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THE LITTLE CITIZEN IN THE HOME

Our orators, editors and self-
appointed patriots dwell at length
upon the wonderful opportuni-
ties, privileges and benefits
which we enjoy in our great
Democracy. Rights and privi-
leges are on every tongue; but
far too little is said about duties
and responsibilities which must
always be commensurate with
rights. The old Spartan idea
that the child belongs to the
State was entitled to something
from him might well have some
consideration today.

A father recently told me that
he was educating his two boys,
one to become a lawyer and the
other a preacher. In other words
he was training his boys for
good citizenship. One boy was
to be a good citizen practicing
law, the other was to be a good
citizen, preaching.

The home is a little democracy
the school a larger one, the world
a still greater. The small child
should be taught to be a good
citizen in the home later in the
school and when he is graduated
out into the world he will natu-
rally continue right activity.

"Men are but children of a
larger growth". In the home
the child should have certain reg-
ular tasks to perform and
should be taught that he must
attend to them conscientiously.
The care of pets, plants, flowers
and of younger children, the res-
ponsibility of performing certain
household duties develops streng-
th of character.

Possession teaches generosity,
for without possessions of his
own, how can the child learn to
share and appreciate the differ-
ence between "mine and thine"?
If his property, his rights, his
little treasures are respected he
will soon see why he should re-
gard and respect the rights of
others.

Possession entails responsibil-
ity for the care and use of prop-
erty. The small boy who leaves
his picture book outdoors over-
night and discovers in the morn-
ing that it has been stolen or
rain-soaked realizes that the mis-
fortune is his own fault. If he
is rough with his toys and breaks
them he must learn to be more
careful. If he doesn't feed his
pet rabbit, it dies, if he fails to
care for his garden, the flowers
are soon choked with weeds.

In training the child, his opin-
ions should be respected and pa-
rents should take time and have
patience to show him wherein he
is right or wrong. He certainly
cannot always have his own
way, now nor in the future;
therefore he must learn to obey
before he is fit to command, and
careful, constant training is
needed to produce this result.
Children should be chums with
their parents, and should also

have the companionship of other
children and learn to 'get along'
without difficulties or quarrels;
adaptability is essential to hap-
piness.

We must begin with our chil-
dren and teach them personal,
home, school community and na-
tional responsibility at a very
early age, and show by object
lessons that every violation of
rules or laws, every case of ma-
licious destruction of property,
every manifestation of vandali-
sm, all exhibits of temper,
impudence and insolence, all
forms of disrespect for persons,
places, property, positions, or
sacred things bring trouble and
punishment.

From the training of the home
good citizens should be gradu-
ated into the schools, from the
schools to the colleges, and from
the colleges to citizenship and
service of our country.

To the Editor:

"The hope of the world lies in
the children."

If there is no kindergarten in
your school, work for the estab-
lishment of one for your children
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sociation, 8 West 40th St., New
York City, will furnish advice
and leaflets on the subject.—By
William A. Blair, LL. D.

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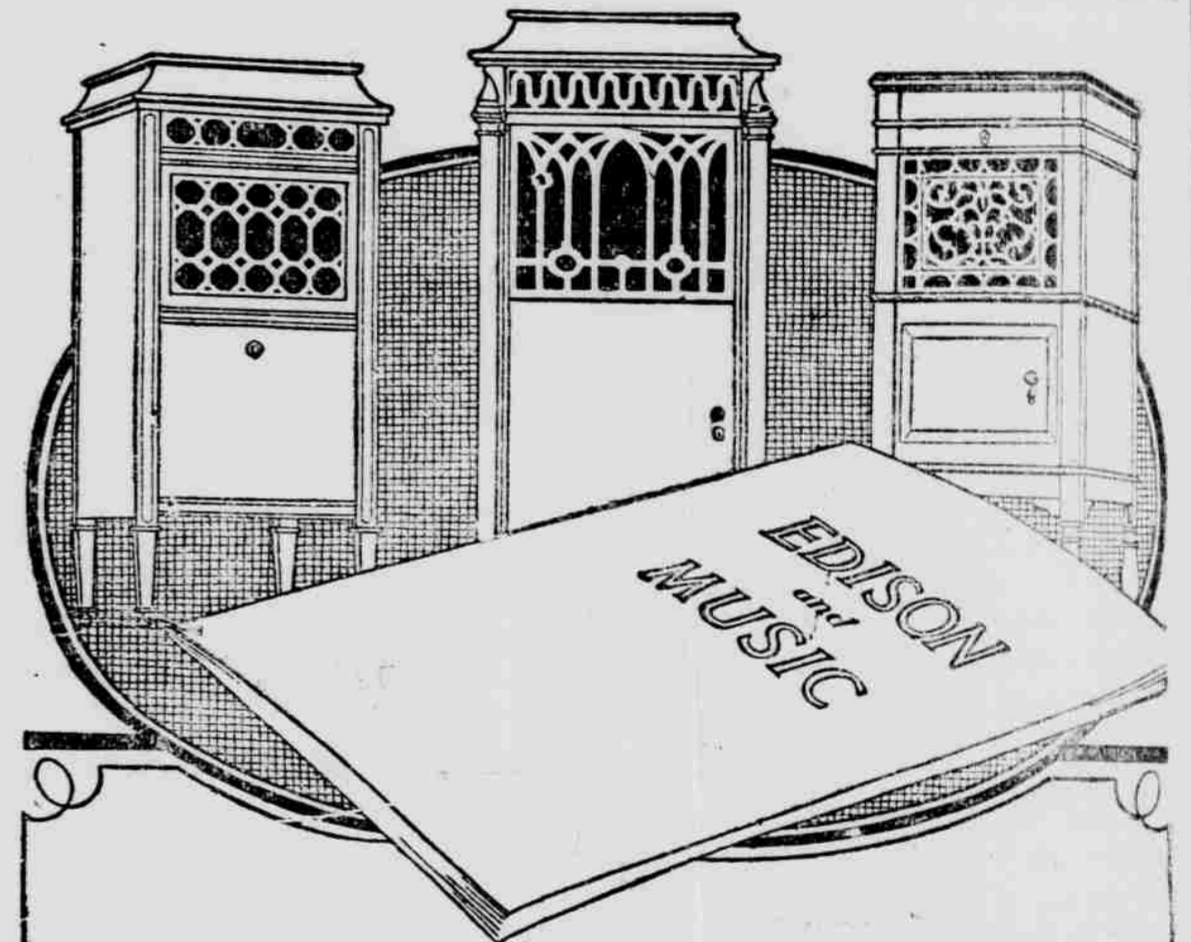
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