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THE NEED FOR RECREATION IN TIMES OF DEPRESSION
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There is not only a need for recreation in times of depression, but recreation is a necessity to a wholesome mode of living in normal times. We find ourselves at the present time in what is well-known to be a depression. There is no doubt about there being maladjustments in our economic and social order. The effects of them have spread rapidly, wider and deeper, until almost every phase of society has been touched. It is not a local condition--it is world-wide. We are close to the point where the spirit of our people is in danger of being broken. This must not happen. Until conditions have righted themselves, there is much that can be done to keep up the spirit of the people.

Play is an important factor in keeping our spirit aglow. For the many who have prospered temporarily, who have now lost their possessions and are out of work, the depression has a deep and significant meaning, because they cannot supply the needs of normal living. What is there for them to do? The need of play and recreation is of paramount importance to them for the right use of their leisure time. Those who are in more fortunate circumstances (at least for the moment) must help to carry the burden. They too are not at ease. There is the uncertainty of their jobs and the thought of loss of home and savings. While the economic adjustments are being made, the daily routine of living continues. People have to be fed, clothed, and housed, and their wants and feelings administered to. How to provide for their leisure time becomes an increas-