

**GERMANTOWN FRIENDS' PUPILS GROW GARDENS**

**Conservation of Plant and Bird Life Taught in Open-Air Classes**

Photographs illustrating this article appear in the Pictorial Section.

A three-fold method of conserving national resources by raising food, saving seeds and making young folks' bodies strong so they will grow to good citizens is in vogue at the Germantown Friends' School, Greene street, above School lane. Friends do not believe in killing in war. They are willing to do all they can to conserve life and give relief when there is war. The plan in use at the Germantown Friends' School has proved successful in times of peace, and the trustees and faculty feel that now war has been declared it will stand the nation in good stead. The children plant their own gardens in the school yard. As part of the school work they are taught how things grow, and how to care for them, so they will be able to raise food as they grow older and thus contribute to the nation's food supply.

To save birds and thus prevent insects and grubs from ruining the fruit, vegetables and grain supplies, these same little children have been making bird houses. They have made large ones and small ones, some which look like tree trunks, others which are really, truly houses. The youngsters have had a "wonderful time" making those houses and putting them up in their own back yards. They have learned to love and appreciate their little feathered friends more as a result of the bird houses than in any other way, according to the mothers and teachers.

The Germantown Friends' School is aiding to conserve national health by its open-air classes and open-air gymnasium, where the children take regular exercise. The children all have at least one hour of open-air classwork a day, in special open-air classrooms, constructed on the lawn back of the schoolhouse. The outdoor classrooms are 18 by 24 feet. The walls are sliding glass sashes which are never closed winter or summer, except in case of a high wind.

Teachers and parents agree that the children's health has been much improved by the experiment of open-air classes and open-air gymnasium. These children are open-air school children in the usual sense of the word. The school is a regular school. None of the children is sick.

But the trustees reasoned that if open-air schools were good for sick children, they would be good for well children; if they made sick children stronger, they would keep strong ones strong.

**Farmer Smith's Column**

**APPRECIATION**

My Dear Children—I am wonderful how you respond to your real, true feelings. When I talk to children in their classrooms they laugh and clap their hands, while having a beautiful time.

On the other hand, grown-ups seem to be afraid to laugh—afraid to clap their hands. Funny, isn't it?

The reason I want you to write and tell me about my stories and talks is I want you to learn to be APPRECIATIVE. To be able to let loose and show how well you like something.

Laugh when you feel like it. Cry when you feel like it.

BE NATURAL!  
Your loving editor,  
FARMER SMITH.

**STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BILLY BUMPUS**

**GETTING ACQUAINTED**  
By Farmer Smith

"Oh, dear! I thought this military life was going to be full of excitement, but everything seems to be as quiet as a mill pond. I wonder where those friends are who went after that powder can for me."

Billy lay down beside the tent and waited. He thought and thought of all that had happened to him, and wondered what would be the next thing coming to occupy his thought. Suddenly he heard a voice near him.

"Get up!" said the voice.  
"That's strange," thought Billy. "It must be the general speaking to me. It does sound like a command." With that he jumped to his feet and went inside the tent. There was not a sound, so he lay down and was soon fast asleep. He was dreaming of a great battle. He seemed to be leading the troops to victory. "Hurrah!" he heard the soldiers cry.

Suddenly there was a noise right over Billy's head and he jumped up hurriedly. "Carry arms!" said the strange voice. Billy jumped up and stood attention. He had no idea where the voice came from. By this time it had grown dark and he could see no one. "Right shoulder arms!" commanded the voice.

"Look here!" shouted Billy. "Are you the general or what are you?"  
"Pretty Polly—sit down—sit down."

Billy sat down in the darkness and be-



MISS MARGARET M. COYNE



MR. GEORGE F. DOUGLAS

Miss Coyne and Mr. Douglas will take the leading parts in the play "For Her Father's Sake" to be given tomorrow night in the K. of C. Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, for the benefit of St. Agatha's new school building.

**FACTFUL PHOTOPLAY FLASHES**

Doug's letters are like his acting, full of breezy cheerfulness. One just received from him is quite typical of this film favorite: To the Photo-play Editor:

In our present day of pacifists and ammunition factory explosions, we found excellent material for "In Again—Out Again," which I understand will soon be shown in Philadelphia.

In some of the fight scenes, I was compelled to protect myself against fifty typical Jess Willards, any one of whom with a punch could shatter a marble mansion. Gosh, but it was a tough squabble, and oh boy, how earnestly we fought! Twice I saw visions of a tombstone in a quiet cemetery—but I am still on deck, ready for the next big fight picture.

One of the admirable points about motion pictures is the importance attached to realism. You ought to see the extremes we go to for a touch of gymnastic realism.

Here's hoping that "In Again—Out Again" goes over with a bang in Philadelphia and many thanks for your kind treatment. With kindest personal regards, Sincerely,

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.  
Hollywood, Cal., April 29, 1917.

The Victoria's patrons will have an opportunity to see this new production all this week.

Friday and Saturday Thomas H. Ince presents his million-dollar spectacle, "Civilization," at the Ridge Avenue Theatre.

The most widely heralded and conspicuously successful production in the annals of motion picture industry. The submarine scenes and battles, which form one of the most interesting features of "Civilization," were actually made aboard real sea sharks of Uncle Sam's navy. It is customary for the navy in its quarterly practice off Point Loma, San Diego, to use for target practice an old discarded steamship or freight vessel. The Government agreed to furnish two battleships, two torpedo boat destroyers, one cruiser and two submarines, the latter of the H boat class. The battle as fought for the movies actually lasted twenty-seven minutes. They were 600 shots fired by the navy men, and another 600 shots fired into the air. One year was spent in making the great cinema spectacle.

"Civilization." An augmented orchestra will play the music which was written especially for this production.

Entertainment comprising many photoplays of unusual excellence will be offered at the Ruby this week. Today William Farnum, assisted by Jewel Carmen, in "American Methods" is the main feature.

Auto suggestion or some such thing has caused Miss Anna Lavery, of Conshohocken, Pa., to go to Atlantic City for a ten days' vacation. She wanted to be by the real, wet sea. Her employer, Able L. Einstein, of the Stanley Publicity Bureau, has dictated so many notes about the film production, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," that she just had to see whether there was such a place as a sea. To add to this complex of seas, she is stopping at the Breakers.

Pauline Frederick, who numbers her admirers in this city by hundreds, will be the main attraction at the Palace this week, and so great is this emotional actress's popularity that the management has decided to retain her for the entire six days in "Sleeping Pines." In this picture Miss Frederick has a role that is entirely different from anything in which she has ever appeared.

Friday and Saturday House Peters and Louise Huff in the first presentation of "The Lonesome Chap," which is a Paramount production, will be shown at the Regent.

"Womanhood" will be shown for three days at the Jefferson. The date will be announced later.

At the Imperial on Thursday Gladys Brockwell will be seen in the latest of her screen productions, "Her Temptation." In this play this charming actress has unusual opportunities for the display of those emotional talents which have won her so great a success. An added attraction on Wednesday and Thursday will be a picturization of the O. Henry story, "Friends at San Rosario," and another added attraction will be Dittmar's Living Book of Nature.

Mary Pickford will appear at the Rialto today in a picturization of Eleanor Gates'

popular novel, "The Poor Little Rich Girl," and in this "Our Mary" has one of the greatest roles of her career. For good measure an added attraction will be one of O. Henry's series of short stories, "Friends at San Rosario."

On Thursday and continuing until the end of the week at the Alhambra Blanche Sweet will appear in a picturization of F. Hopkinson Smith's novel, "The Tides of Barnegat."

A trio of popular stars of the films will furnish photoplay entertainment to residents of North Philadelphia at the Great Northern Theatre this week, and they will appear in plays that have never before been presented in this section of the city. Today and Tuesday Stuart Holmes, supported by Mary Martin, will appear in "The Derelict." "Past One at Rooney's," which is the third of the series of O. Henry's pictures, is an added attraction on these two days.

Alice Brady, who has won innumerable friends by her skill and beauty, comes on Wednesday and Thursday to the Belmont in that stirring and thrilling play, "Darkest Russia," which is timely in view of recent events in the former czar's country.

Mac Murray, the fair Lasky star, who will be seen at the Fairmount today in the Lasky-Paramount production "On Record," is surrounded by a cast of unusual excellence, including such splendid artists as Tom Forman, Charles Ogle, Henry Barrows, Gertrude Matland and Lucien Littlefield. The story was written by John B. Clymer and Paul West, and prepared for the screen by George Dubois Prector, and the production was made for the Lasky Company under the direction of Robert Leonard.

**Philadelphia Killed in France**

Another Philadelphia has been killed fighting "somewhere in France." He is Arthur Greenaway, at one time attendant in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane. Word was received here today from his brother, Joseph Greenaway, who wrote that if his brother had "come through he would have been decorated." Both brothers left this city two years ago and enlisted in an English regiment.

**PLAN BIG PHILADELPHIA MUSICAL ORGANIZATION**

**Students and Lovers of Music Join to Make This City Great Art Center**

A permanent organization for spreading over the United States and Europe the unequalled advantages of Philadelphia to students and lovers of music, and to give publicity to the things which are being done in a musical way in this city, will be formed at the Musical Art Club, 102 South Seventeenth street, Wednesday evening, May 9.

The organization will be open to musical directors, leaders and members of orchestras, choral society members, teachers of music, members of music clubs, concertists and other close followers of music. This organization, if it draws the large membership hoped for, is expected to do more

among outsiders for Philadelphia than any effort previously made.

The following are members of a preliminary committee on organization: Dr. William H. Greene, president of the Musical Art Club; Thomas A. Beckel, department of music, Girard College; Edward E. Abbott, editor-in-chief of Ladies' Home Journal; Henry Gordon Thayer, conductor of Philadelphia Choral Society; Mrs. Frederick W. Abbott, president of Matinee Musical Club; Andrew Wheeler, secretary of Philadelphia Orchestra Association; Dr. Charles D. Mack, executive committee of Philadelphia Orchestra Association, and Dr. Edward I. Ketter, C. von Sternberg, president of the Sternberg School of Music.

**Textile Workers Ask Wage Increase**

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 7.—At a conference of the executive committee of the Fall River Textile Council and the Manufacturers' Association the latter was notified that a general advance of 10 per cent in wages would be expected after the expiration of the present agreement on June 2.

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<b>Coats</b> Former prices were up to \$59.75	<b>NOW 35.00</b>
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<b>Post Toasties</b> Pkg., 8c	<b>Fresh EGGS, doz. 37c</b> Every Egg guaranteed as represented—strictly fresh.	<b>Campbell's Soups</b> Can, 10c
<b>Quaker Puffed Rice</b> ..... 12c <b>Quaker Puffed Wheat</b> , 12c <b>Best Rolled Oats</b> ..... 9c <b>Grape Nuts</b> ..... 12c <b>Postum Cereal</b> ..... 12c, 20c <b>Fancy Rice</b> ..... lb. 9c <b>Lima Beans</b> ..... lb. 17c <b>Marrow Beans</b> ..... lb. 17c	<b>New Laid Eggs in sealed cartons, doz. 40c</b> Extra large, full and meaty; selected and packed with great care.	<b>Soup Beans</b> ..... lb. 17c <b>Cornmeal</b> ..... lb. 4c <b>Barley</b> ..... lb. 6c <b>Seedless Raisins, pkg. 13c</b> <b>Seeded Raisins, pkg. 12c</b> <b>Ritter's Catsup</b> ..... bot. 12c
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	<b>House-Cleaning Week</b> The city authorities have particularly designated this week as House-Cleaning Week. Let us all do our share by co-operating with the various city departments having the matter in charge in an effort to make Philadelphia the cleanest city in the U. S.	
	<b>SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEED</b> Lenox Soap ..... cake 4c Fels-Naptha Soap ..... cake 4 1/2c Sabbitt's Soap ..... cake 4 1/2c Young's Sand Soap ..... cake 4 1/2c Babbitt's Cleanser ..... can 4 1/2c Old Dutch Cleanser ..... can 8c Washing Soda ..... lb. 2c Snowboy Wash Powder ..... pkg. 4 1/2c Gold Dust Wash Powder ..... pkg. 4 1/2c, 18c 20-Mule Team Borax ..... pkg. 4c Insectine, for insects ..... can 9c Scrub Brushes ..... each 5c, 8c, 10c Good Dust Brushes ..... each 10c	