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Editorial.

Now that THE LINK has entered upon the second year of its being it will perhaps be well—for the enlightenment of newcomers and to refresh the minds of the older dwellers amongst us—if we once more draw attention to ourselves.

In the early period of our Garden Suburb's existence it was felt by the pioneers of the movement that, if the maximum amount of success was to crown their work, it was necessary to do something more than provide good houses in pleasant rural surroundings. They realised that human nature is complex and many-sided—that man is a social being; that our women folk yearned for fellowship one with another; and that the junior element in our midst had also to be catered for. Nay, more, that the physical and mental requirements of our people called for satisfaction. And, as a result of this realisation of the common need, the agencies at present existing for supplying our wants were gradually developed.

It is a matter of everyday knowledge how well the needs of our people in the directions above indicated have been met, and our gratitude goes out to the men and women who have given so unsparingly of their time and talents that they might minister to our recreation and pleasure. Over and over again have newcomers to our Garden Suburb expressed their gratification at the successful way in which the Estate Council, the Ladies' "At Home," and the other agencies contributing to the social well-being are carrying on their work. As one friend so well expressed it to us the other day: "Wonderful insight has been shown in gauging just what is required. The aim has neither been too high nor too low, and a real knowledge of the needs of the people seems to have dictated policy." In this way a spirit of true comradeship has been fostered, and this is one of the greatest assets to our welfare as a community.

It was for the purpose of promoting good fellowship, and assisting in furthering the growth of our Suburb, that our friends of the "Forerunner"—in the days when the scheme was in its infancy—conceived the idea of issuing a monthly journal; and undoubtedly "The Forerunner" did a good deal towards shaping our destiny in various ways. But when the venture had gathered strength "Forerunner" became a misnomer, and so THE LINK came into being to fill a want which its predecessor had helped to create.

As a chronicle of events, a medium for the dissemination of ideas, and an educational force of some

value, THE LINK has received a warm welcome into the homes of our people. The Committee who have been responsible for its production have appreciated the spirit in which their labours have been received. And here let us confess that it is not an easy matter month by month, to fill our columns with matter of an interesting character. We would remind our readers that they can help a good deal in this direction. The old proverb has it that "many hands make light work," and it is certainly true that a greater number of contributors would make our pages more interesting.

We appeal to all our friends to help in this way—and almost everyone, if so willed, can provide us with notes of interest occasionally, even if unable to contribute more lengthy items. Let THE LINK be a medium for the interchange of ideas, a means of furthering our growth as a community, a vehicle for recording events as they occur—a real link in the chain of our development.

As our population grows it will become increasingly difficult to cater for its varied needs, and to keep in touch with each other. There is danger that, instead of continuing our present harmonious social life, we may degenerate into isolated units. It is only by the exercise of foresight, and a mutual cultivation of a spirit of tolerance, that our future can be shaped on the right lines; but if we bend ourselves to the task all difficulties can be overcome as they arise.

THE LINK hopes to play a part in the development of our Garden Suburb. While deprecating the discussion of matters of a religious, political or personal nature, it will open its columns for helpful discussion, entered into in a broad and tolerant spirit. It will be prepared to record all matters of general interest—sectional or otherwise—as they occur. We expect our friends to make use of our journal in this way; as well as to provide us with features of home interest, and also for the edification and amusement of our little folks.

The greater the number of our contributors, and the wider our field of usefulness as a monthly messenger to our people, the fuller will be the justification for our existence, and the better shall we be able to fulfil our purpose.

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Estate Council Report.

A successful Whist Drive was held on March 19th. For the second time Mr. Harding had to cut for the prize—and lose it! Better luck next time.

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The Dance on March 26th was well attended, and—as such affairs have a habit of doing—went off very well.

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The Belvoir Quartette who gave their services on May 3rd were greatly appreciated. The Chapel was again kindly lent. The artistes are so well known, and so deservedly popular, that further comment seems superfluous. They have delighted larger audiences than ours, but we feel they never had a more appreciative one. We venture to express the hope that they will visit us again in the near future. Our thanks are offered to Mrs. Stanyon, who so ably presided at the piano. The Council thank Mr. Whitby, of the new motor garage on Humberstone Road, who was engaged to take the artistes to the car terminus, but as the night was so wretched, conveyed them to their several homes—as a labour of love.

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The three foregoing events were organised in an effort to finally wipe off the debt on THE LINK, the result of which will be published in our next issue.

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HUMBERSTONE ADULT SCHOOL.

The Humberstone Men's Adult School will from May 25th onward hold its meetings in our Assembly Room. Its members are hopeful that by moving into the midst of the community, and above all, into a room with no political or sectarian label, the usefulness of the school may be greatly increased. The Adult School has no concern with the spreading of special theories, but appeals to all men on the simple basis of aspiring humanity, to associate for mutual help in trying to follow out in their lives the practical teachings of the Bible.

To be present at 9 a.m. Sunday morning does not require a great deal of heroism in turning out of bed, and the early hour of meeting enables members who wish to attend the services of the various churches to do so. The Adult School asks each man in our community over the age of eighteen in the name of comradeship to join.

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PEOPLE'S POPULAR SERVICES.

On Sunday, May 5th, the series of People's Popular Services, held in the Assembly Room, was brought to a close with a Musical Service, kindly provided by Mr. A. Aston and party, to whom thanks are due, the music being both good and appropriate. It was originally intended that these meetings should finish at Easter, but, by request, they were continued for another month. The autumn will no doubt bring their revival. The attendances throughout have been good, and hearty thanks are offered to the friends who have given addresses, contributed solos, &c.

PRESENTATION.

A pleasing ceremony took place on Monday, April 28th, at "Abbotsford," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Scott. The occasion was a presentation by the students of the Industrial History Class to Mr. R. Law, the honorary instructor. Mr. Spencer, in making the presentation, said that on behalf of himself and his fellow students he wished to thank Mr. Law for the amount of time and trouble he had given to them during the winter months, and the hope was expressed that another class would be arranged for next session.

Mr. Law said the gift (which took the form of a fountain pen) was happily chosen; it would prove very useful to him. He was delighted to know that the classes had been so well appreciated by those who attended, and he did not regret giving his time for such a cause. He thanked them all very much for the gift, and for the kind thoughts which prompted the giving of it.

A pleasant hour was spent chatting, during which refreshments were provided.

Anchor Tenants.

MONTHLY MEETING, APRIL 16th, 1913.

About twenty-five members were present at the above meeting on April 16th, 1913, Mr. Groome presiding.

The Secretary gave the Committee's monthly report, which was supplemented by the Chairman and, after discussion, unanimously approved.

Nominations for THE LINK Committee were taken after Mr. Wilford had outlined the constitution as it had grown up, the representation now being as follows: one from General Committee; one from Distributive Society's Committee; one from Estate Council; and two from the meeting. Mr. Cashmore moved that the Committee be enlarged to seven, and this was agreed to, Mr. J. T. Taylor, Mr. W. Mason, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Cashmore being appointed by the meeting; Mr. Jays (representing the Supply Association), Mr. Hibbett (General Committee), and Mrs. Vass (Estate Council), making up the new Committee.

Mr. Scott then gave report of Estate Council's work, mentioning the fact that their efforts were being directed during the next few weeks to raising sufficient cash to clear off the outstanding obligations of THE LINK Fund, and to ensure its successful issue during the coming twelve months. He appealed for the support of the members in this undertaking, which it was generally thought ought to be successful.

In general business the question of the making of the road at bottom of Estate giving outlet to Stene's Lane was ventilated, the Secretary promising to bring this matter before the General Committee for further consideration.

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Items of Interest.

The Secretary to the Estate Council will be glad to receive the names, and sixpences, of those who have not yet joined the Outside Games Club. Many happy hours are spent during the summer months on the bowling green and at skittles, &c., and in these means of recreation and amusement all are invited to participate. "Stand not upon the order of your going," but go at once, and make the Secretary's heart glad.

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During the last week or two there has been a great display of activity in our gardens. "Mother and me and the family" have all been on the job, and, granted bright sunshine and gentle showers, the results of their labours will soon be manifesting themselves; and giving pleasure to visitors and residents alike. Beautiful gardens play a great part in adding to the attractiveness of our Estate, and recent activities are to be commended—particularly so in regard to the way-side strips.

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The London school child who wrote in his composition that "grass was what people must not walk on" may have stood too much in awe of the notices he had seen in public parks and gardens; but certain it is that the grass margins on our roads would soon assume a more verdant aspect if left undisturbed by the feet of the passer-by.

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The shrubs and trees in our avenues add greatly to their beauty, and in course of time will become more attractive still. Moreover they attract the feathered tribe, and so we are twice blessed. Let us all be jealous guardians for their preservation. It is true that too many grandmotherly regulations in these matters would prove irksome to old and young alike; but still a word in season—. We will leave it at that.

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The scheme for perpetuating the memory of the late Mr. George Hern has been advanced another stage by the erection of rustic seats in the wall recesses of the memorial at the foot of Fern Rise. These will provide a welcome resting-place for visitors, and in the summer many of our own women folk may "take their knitting there," when "the evening sun is low." Many sacrifices will also be offered "My Lady Nicotine" by our men folk.

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Mr. Henry Vivian, the well-known Co-partnership worker, departed for New York on April 26th, as one of the British delegates who are visiting the States in connection with the Peace Centenary.

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A "Working Women's Conference on Housing," to which invitations have been issued by the Central London Branch of the Women's Labour League, is to be held at the Institute in the Hampstead Garden Suburb, on May 30th. Discussions on the essentials of good housing will be opened by practical housewives—on the relative advantages of flats and cottages, number of rooms necessary, water supply, bathrooms, washing accommodation or municipal laundries, &c., &c. Mr. Raymond Unwin will speak on "Town Planning," Miss Mabel Atkinson on "Shall we house below cost?" and the Chief Sanitary Inspector of Bethnal Green on "Present powers to improve by means of bye-laws." We anticipate a report of the proceedings with interest.

At a meeting of those interested, held at "Windermere," on April 29th, it was decided to form a Socialist Education League, of which Mr. G. A. Parker was appointed secretary, pro tem., and a committee formed. A further meeting will be convened in the Autumn for the purpose of arranging details. The idea is to encourage study of social questions by means of book reading and to hold discussions.

Sirs, ye are Brethren!

This, which is the motto of our own Vaughan College, would be exceedingly apt as the message of the Co-operative Educational Week-End, the sixth of which was held at the London Working Men's College this Easter, for it represented the effort of the Co-operative Union to focus that comradeship and fellowship of the Movement which is such a force and power for good. The building itself is new, but the associations take us back to the noble brotherhood of social reformers and co-operators, the Christian Socialists of the middle of last century, who founded the College and whose self-sacrificing work for education and social progress was so far-reaching, men like Maurice, Kingsley, Hughes, Neale, and Ludlow. And it is a healthy sign for Co-operation to find this educational meeting growing in popularity, when students and leaders spend four or five days together each year holding meetings, discussions, visiting places of interest, forming friendships and exchanging experiences, all tending to broaden one's outlook and foster the fraternal spirit.

Of the large number of addresses delivered, two stand out, perhaps, for their distinct practicability, the one by Canon Masterman on the teaching of Industrial History, and the other by Miss Llewelyn Davies to the Men's Guild meeting. The Canon made an appeal to teachers of this subject, and there were a large number present, to teach round a central idea or line of progress, looking for evidences and tendencies that have led to a certain result in the mass of detail with which books on Industrial History are overburdened. Miss Davies made a stirring appeal to concentration on definite work by the Guilds that are springing up on the lines of the W.C.G., of which she is secretary. She showed not only what to aim at but how to go about it. It was interesting to note the rush for catching the chairman's eye that followed, so different from the average conference discussions.

The visits to places of interest were up to a high educational level—for instance, Lambeth Palace, with the Archbishop's chaplain for guide, a gentleman who had been president of a London co-operative society; the Tate Gallery, with Miss Gertrude Toynbee as guide; and the Hampstead Suburb with the Secretary of the Trust as guide, and so on. All these facilities enabled the most use to be made of the visits which were each an educational feast.

One could not help but be inspired by such a time and stimulated to further effort to educational work and feel that the Co-operative Movement stood for more than mere commercial success, that its ideals were still incentives to keeping the co-operative ship on its course towards the general uplifting of the masses.

E. H.

Children's Corner.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW.

Quoth the boy, "I'll climb that tree
And bring down a nest I know."
Quoth the girl, "I will not see
Little birds defrauded so.
Cowardly their nests to take,
And their little hearts to break,
And their little eggs to steal,
Leave them happy for my sake,
Surely little birds can feel!"

Quoth the boy, "My senses whirl;
Until now I never heard
Of the wisdom of a girl
Or the feelings of a bird!
Pretty Mrs. Solomon,
Tell me what you reckon on
When you prate in such a strain.
If I wring their necks anon,
Certainly they *might* feel pain."

Quoth the girl, "I watch them talk,
Making love and making fun,
In the pretty ash-tree walk
When my daily task is done.
In their little eyes I find
They are very fond and kind,
Every change of song or voice
Plainly proveth to my mind,
They can suffer and rejoice."

And the little Robin-bird
(Nice brown back and crimson breast),
All the conversation heard,
Sitting trembling on his nest.
"What a world," he cried, "of bliss,
Full of birds and girls were this!
Blithe we'd answer to their call;
But a great mistake it is
Boys were ever made at all."

From Poems written for a Child.

Mother: "Don't you feel able to get up to-day?"

Boy: "No, mother. I feel too ill."

Mother: "Well, let's see. I think you'll be able to go
on Monday. To-day's Saturday and—"

Boy (jumping out of bed): "Saturday! I thought it
was Friday!"

CRICKET CLUB.

We have hoisted our flag for a second season, and despite the weather and the first two results, we are not going to haul it down yet awhile.

It was rather unfortunate that our first match had to be called a "draw" just because "someone had blundered" with the scoring. This is particularly galling when the result was so close as to leave a doubt as to which side really had won; we are, however, true sportsmen (at least we hope so) and readily accepted the visiting captain's offer to make it a tie.

Now, a word about our visit to Evington on May 3rd. We started off in great style, each one mounted on a steed of the best steel, except the umpire, who sat back in his special carriage as though he had never ridden behind a horse in his life. Our usual cricket weather made itself known almost as soon as we arrived, and the showers, together with the cold wind, seemed to take the heart right out of us as far as cricket was concerned, for, as the results will show, we only made

eleven all told. But never mind—we did this once last season.

I believe I remarked that we "went in style," but some of us came back via Coleman Road—someone having informed us that it was good riding, and we believed the wretch!

Will all members please note that the second instalment of the subscription is now overdue, and the Secretary will be pleased to enter up any amount to their credit. Any applications for hon. membership will also be gladly accepted.

H. F.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Great Central, 58; H.G.S.C.C., 58. At home on April 26th. H.G.S.C.C. scores:—H. Goodenough, b., 16; G. Hecks, c., 9; G. Ward, b., 8; E. Wilford, c., 1; C. W. Purdy, c., 4; J. Jays, b., 8; W. Butler, lbw., 0; W. Keywood, c., 5; E. Pepper, c., 3; F. Parker, b., 0; A. Vass, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 58.

Evington, 29; H.G.S.C.C., 11. Away, on May 3rd. H.G.S.C.C. scores:—C. H. Goodenough, b., 1; E. Peberdy, c., 5; A. Duffin, b., 0; G. Ward, b., 2; C. W. Purdy, b., 0; A. Vass, b., 0; E. Pepper, lbw., 1; A. Wilford, b., 0; A. Aston, b., 2; E. Wilford, b., 0; H. Folwell, not out, 0; extras, 0; total, 11.

FIXTURES FOR MAY.

10th.—S. Russell & Sons (*vice* Rover Cycle Club).

13th.—Belgrave Hall (Whit Tuesday).

14th.—Ask the Captain.

17th.—Tramways Friendly at Belgrave.

24th.—Curzon Street.

31st.—Tramways Office.

The first meeting of the new LINK Committee was held on April 26th, all members being present. Mr. Mason re-affirming his decision to give up the position of Editor, thanks were accorded him for his past services, and Mr. Elliot was unanimously appointed to fill the position. Mr. Hibbett was re-appointed Chairman of the Committee, and the Society itself is Treasurer.

We regret the serious accident which befel our young friend and resident, Maggie Scott, and sympathise with her and her friends. May she speedily be restored to health. We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to our friend Mr. A. Orton, whose illness has now unfortunately extended over a prolonged period, and wish him a speedy recovery.

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Garden Notes.

Owing to the inclement weather of the past month gardening has been almost impossible, but still, I suppose we must hope for a brighter season.

While reading in last issue the article entitled "Taters," perhaps the most practical and pleasing part, to the writer's mind, was the comradeship of the allottees. The same principle might be beneficially extended amongst interested comrades of the A.T.E. by arranging small parties to visit one another's gardens, when matters on gardening could be discussed. A welcome invitation is extended to Thurnby at any time.

Put in runner beans, the poles for which should be two feet apart, allowing two beans to a pole. Dwarf varieties may be planted one foot apart, or, better still, put runner poles three feet apart and plant dwarfs in between. Sow beetroot. A sprinkle of salt raked into the soil before sowing will be very beneficial. Plant main crop of potatoes, using plenty of old soot as manure. Keep the hoe at work at all favourable opportunities.

Bedding plants of all description may be safely planted out into their summer quarters.

To grow marrows successfully dig out a hole three feet across by two feet deep, fill up with turf soil to about six inches off the level, then plant in the centre of the bed.

Do not sow peas after May. As soon as they are up give a good sprinkling of soot.

T. R.

HUMBERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Council was held in the Village Schoolroom on Thursday, April 17th, Mr. S. W. Fox presiding. The first business was signing the declaration by each member on taking office, and the next the appointment of officers. Mr. J. B. Fowler was appointed Chairman of the Council for the next twelve months, Messrs. S. W. Fox and A. Rouse Overseers, and Mr. J. S. Wilford School Manager. Cheques for several small items of expenditure were signed, including one for 5s. 6d. election expenses. It is interesting to note that the rateable value of the Parish is almost equally divided, viz., £1,826 for agricultural land and £1,833 for buildings. It was decided to meet more frequently, and also to apply for power to increase the number of Council members in accordance with the increase of population in the Parish.

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RECIPES AND WRINKLES!

Most, if not all, of our women folks have favourite recipes and household wrinkles which ought to be passed on to help others. We are open to receive such for publication under this head, and hope our lady friends will keep us well supplied. When the items are cut out and pasted in the family cookery book, they should in course of time form a useful collection. Now then, ladies, be not backward in coming forward! Here is the first instalment:—

LEMON PUDDING.—Two and a half ozs. of bread-crumbs, 1½ ozs. of flour, 2 ozs. finely chopped suet, the juice of half a lemon, a little grated rind, 1 oz. of sugar and one egg. Put in a basin and steam for two hours. A little custard sauce is an improvement.—Mrs. VASS.

DATE CAKE.—(A cake that does not want baking)—1½ lb. dates, 2 ozs. almonds, 2 ozs. shelled walnuts, 2 ozs. desiccated cocoanut, ¼ lb. figs. Wash, dry and stone the dates; put in warm oven for five or ten minutes; blanch almonds. Mince coarsely (all but the cocoanut), roll out on board until half an inch thick, cut into diamonds or any shape preferred, using the desiccated cocoanut to keep from sticking to the board.—Mrs. N. MEEKINS.

GINGER PUDDING.—¾ lb. flour, ½ lb. golden syrup, ¼ lb. suet, 2 teaspoonfuls ground ginger, ½ teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda. Mix together flour, suet (finely chopped), and ginger. Stir in golden syrup (warmed). Dissolve soda in a little milk and thoroughly blend with other ingredients the last thing. Steam four hours. Serve with golden syrup.—Mrs. C. W. PURDY.

MEAT ROLL.—1 lb. lean beef, ¼ lb. ham or bacon, ½ lb. bread crumbs, 1 large onion, parsley and thyme, 1 teaspoonful spice, pepper and salt to taste. Mince or chop finely and mix together with the hands, add two well beaten eggs. Place in buttered paper and shape in roll. Roll up in paper, then place in cloth, tie up ends and sew securely. Steam for about three hours. Leave in cloth until cold, then take out and glaze.

GLAZE FOR ABOVE.—½ pint stock, boil and thicken with arrowroot, adding a little browning and pepper and salt. Garnish with tomato, &c.—Mrs. C. W. PURDY.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Those responsible for the new organisation for the extension of Co-partnership Principles in Leicester and District advise us that they are arranging for a Joint Pic-nic and Demonstration to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, June 14th. Arrangements for making this a huge gathering of co-partners and their friends are in a forward state, and it is hoped that our Tenants and their friends will rally round the promoters and do their part towards making this a Memorable Gathering. Full particulars will be issued later. Keep open the date—June 14th, 1913.

IN YOUR GARDEN.

The garden we dig in the spring, tra la,
Gives promise of many a feed,
It causes a mortal to sing, tra la,
And wait for tomatoes to spring, tra la,
But nothing comes up but a weed.
And that's what I mean when I say or I sing,
"Don't bank on the garden we dig in the spring."

Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

Letters to the Editor need not be signed. Writer's name and address, on a separate slip, must accompany letters, but will not be published unless required. Will correspondents and others please write on one side of the paper only.

THE CATERING DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a few lines space in your next edition to make a strong appeal to our residents—one which I think has not yet been made? I wish to refer to the Catering Department of our Supply Association. Perhaps a lot of our members are not aware that this department comes under the control of one of the sub-committees, and that all the necessary work has to be carried out by them. Now, as secretary of that sub-committee, I should like to appeal to any friends who feel they can assist us to volunteer for service occasionally on Saturday afternoons in the Institute.

There are only four of us on the sub-committee, and, like all our friends, we have our homes and gardens to attend to, and to devote a great deal of time to this public work means neglect of one or the other. It is my belief that we ought to broaden the basis of voluntary labour (as well as taxation), and with volunteers from among our members we could make good arrangements to the benefit of all concerned.

Take as an example the Whitsuntide holiday. Two of our sub-committee members have to go away and this leaves only two of us to attend to the catering on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. You will therefore readily see what advantages we should obtain from some outside assistance.

I wish to state that this letter is not official from the sub-committee, but a direct personal appeal from myself.

Yours &c.,

H. FOLWELL.

"Kilkare," May 5th, 1913.

THE LADIES' GYMNASTIC CLASS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the Editorial columns of your last issue a reference to the Ladies' Gymnasium appeared, in which a suggestion was made that the costume rather than the drill was responsible for the enthusiasm displayed by the ladies. I contend that this insinuation is unjust, and as a member of the physical culture class I wish to protest against it. There is a cricket club in our Garden City, the members of which wear a special costume. Is that costume the cause of their devotion to cricket? If it is not, why should the accusation be made against the members of the physical culture class?

The gymnastic costume would have a deterrent effect rather than the opposite on the average woman—who is far too much a slave to conventionality, and goes in mortal fear of Mrs. Grundy all her life. Indeed it has required a certain amount of courage on the part of our sedate matrons to wear the costume, and is just another instance of their pluck. The dress certainly is both comfortable and becoming and I would that we all had the courage to make it our ordinary working-dress in the house. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, having found it so sensible and jolly for our exercises, we Garden City women *may* adopt it for daily wear. Why not?

But I assure you the physical culture class is not a mutual admiration society by any means, as you seem to imply.

Could you hear our groans and expressions of woe—especially next day—you would grant that something more was demanded of us by Mrs. Parsloe than the wearing of a special dress.

Yours &c.,

"PHYSICAL CULTURIST."

Gussy bought an aeroplane,
Which was his heart's delight;
But yet he scouted with disdain
The notion of a flight.
For aerial exploits nought cared he;
And, when his friends did murmur,
Said he, "The clouds quite firm maybe,
But I think terra *firmer*!"

R.C.

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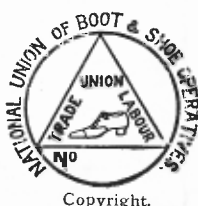
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