

The Gory(ous) 4th

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"L-O-O-K out; O-o-h! I thought it was out! CRASH! BANG!! Get the doctor—**quick!**"

Multiply that and similar exclamations by ten thousand and the answer is—Fourth of July. Burns, infections, lockjaw, deformities, amputations, blindness its annual harvest.

Last Fourth of July the toll was:

- 111 persons killed!
- 148 blinded!
- 1030 severely injured!
- 1,000,000 and over burned!

It is only a short time to Fourth of July—the day when, as payment for a few moments' hilarious sport (?)

thousands of unthinking folks injure themselves for life.

Physicians of today seek to humanely **prevent** as well as to efficiently **heal**. That is why I write this little message to our parents urging them not to buy fireworks or at least to rigidly supervise their children while celebrating.

We have accomplished a great deal in reducing the casualties that mark our annual celebration of the Fourth. When I was senior surgeon at a Chicago hospital, twenty years ago, thirty-odd patients were brought in—seven of them in a dying condition. But much remains to be done, as the above figures will testify.

Most deaths and injuries occur from supposedly "harmless" fireworks. Dr. Cumming, surgeon general of the U. S. public health service, states in his annual report that small firecrackers, cap pistols, blank cartridges and other

small fireworks frequently cause the greatest damage.

In spite of this, parents who would be terrified to find their youngsters playing with a loaded shotgun do not hesitate to let them have firecrackers. Statistics show that more persons die from blood-poisoning resulting from firecracker burns than from careless handling of shotguns.

If adults, despite the records of thousands injured and hundreds killed, wish to assume the risk of permanent disfigurement or death from tetanus—that is up to them. But children, unable to think beyond the excitement of the moment, should be protected.

I believe it is the duty of those who know the dangers in small firearms to warn the public. And if this little contribution to that end will save just one little fellow from deformity or

death it will not have been written in vain.

Moreover, there are so many other ways in which the Fourth can be fittingly celebrated, and they lack the elements of danger that characterize our customary method. Let us have them. Let us have explosions of oratory instead of powder, parades in the place of pistols. Then the Fourth will be safe and sane, just as patriotic and still more glorious.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

The lesson sermon at First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday morning, June 26, will be "Christian Science."

Services will be held in the Masonic temple at 708 Elm street, at 11 o'clock, and the testimonial meeting is held on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Christian Science reading room at 526 Linden street, is open daily from 12 until 6 p. m.

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