

### Playground Equipment

If funds permit, it always pays to equip with first class apparatus in a permanent manner, but if this is not feasible, home-made apparatus should not be hard to obtain; the following would suffice for a small playground:—

- One chute the chutes.
- Four box swings for small children under shelter.
- Four sand pits for small children under shelter.
- Four large swings.
- One horizontal bar.
- Three teters.
- One jump pit.
- One basket ball ground and equipment.
- Two quoit grounds.
- Skipping ropes, etc.

In Washington, the cost of making the above was as follows:—

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| Brackets for lamps, wires, etc. | \$27.55 |
| Hauling                         | 3.88    |
| Keys                            | 30      |
| Carpenter and laborer           | 70.30   |
| Lumber                          | 96.77   |
| Incidentals                     | 1.86    |
| Rope, pails, dippers, etc.      | 12.57   |

Total \$213.23

The average cost of maintaining 20 playgrounds for 10 weeks, at Washington, was, per day,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents per child. During 1905 and 1906 the city received the following grants for the work:—

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| 1905 | \$ 3,500 |
| 1906 | 11,500   |

The Washington Playground association claim that for

\$150 they can equip a school playground.

\$300 they can equip and maintain a school playground.

\$1 will provide for one child on a well-directed playground during the summer.

$1\frac{1}{2}$  cents will furnish a child with a well-directed playground for one day.

Cost of recreation centers in the borough of Manhattan, N. Y. city:—

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| Hamilton Fish Park    | \$1,719,455.00 |
| Thomas Jefferson Park | 2,748,122.00   |
| Seward Park           | 1,811,127.00   |