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GRAB IT — HOLD IT

A great many of our readers know Dick, only that is not his real name. He is a bright-eyed youngster who plays hard every day.

A few days ago we watched him and his playmates having a game of baseball. The score at the time we stopped to look is an unimportant detail. Dick's eyes were never off the rapidly moving sphere. Suddenly a hard and fast fly was batted to his field. Out in this field was a great puddle of muddy water, left by a recent rain, and the ball went right straight for that puddle. And Dick went straight for the ball. Perhaps he saw the puddle — at least he knew it was there — but his eyes were on the ball. As the ball shot for the ground Dick leaped into the air, caught the ball, and — splash! he went flat in the dirty hole. But the hand that had nailed the fly never touched the ground. He waded out, covered with mud and soaked to the hilt, two facts of which he seemed unaware, because he had caught the fly — and had held it.

Some boys would have started for the ball and stopped at the edge of the puddle. Some others would have let it when they fell. Dick held on. That particular ball game soon will be a forgotten affair, or at the best only a memory. But we can picture Dick when he gets into the real game of life, as being classed among the star players. He will not look for the little unpleasant things but will hurl himself at the ball and hold on for dear life. He may fall in the mud — he may even have to be fished out — but when he comes to the top, in his hand you will see the ball.

One great affliction of so many of us is the tendency to first look for the puddle instead of the ball. And by the time we have figured out every little chance against a successful catch, the ball is gone. When the ball of life is batted in to your field, grab it. Don't fumble it — hold it.

MARBLES AND SPRING

There is a time for all things, and this happens to be the time for marbles.

One of the positive signs of spring is the advent of the marble season. No sooner does the warm spring sun melt late winter's snow from pavements and sidewalks than there appear on them mystic chalk marks around which quat boys like Indians about a camp fire.

"Knuckle down," "Trade you two shooters for a glassy," and "Your shoot" now became the language of youth, and the tell-tale signs of the season are bulging pockets, cardboard boxes filled with something that rattles suspiciously and having a hole in the top, through which a marble might be dropped, and the clatter and roll of marbles on the schoolroom floors as sorely strained pants' pockets let go.

In his games is the boy "the father of the man." The marbles of youth prepare the way for the tennis, bil-

iards, golf and other sports and pastimes of maturity. Marbles in the kindergarten of good sportsmanship. One wonders if there is a normal boy today who does not feel the irresistible urge to play marbles or a normal man who did not as a boy "shoot" the little spheres of colored glass and clay. So inseparable is the boy from the marble one sometimes thinks to deprive the boy of his marbles would work an irreparable loss.

PROVINCE OF NEWSPAPER

It would be comical, were it not somewhat pathetic, the way newspaper offices are besieged every day by their friends, urging them to "roast" this and that; to "see to it" that this and that is corrected; to have this and that done in the village or county; to start this and that kind of movement to correct evils in the provincial government. These friends actually appear to believe that it is the newspaper's business to handle all these affairs.

But a self-respecting newspaper, though ready and willing to carry all reasonable responsibility, must remind its readers that they — the people — are the authority upon whom rests the responsibility for the present state of affairs local, provincial and national.

A self-respecting newspaper tries to report the news of what actually happens, not what it might wish had happened. The relation of a self-respecting newspaper to the general public is not always understood. It is the duty of a newspaper to be in a position to support any good act and criticize any bad act of public policy.

This relationship cannot exist where favors are asked and granted. Honesty is the only policy for a newspaper.

If objectors don't like the way things are going, they should qualify as voters, and then raise Cain about it.

In The Melting Pot

Middle-age is the time when the average man is going to begin saving next month.

Summer is called the foolish season, but of all the months April is the most dizzy-headed.

At times we fear that whatever killed the dead civilizations was something inheritable.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL
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Dundalk, visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Walker, during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Stuebing and two daughters are visiting Ontario points during the holidays.

The Mission Band of Wesley United, church gave a very interesting program on Wednesday last and the proceeds were most encouraging.

A. E. Doughty seeded a 3 acre field to spring wheat last week-end. This is the first seeding operation that has come to our notice from our district.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pedlow and Maude of Hamilton, spent Sunday in town and attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Ross.

Mr. Ineson, of Toronto, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ellis. He also assisted the United church choir at the morning service with a solo.

APRIL ROD AND GUN AND CANADIAN SILVER FOX NEWS

Outdoor taste is well catered to in the April issue of "Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News" which is just published. The latest number of this sporting magazine contains an interesting collection of stories of hunting, fishing and camping as well as many useful and informative articles concerning the various phases of outdoor life.

Helpful articles on the special subjects are included in Fishing Notes, edited by G. P. Sladen; Guns and Ammunition, edited by C. S. Landis; and Kennel, edited by C. G. Hopton and L. E. L. Taylor. "The Canadian Silver Fox News" section also contains useful articles both in English and French on the latest developments of the industry and the care and management of foxes.

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The reason why these diseases are communicable is that they are all caused by disease germs. Disease germs are so small that we cannot see them without the aid of the microscope; for that reason they are called microscopic. They live, grow and multiply just as truly as if they were many times bigger. It is the transference of these living disease germs from the sick to the well which accounts for the spread of the communicable diseases. Each of the communicable diseases is caused by its own special germ. The disease germ which causes Diphtheria never causes any other disease and no other disease germ ever causes Diphtheria.

Disease germs do not grow in nature outside the human or animal body. They may exist for a time, but they do not grow and multiply. Some of them are harder than others, but sunlight kills them all in a short time. Bad smells are offensive and we do not want them, but bad smells do not cause communicable diseases. Such diseases are always caused by disease germs, and because of the fact that these disease germs die comparatively quickly outside of the human body, the spread is practically direct from the sick person to the well. The spread of most of them is by the transference of the germladen secretions of the sick person to the well by coughs, sneezes, kissing, fingers soiled with saliva, or com-

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