

Parents and their Children

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first, for if it is encouraged exceptional talents may become prominent.

Each of the following types should be regarded as belonging to the realm of cleverness equally with that generally considered alone worthy of the title; they are all directed by mental activity, whether manifested through muscular or imaginative outlets.

First, there is the child who manages concrete situations, and this power is shown very markedly in the constructive work of the early stages. If this interest is satisfied

biography is a charming pencil sketch of a little train of trucks (in which are seated his brothers and sisters), manufactured from packing-cases by the boy who afterwards called into being the great transport system in the British Army.

Secondly, there is the child who shows power of commanding and managing people at an early age, and usually has the defect of this quality in his contempt for authority. Clashes often occur when this born leader is not allowed to undertake the responsibilities of leadership. This, too, should be recognised



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in early life and allowed to develop, in exceptional cases it may branch out into scientific or artistic interests.

For instance, Isaac Newton spent his leisure making many ingenious toys—a windmill turned either by the wind or by the mouse enclosed in it, which he called the miller; a mechanical carriage, moved by the person who sat in it; a water-clock and other things. A sickly solitary, absent-minded boy, who took a low place in school, yet satisfied his own interests in spite of the school, and his wonderfully original work in mathematics and physics can be traced as a development of his first childish excursions into their realms.

We probably owe the marvellous efficiency of our Army Service Corps to an interest of this kind in the boyhood of Sir Redvers Buller. He was called a clever boy who would not work at school. In his

as a gift without the fear of the leader becoming a tyrant or a bully. On the contrary, through his mistakes and failures, he will learn that there are other points of view than his own, and the leader should become the man or woman of wide outlook, sympathetic and gentle towards the weaker, yet at the same time capable of taking a firm stand to questions involving moral issues.

General Gordon, as a boy, was no bookworm, but famous as the possessor of high spirits and with powers of leadership which often made him the terror of his superiors.

Robert Clive was renowned at the different schools he attended for his boldness and insubordination. His biographer says he would not learn and was the leader in all broils and escapades, but "at all events he learned to lead."

In a third class are the children for whom the school has catered so



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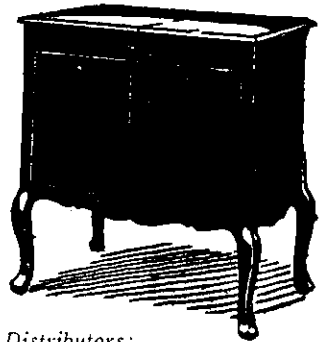
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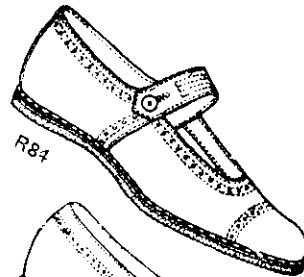
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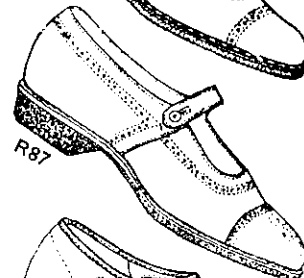


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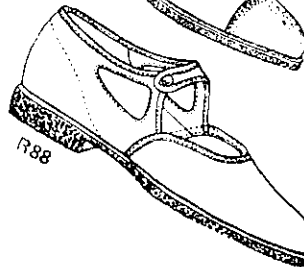
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