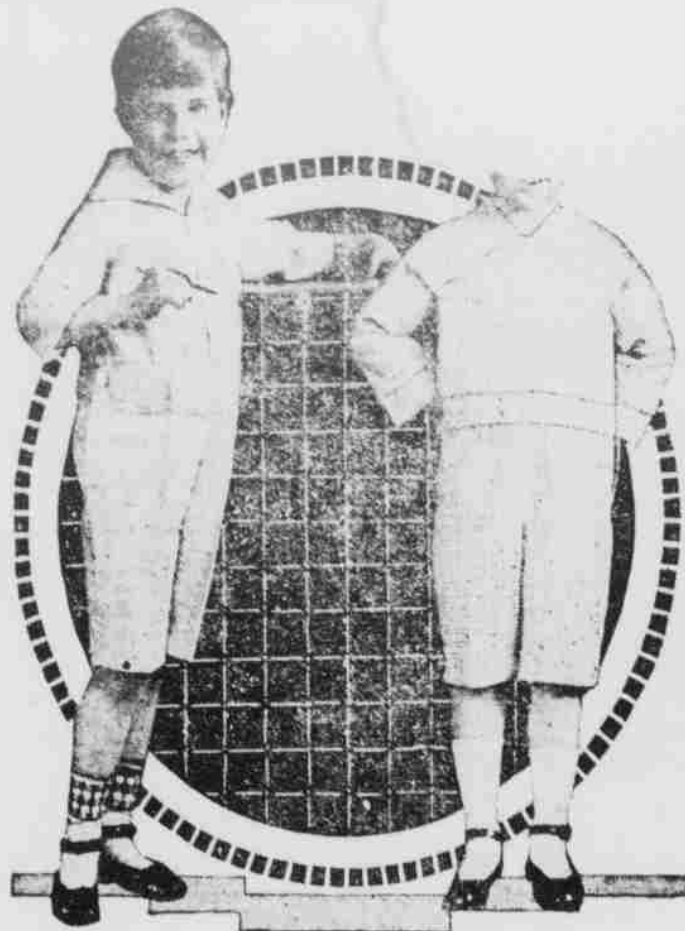
This choir is in no wise designed to take the singing out of the hands of the congregation but only to encourage them to sing with greater heartiness.

School Children Should Fight 'Em

The schools must help in the campaign against flies. Each of the various grades should take a particular part of the work, says a writer in the International Harvester company bulletin. Let one grade canvass the town and enlist the grocer, meat shops, restaurants and householders in a movement to clean up alleys and back yards, provide for proper disposition of garbage and for sanitary outhouses.

Another grade might make fly traps and sell them to the various grocers and butchers for use at their places of business and to the city authorities for use in public places. That was done successfully in Holland, Mich. last year. Still another grade may collect all the information which can be secured on the subject of flies. All grades may write compositions on "The Fly," "The Fly's Travels," "Confessions of a Fly," "Dangers of a Housefly," and similar subjects. Prizes may be offered for the best essay from each grade.

Wash Suits of



One of these suits for the little chap of five or so, says "come on out and play" and the other "come in and be dressed for dinner" or supper or something. They are examples of the clothing which is manufactured in such variety, of washable stuffs, for the everyday wear of the small boy, and nothing that will contribute to his pleasure or freedom has been overlooked. The tax and strain of his romping and the exactness of the tub have been considered along with careful regard for neat appearance and smart lines.

Nowadays the little boy's summer clothing is no problem for the busy mother, because manufacturers are making it for them. With specialists to design it, machines to make it, and a limitless variety of goods to choose from, the advantage is all with the manufacturer. They have turned out clothes better designed and as well made as the home production and at such low prices that there is no excuse in underdressing the work at home.

Crossed gingham piped with a plain color in chambray furnishes the time-honored and proved material for the blouse. The back of the blouse is extended over the shoulders to form a yoke. The yoke is piped with chambray where it is sewed to the blouse. The straight sleeves are finished with

blue bands of gingham piped with chambray, and the belt is made of a similar band. The blouse and bloomers are joined at the front by the belt. At the back they button together under the belt, which is provided with button and buttonhole at its ends. The bloomers are adjusted above the knees with elastic cord run in a casing.

Pique serves for the white-suit band with plain blue chambray, at the left. It boasts a sailor collar and pocket of the chambray on the blouse and a stretched-on belt of it about the straight pants. The pants button to the blouse with a fly set under the belt. Pearl buttons on the blouse and belt contribute something to the finish of this little suit, which is good enough for any wear.

Many Russian blouse suits are displayed by the shops, made of colored linens banded with white. Belt, blue, green and warm brown are the colors used in them. Patent leather belts appear on a few, but fabric belts seem to hold the place.

There is nothing shabby about even the simplest of blouses. In clothes for little boys, as for grown people, cutters are doing the cleverest sort of work and shaping garments in many ways unfamiliar to consumers.

Julia B. Atterly

Evening Dress in Black



Anything from the establishment of Jenny in Paris, may be counted upon to interpret the mode with delightful refinement. In the productions for this season there is a leaning toward black, in this house, which is especially apparent in models for evening gowns. One of them, in which silk net and tulle are combined in a way that will please the discriminating, is shown in the picture here. It has a full round skirt of the silk, shirred at the waist and finished with a ruche of the silk about the bottom and about the hips. There is a bodice of the tulle, with midvictorian shoulders and puffed elbow sleeves, finished with a full ruche of the silk. It is draped in surplice fashion at the front.

If the designer had stopped here there would be nothing lacking to make this an acceptable afternoon frock of a simple and attractive sort, but with nothing about it to bespeak the genius that is expressed by modes from the house of Jenny. Therefore the designer did not stop, but proceeded to veil the whole frock in a mist of net, and did this most artfully.

A sounce of the net is set on under the ruche about the hips and allowed to fall until it reaches a length more than two inches greater than that of the silk skirt. It is finished at the bot-

tom with a narrow hem. A second sounce is set in in the same position and turned up over the ruche of silk. It is gathered in at the waist and forms a deep puff below the ruche. The silk bodice is also covered with a drapery of net that is extended over the shoulders and veils the sleeves. A deep frill of doubled net is set in under the ruche of silk about the elbows, which is included in the net veiling the sleeves.

In selecting a finishing touch the designer chose, as exactly suited to the gown, a gardenia and loops and ends of narrow ribbon in Natter blue.

Such pretty afterthoughts of the designer often seize the attention before it is attracted by the gown itself. They nearly always betray a sense of fitness and a painstaking attention to detail that command admiration. But they have been known to betray a lack of these things in gowns otherwise above criticism.

The gown pictured was designed for a taller figure than that of the model posing in it. A silk-clad ankle and an elegant low shoe are needed to be in keeping with it.

Julia B. Atterly

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