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Separate the Grades.

Enforce the Traffic Laws.

Build the Through Traffic Road.

Widen the Business Thoroughfares

### DECEMBER 21

First day of winter and shortest day of the year.

The former of these two facts is disheartening to those who don't like winter. The thought that on the 21st the chilly days have just begun, that three months must elapse before these unpleasant days draw to a close—this discourages those that dread bleak winter.

But the fact that the initial day of winter is the shortest day of the year is very comforting. Subsequent days are longer. The sun gets up a little earlier every morning, until soon the lazy old fellow will be getting up as early as we do. When we cease arising in the dark and dress by the light of the sun, then we shall know that spring is coming.

### CO-OPERATION

Excluding the family but counting as a society every other group of several individuals co-operating for a common purpose how many societies are there in the villages from Wilmette to Glen-coe? Count in this list every club, church, improvement association, school, etc., and what's the total? We believe that it mounts into the hundreds.

Why do people combine? Is this combining tendency merely instinctive? Such combining does not increase the number of individuals. It does not increase the physical strength of individuals. The real reason seems to be that it is partly instinctive and partly intelligent. Humans, it is true, like other animals want to be together, but in addition they have found that certain good results can be produced by a group that cannot be produced by individuals. The joint action of several individuals can effect benefits that all the same individuals working separately cannot effect.

It is a fallacy of logic to conclude that a group can accomplish only the sum of what the members singly can accomplish. It is the same error that leads one to believe that a jury is no wiser than the sum of the "wisdoms" of its members. The truth is that the very combination itself gives an increase of power. Co-operation itself is a real force.

### SKATING

Now that the skating season is present, or at any rate seems to be at this writing, we feel moved to say a few things about skating and especially about our experiences in this field of boyhood happiness. As the mercury drops and the summer heat is extracted from the water, causing it to harden, our thoughts turn to the days when we used to clomp our skates on good old thick-soled shoes, buckle the straps round our ankles, and cut a few capers on the nice smooth ice.

The town of our boyhood was situated on a sizable stream, which, every winter, froze over solidly from bank to bank. It was the delight of us boys of the

town to try our speed, skill, and endurance on the surface so kindly provided for us by Mother Nature. Or with hands crossed, a couple would swing down the river with a rhythm that seemed to us the height of human attainment.

We envied the boy that could cut the figure 8 so easily and gracefully. We ourselves had learned to cut the double-dutch with a fair degree of proficiency and even skated backwards several strokes. What appealed to us most, however, was a long skate down the river. It seemed miles to us, but was probably only a mile or so.

Since reaching years of discretion we have promised our friends to give them an exhibition of fancy skating, but every time we have thought of going, and the place and time have seemed propitious, we have got cold feet, figuratively and literally.

### WRITE TO HIM

The columns of Wilmette Life contained, some time ago, a letter written by L. J. Mitten, a teacher of manual training in the Wilmette schools. The letter was written by him in Veteran's Hospital in Montana where he is trying to get over the effects of being gassed in the late war.

He's not getting well very rapidly but nevertheless his letter is full of cheer and hope. In addition to the slowness of his recovery he has had other trials. A hospital at the best is a dull and lonesome place especially for one who has been active. The delight which a letter from home gives to our Montana exile shows that he has felt this dullness and loneliness. Then, too, in Montana the mercury often drops to thirty below. Last winter Mr. Mitten had to leave his bed and go to the bathroom to warm up.

Probably there are in this country hundreds of men, women, and even children who are making the best of their unfortunate conditions. We know very well that we couldn't do what they're doing. Their cheer puts us to shame.

Write to Mr. Mitten at U. S. Veterans' Hospital, No. 72, Helena, Montana.

### NEW TRIER MUSIC

We were at the Christmas Concert given at the high school on Sunday afternoon, December 14. We heard the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus by an immense chorus of young people and the numbers played by the high school orchestra and also the solos sung by the young men and women.

We were not surprised at their singing and playing such difficult compositions, used as we are to such accomplishments. Nothing that they may do in the way of the performance of difficult musical feats can surprise us. But the Hallelujah Chorus is really hard to sing and play. Its tempo allows for little thinking. You have to watch your step all the time, and yet you can't watch your step. Sounds foolish, but you know what we mean. And every singer must come in exactly at the right fraction of a moment.

We left the hall with the belief that nothing is too hard for pupils who have an expert teacher.

### CHILDREN, BE CAREFUL

A children's Safety Drawing Book is being distributed gratis among the younger children of the north shore with the purpose of decreasing the number of avoidable accidents caused by children playing in the streets. The book contains colored and black-and-white pictures showing little boys and girls who are on the verge of being more or less seriously injured.

The black-and-white pictures can be very prettily colored by children. This work of coloring will impress on the child mind not merely or primarily the possibility of being hurt by playing in the street but will impress the

possibility of avoiding the accident by keeping off the street. It is expected, at least, that children will learn through these books that accidents are avoidable.

Frequently one may see little children playing in fairly busy streets, their minds occupied almost entirely with their absorbing pastimes—roller-skating, sliding, hopscotch, ball, hitching. Suddenly an auto appears, a child runs in the wrong direction, an arm is broken or a child is killed.

This Drawing Book, if used as its authors intend, will in the children's minds associate playing off the streets with happiness and safety. When this result is attained perhaps it will be your child who escapes.

All that is needed to make any community a growing commu-

nity is that every member of it shall do whatever, on careful and comprehensive reflection, he approves of. If a citizen will only think over what he is asked to do or what occurs to him to do he is following a wise method. We know of no other equally good method of measuring the value of a suggestion. Good citizens make good communities.

All our readers pause when they come to the Want Ad Page. Many of them read almost every Ad. Some readers are obliged to go to bed much later than they ought to in order to have enough time to read and digest every single Ad. There is a matter-of-factness about the Want Ad that attracts thrifty north shore citizens.

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