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#### TEACH THEM CHARACTER.

A number of times we have mentioned in these A number of times we have mentioned in these columns that the educational system of the whole world is wrong, just as the whole governmental system is lacking in fundamental soundness. Of course, everything, even life itself, its something of an expriment. But, aside from the three R's in the curriculum of our public schools, what real help is any boy or girl given to combat later the stern realities of life?

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realities of life?
For instance, instead of the teaching of numerous subjects that are more often never remembered (because they are seldom used after graduation) why not exemplify the attributes of life, to our boys and girls? Instead of teaching how to make a material thing, why not catch the youthful mind in its formative period of life and teach it CHARACTER? A hoy can learn the carpenter's trade after he has left school; a girl can learn to sew her own clothes after she has graduated; but neither boy nor girl can quickly learn to [fashion CHARACTER after leaving school. When they do learn, it is only after years of bitter school. When they do learn, it is only after years of bitter struggle, years in which the marks of IGNORANCE leave their bleeding trails on the sands of society.

We want to leave a thought with the local School

We want to leave a thought with the local School Board, with Superintendent Clarence Viet, and with every taxpayer in this district:

Can't there be instituted into the curriculum of the Birmingham schools something that will take the pliable minds of our boys and girls and teach them HONESTY, UNSELFISHNESS, RELIABILITY, INJUSTRY, LOYALTY, ACCURACY, PERSERVERANCE, SINCERITY, TRUTHFULNESS, and a few of the other necessary interwoven characteristics that really lie at the foundation of a Christian world? a Christian world?

This is good food for thought, Folks. Think deeply

### HURRY UP WITH THE WATER.

Now that the Layne & Bowler Co, has decreed that another site for a well will have to be found in Birmingham, let's have a little real action!

Summer will soon be here. There is an ever-increasing demand on our wafer works system. Unless we have a new well, Birmingham will face one of the worst water shortages in recent years. People come out here to get the things they can't get in the larger cities. They pay taxes and are entitled to the comforts and conveniences of decent community life.

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It's up to our Village Commission to request the Layne & Bowler Co. to "speed up." We would remind Mr. Garrett, their agent, that the local situation is mighty poor advertising for a certain concern that maintains general offices in Memphis, Tennessee.

### GOOD WORK, LADIES.

Going under the title of "Woman's Civic League," number of local women are interesting hemselves in matters of government. They meet every two weeks in the Community Hoise and listen to various people make talks... They are learning something that should have been taught in the public schools—they are learning about matters of GOVERNMENT. It goes without saying that these women will cast intelligent votes at any election. May the good work go on. (Ladies don't yan think your own boys and girls ought to know something of these things before they leave school?) leave school?)

### LET'S BEGIN EARLY.

Isn't WAR the worst thing that can happen to a people? If this is so, then isn't the insurance of permanent peace the biggest job that our world has to solve? If this is so, then why does an individual like Edward Bok have to offer a cash prize for the best solution? Isn't there something wrong about the whole scheme of our living when governments forget and individuals—so few of them—try to remember? You see, Folks, we firmly believe that the salvation of this world lies in teaching YOUTH the art of real CHARACTER-BUILDING; no use trying to change the habits of us grown us, because every trying to change the habits of us grownips, because every adult today has been bred to WAR. Let's begin before the "twig is indlined."

## OPINIONS WILL DIFFER.

voman has a right to an individual Every man and woman has a right to an individual opinion. Arthur Hartwell, Sr., of Brown street, believes that the 300,000 gallon water storage lank now used by the Village is not the best kind of tand. From what he told us one day last week we rather think he is opposed to paying for it. He would rather have had an elevated tank. Sowould we, Mr. Hartwell, but we've got the other kind, have used it and pronounce it an invaluable air to Birmingham's water supply. Don't you think a tring that has been received and used should be paid for —whether it's an automobile for one person or a tank for 5,000 etitzens?

Last Saturday was the last day for filing petitions nominating a local citizen for an office on the Village Commission. Since G. J. Shain and S. D. Wliey Bell will be unopposed for the offices of president and commissioner, respectively, they are now practically elected. We think that Birmingham people have made a good choice.

Police in Charleston, West Virginia, are to be rewarded for capturing criminals. Vacations of varying lengths, according to the kind of criminal taken into custody, will be given members of the police department. Well, Detroit need never fear-about losing all its force at one time if the method is adopted there.

#### LIVIN' ROOM LYRICS

### By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Bis CHILDISH TRICKS

I've often laughed and so have you. At little things the children do. A boy with boots, for instance, prays For lots of mud and raisy days! A rainy day sublimely sults A boy who has new rubber boots. But if the skies still sunny stay, He'll wear the new boots anyway.

And when he gets a winter coat.
To shield him from the blasts, I note
However mild the day may be
In his new coat that boy you'll see.
A little girl likewise behaves—
To childish pride they both are slaves.
But slder folks act just the same
For instance women I could name!

With furs or coats, or hats or quits,
They're like the boy with rubber boots.
However bright the day, and fair.
Their new fur coat they're bound to wear.
The sun will glow with warmth, and yet
They'll wear that coat, and swean, and sweat!
They will not wait for days of snow—
That new fur coat they're bound to show.

But if their winter coat is old
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But if their winter coat is old
But if their winter coat of lighter weight
Whose purchase is of recent date.
We laugh at things the children do,
But they might laugh at grown-ups too—
Except at man. They do not care
(Like fun they don't) what clothes they wear.

### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

It is intimated that Joe Rainey and al Jenks will present a petition to the school board asking for cushioned Houghton a coldest of

The Masonic event of the present me is the coming lecture before irmingham Lodge by Dr. R. Morris f Chicago upon "Free Masonry in oly Land." Dr. Morris is a Past rand Master of Kentucky, a

Miss Effice Hatchinson was sent an avitation by M. G. Shutes to teach to leo-cabin school for the next term at the invitation was respectfully to the control of the contro

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Tommy Cobb is pale yet from his arrow escape from death which ceurred Monday in putting a barrel f milasses in bis cellar. After its Tommy gets behind and pushes; stead of going shead and pulling.

Our old friend John T. Brown is the father of a bouncing baby bey-came last week. We always knew John would make his mark in the affections of Francis M. It is intimated that Joe Rainey and Wagner who united their fortunes to the time and of Rev. 1s. It is intimated the Joe Rainey and Wagner who united their fortunes to the timely aid of Rev. 1s. It is

Thomas Adaps is the living here were attended by three other couples of twenty-four runnaway while driving equines of all ages, from the firsky clot to the steady off "plus" by the high run away with him just from sheer duty.

James Shain had a buffalo role of the stolen last Sunday evening while he Chemos and the stolen last Sunday evening while he Chemo. They will be at home to was visiting his gard and Frank their many friends in the near future the same evening by thieves, who street. Congratulations are in order, and with the solo aiment. After suffering the rigors of a fice for a season, George A. Peak H. J. Bloomberg is seriously ill by son of our late neighbor and friend, James H. Peabody, last Wedfriend, James H. Peabody, last Wedfrien

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