

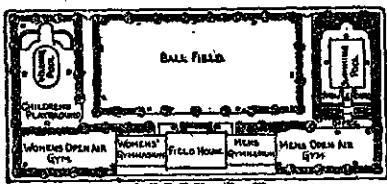
## GENERAL EXPENSE OF A PLAYGROUND

### Amount of Money Needed Depends Upon Circumstances

By Everett B. Mero.

One of the first questions to arise when consideration is given to introducing playgrounds, or increasing their number in any city or town, is that of expense. "Can we afford them" is apt to be the question rather than the really vital one of "How can we afford to get along without them?"

Just how much money is necessary to put into a playground can be answered in a great many ways. One hundred and fifty dollars will equip a playground, or as much as \$10,000 can be devoted to the purpose. Just the same principle applies as in building a house. It depends upon what the builders want to do, where the house is located, what it is to be used for and how much money is available. It is unwise to delay starting a playground because it cannot be completely equipped. From a small start rightly made, growth invariably follows. Of course it is always better to have a complete equipment when possible.



Park Playground in Small Space

A compact arrangement of the essential features of a modern playground or recreation center. The complete plan can be approached gradually, beginning with the locally desired features.

If the playground goes beyond just a piece of land with a minimum of equipment there may be the questions of grading, fencing and shrubbery. Experience has shown that a fence is desirable and usually very necessary for a neighborhood playground in almost any locality. If the playground is to provide for boys and girls above the age of twelve to fourteen a question of more apparatus is an important one, including such things as frames, from which apparatus is suspended or to which it is attached, including traveling rings, horizontal bars, ladders, etc. The best way to get at the expense of this equipment is to talk the matter over with a manufacturer or with some expert who can give concrete advice and suggestions of real value.

It is not always necessary to have expensive apparatus. Apparatus is useful and labor saving rather than an absolute necessity. If necessary, much of it can be home made.

The matter of land is a variable one, depending upon the town or city valuation, as well as the location in the town or city. An argument that is often strongly urged by officials and others is just this matter of land expense. "Whatever the force of that argument, one thing is certain, the expense will never be any less than it is now," says Joseph Lee. The question of securing land for playgrounds without further delay appeals to thinking people everywhere because as any town or city grows and develops it is bound to become more congested and the desirable land is not only harder to get, but costs more when it can be had. An often quoted example is Seward Park, in New York city, for which nearly \$2,000,000 was paid for its two acres that might have been secured for a few hundred dollars when the city was small. There is only one New York city, but the same idea will apply to any progressive community.

## CIVIL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

Those who took the summer school course in civil engineering, held at Pickford's Camps, Rangely Lakes, are back with stories of a good time, with plenty of interesting work. They left Boston June 7. Most of them stayed at Rangely four weeks, but a few left at the end of the third week.

The following are the fifteen who were at the camps with Professors Robbins, Hosmer, Breed and Russell; J. R. Bowman 1911, R. J. Boyden 1910, P. L. Cladwell 1911, I. K. Campbell 1911, H. H. Catching 1911, H. M. Davis 1911, A. J. Foot 1910, L. W. Greeley 1910, H. L. Manley 1911, M. A. Navarro 1910, H. L. Robinson 1911, R. E. Runels 1911, J. A. Urquhart 1911, W. W. Warner 1911 and A. W. Yerance 1911.

The work started at about 8 o'clock every morning when the fellows left their log cabins and divided into small parties, so that each one might get plenty of party experience. Work ended at 6 P. M., after which, cards and a good time were not unknown.

Several days were spent in stadia, in running the survey through Rangely village, and in finishing up the work started two years ago by the students. Former work on the plain table was also finished up about the lake shores and one-quarter of mile inshore.

A few days were also spent triangulating, leveling, sounding the lake by hydrographic methods, and in testing the flow of streams, the results of which will be plotted in the fourth years work. These students will be excused from advanced field work in third and fourth year hydraulics.

### Among Other Side Issues.

A notable base ball game was played with the West Rangely team, when the surveyors put up a fine fight, and leveled the score at 44 to 10 in favor of the Rangely team. Prof. Breed, the umpire did his share of the "playing," for he says that but for his good work, the final score of the Rangely team would have undoubtedly reached 80 or 100. W. W. Urquhart pitched all nine innings.

Excursions up Saddleback mountain were made and a good healthy summer's work completed.

## BROTHERHOOD LECTURES

(Continued from page 1.)

- October 21. Divinity of Christ.
  - October 28. The Holy Spirit.
  - November 4. Resurrection of Christ—Historic Evidence.
  - November 11. Resurrection of Christ—Religious Significance.
  - November 18. Christian Doctrine of an Intermediate State.
  - December 9. Heaven.
  - December 16. Hell.
  - Second Term Subjects—"Life."
    - February 10. Brotherhood of Man.
    - Christian Ideal—Socialistic Ideal.
    - February 17. How the Educated Man Regards the Christian Church.
    - February 24. The Bible—Its Use and Abuse.
    - March 3. Obligation of Christendom to Heathen Nations.
    - March 10. Christian Attitude Towards War.
    - March 17. The Christian's Duty as Citizen.
    - March 31. The Christian's Duty (1) In Relation to the Temperance Movement.
    - April 7. The Christian's Duty (3) in Relation to Social Purity.
- Thursday at 7:30 till 8:15.

The National Convention of the Brotherhood will be held in Providence this year and several of the Tech members have already expressed their intention of going down to it on Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17.

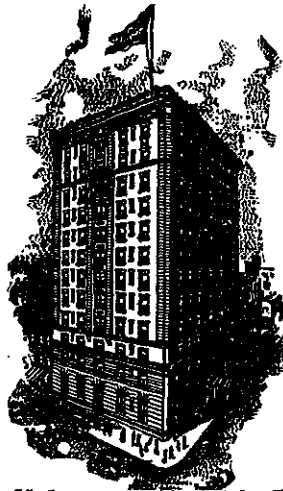
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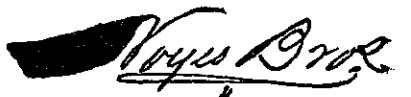


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