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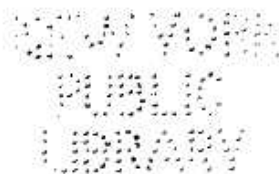
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PREFACE.

The more we know of grown people, the better we like children; which is, after all, no reflection on any one, for where is the man or woman who has not something of the child-heart still remaining, especially when beguiled by Fairy Godmother Nature into the open air, and touched by her magic wand? As all, therefore, are children, this book is intended for all; but it need surprise no one if in this, to a much greater extent than in its predecessor, the suggestions are adapted to those who often have the entertainment of little ones to plan.

This is how it came about. When the little book, "Eighty Pleasant Evenings," was prepared, more as a pleasure than a task, the welcome accorded it far exceeded the expectations of those who sent it forth. The present work was undertaken in answer to the demand for a companion book, devoted to open-air methods of entertainment, and in it the "grown-ups" have not been forgotten; but since the children have somehow crept into it, and taken possession, to them must be accorded the right of way.

No attempt has been made to include directions for such sports as require an entire manual for each, but prominence has been given to the simpler amusements both attractive and easy to manage, with some articles on curious foreign customs; a number of entirely new games and plans, some devised by the author of the book, others by special contributors; and a few of the folk-

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songs and singing games always holding their place as favorites.

The book has had the good fortune to be critically read, while still in manuscript, by Mrs. Alice C. D. Riley, three of whose "Songs for the Child-World" are included by permission of the John Church Co. It would be impossible to name all those whose suggestions have been helpful, but for special aid thanks are due to Miss Imogen A. Storey, for the drills; to Miss Alice Chadwick, Mrs. H. W. Doremus, Mr. John W. Rhines, Mr. Jos. G. Davis, Mr. A. A. Burnham, Miss Alice M. Guernsey, and Mr. Vincent Van Marter Beede, author of the Fourth of July Fantasy, etc.

Healthful, innocent enjoyment of the out-door world is simply taking God at His word. Why should we not? In doing so, play is only the shell, but the kernel is full of a sweetness that leaves no bitter taste. If you, my reader, are one of those who have not yet given the fresh air a chance to blow away all the doleful memories or still more dismal fancies that trouble you, it is not too late to begin.

With the door, then, swinging open in full view, and the friendly breeze echoing our call to the weary student or indoor toiler, this message of good-will is started on its way; and that it may have as sharers in its "good times" children of all ages, from the tiny toddler to the gray-haired man or woman, is the wish of the author and compiler.

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