Self-Expression

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"M AFRAID you'll find my ba-

STORY men and have a

Being somewhat familiar with her

sister's offspring, whose mode of

self-expression was not always

agreeable to a visitor's taste, Amy

Wilkins unlocked her trunk without

comment. But the lid was barely

rushed into the room and threw

themselves upon her with such force

that she gripped the bedpost to keep

"I guess I'm not permanently

damaged," announced Amy. "By

the way, I've got a dolly and a fire

In five seconds the contents of

the trunk were on the floor; the

children had found what they were

looking for and had scampered down

"I don't understand their be-

"You mustn't expect them to be

all, little folks must express them-

"Everything is in order again,"

"Fred Sturgis, Will's brother. He

A couple of weeks later Amy Wil-

kins sat on the porch, wondering

why she had rashly promised to

spend an entire summer with her

"Those imps have ruined every-

thing I've worn so far," she

mourned, "and Janet and Will-and

mother-excuse everything they do

She picked up a book, just as

"Enjoying your vacation?" he

asked, and added, without waiting

for an answer, "You'd enjoy it more

-if those brats were a thousand

miles away. There they come, the

little flends, looking as if butter

Amy saw them. Junior was car-

rying a heavy club and Elsie a

sweet that even their disapprov-

ing relatives marveled. And while

they marveled the youngsters ar-

rived on the porch, and Junior

brought his club down on his uncle's

head, while Elsie's stick made a

"Give me those things!" com-

She grasped Elsie's stick, and

manded Amy, indicating the weap-

threw it over the porch rail. Imme-

diately the child was at her heels,

screaming, biting, and scratching. The commotion brought Mrs. Wil-

kins out of the house; a picture of

tle pests behave?" demanded Amy.

Mrs. Wilkins, coming out of her

trance, "how little you understand children. Give me that club, Junior,

like the little gentleman you are.'

distinguish friends from enemies. As his grandmother approached, his foot swung forward and caught her in the stomach. She fell into a chair, gasping. The next time

Junior's leg shot out it knocked a tooth from his uncle's mouth, and

cut his lip. Thoroughly exasperated, Fred Sturgis flung the boy across

his knee, administering a more thorough punishment than had ever fallen to his nephew's lot. Elsie,

too, came in for a little chastisement, after which the children

stared at their uncle with mingled

But in the excitement of the moment the little gentleman failed to

"Mother, will you make these lit-

"It's easy to see," announced

hole in her aunt's silk dress.

petrified astonishment.

ons they held.

wouldn't melt in their mouths."

house and sat down opposite her. .

Amy bowed, stiffly.

"Fred?" murmured Amy.

havior today," said Janet. "They're

"Where?' shouted Junior.

"Where?" shrieked Elsie.

"In my trunk. If-"

"Not so boisterous, Junior.

kins, their mother.

they're more intelli-

gent than most chil-

"It's only that

the stains of travel.

pressing themselves."

from falling.

engine-"

the stairs.

usually so good."

lives with us."

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Department of Municipal Affairs Doing Good

It is hardly a cose of .. "rags to iches" but the picture of municipal financing in Ontario has undergone a marked change since those dark days of a few years ago when municipalities of this Province were in default to the tune of \$101,000,000.

Today many of these municiplaities which were then unable to meet their contractual obligations are able to sell bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent. and 4% per cent. with a slight premium, in the open market. This proves that the whole basis of municipal credit has been improved to a paint where these municipalities are financing on more favourable terms and in much easier fashion than

This altered picture is due chiefly to the work of a small group of municipal experts of the Department of Municipal Affairs, a branch of the Ontario Government which came into being only four years ago. When the Department was ofganised it found that thirty-five municipalities were in dire financial straits, and the affairs of many of them were subject to what was then known as Committees of Supervisors. Their own financial structures had collapsed and besides failing to meet debenture payments, some of them were even un- nice. Elsie," admonished their able to care for the needs of their own mother, gently. "Aunt Amy isn't people and render necessary civic used to your rough-and-tumble

Thus was born the Department Municipal Affairs.

Each of 35 municipalities was placed in the hands of a Department official-a supervisor-who worked with the elected and statutory officials to solve the problem. Under the supervision plan, each municipality's budget and tax rate had to be approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs, while the Department acted at the same time as a mediator between the defaulted municipality and the bondholders. Thus, with the support of the Government of this Province, it was possible to literally haul these municipalities up by their own boot-

too staid," said her mother. "After Today more than 65 millions of the original 101 millions have been refunded. Municipal credit has been restored to many Ontario municipalities whose borrowing capacity and said Janet, picking up the last ar-been in jeopardy. And the Depart ticle of apparel, "and dinner is ment of Municipal Affairs finds it—waiting. Fred will be glad to see self in the somewhat strange Bosttion you." of having a group of solvens massicipalities demanding that they be kept under surveillance.

"It is evident," says Hon. Eric Cross, Minister of Municipal Affairs, "that these municipalities appreciate the service the Department has rendered. If this is a true indication of the feeling prevailing throughout Ontario-and there is no reason to doubt that it is—the trend and desire of taxpayers seems to be toward the Government exercising more supervision over municipal taxation and on the ground of self-expression." borrowing. It had been our intention Fred Sturgis emerged from the to remove from supervision those municipalities which had been taken out of default with refinancing plans, but in view of the strong protests of these same municipalities, and other interests, we have decided to continue the present responsibility of supervision as far as they are concerned."

During the past year, Mr. Cross added, his Department's hope that many municipalities in default would regain their solvency, has been realized. The general improvement in Ontario's municipal picture is evidenced pointed stick, both so winsome and he said, by a decline in the total municipal debt of the Province from \$494,433,956 in 1933, to \$430,000,000 in 1937.

BANKS AND CHURCHES

The annual statements of the banks and the annual statements of the churches are coming out these days; both in their way indicating the relationship between present finances and future security. - Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

NO TROUBLE AT ALL Immigration Official: "I'm sorry but there's been a mistake here. We've got your hair down as dark instead of blonde." Modern Young Lady: "Oh, that's all right. Will you alter it, or shall I?"

CHINESE CHECKERS POPULAR

It is not every year a new game or fad sweeps the country as have the Chinese checkers which were recently introduced. Last year it was "Picking the Sticks" but today Chinese checkers are enjoying a great popu-

It is quite easy to remember the hours devoted to jig-saw puzzles by everyone when this game swept the country. Old and young fitted the bies mischievous," said Janet pieces together to make pictures, some Sturgis when Amy had washed away of the puzzles were large, some were small, but the fad caught the fancy of the public and the race was on. SHORT claimed Mrs. Wil-

While Chinese checkers are not enthely new in idea from the checkers usually played, the number of players has been increased from two to four and even six may play. The more playing, the better the game. Unlike the ordinary checkers, Chinese greater need of excheckers are laid out in a diamond shape board having six points and from each point a player may start and move his way, across to the opposite point. The first getting all his balls into the opposite point wins. No balls or "men" are removed from the board, long jumps are possible which puts that added bit of punch lifted before two beautiful children into the game and makes it exciting. even for shore who have never been

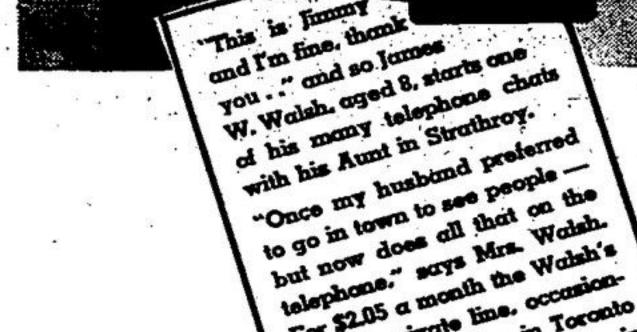
Who discovered the game, invented it, or worked out the details is not known, but at first appearace it appears to be a game that should take a place in the home for quite a few

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NUTRITION OF THE SCHOOL CHILD

The Medical Officer of the English Board of Education gives first place in his report for 1937 to problems of

to the improved nutrition of the beneath their feet. school child. Over 90% of English Boards of Education now provide milk in some form or other, and over 50% of elementary public school children receive milk, either free or on wished to do, who in the world would

of a pint, under the milk-in-schools scheme. In 1937, 44,000 school children obtained meals at the school

The report quotes with satisfaction "the constantly growing evidence nutrition among school children a that pasteurisation has no significant feature of which is the provision of effect upon the nutritive value of milk and meals. He points out that milk." This will be news for the the consumption of a sufficient quan- opponents of pasteurization who day tity of milk is, in most cases, the key by day, find the ground slipping from

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awe and respect. But their good behavior lasted only until they saw their parents in the distance, when they scrambled down the steps with the agility of monkeys, their screeches rending the air. "We'll be murdered for this!" Amy whispered. "I'll die happy," returned Fred, Amy laughed, but Janet and Will were already on the porch, their

> wise to take an early train out of "I have a better plan than that," announced Fred.

faces aflame with righteous indig-

"I think," said Amy, "it will be

"What's that?" "Marry me-and find a little home for two here."

"It's not a bad plan," she agreed, "provided the home is far enough away to discourage too frequent visits from little folks who must express themselves."

The state of the s