

clothes changed for fresh ones throughout, but their faces and hands are scrubbed and the crisp pinafores are put on over their clothes, so they look spotless and immaculate.

They are mostly Irish and Germans with a few Italians, and a healthier, jollier lot of youngsters one could not ask to see. Every one is the child of an honest, hardworking mother.

The fathers don't cut much figure in the nursery calculations. The nursery was founded to relieve poor, respectable, hard-working women by giving a safe and sanitary home to their children while they were out of work. It fulfils its purpose, and the women appreciate its help.

The appreciation was emphasized last summer when the building was closed for repairs, and the mother realized what a problem the nursery had for years, been solving for them. Luckily, most of the children could be sent to country homes for almost all of the repair time, but now that the nursery is open again the enthusiasm of the beneficiaries is more pronounced than before the interregnum.

The children are brought to the nursery when the mother goes out on her day's work. They stay there until she returns home; which is usually about 7 o'clock. They have a luncheon of 'cereals, milk, and soup, according to the age of the child, and their suppers, too.

They have every care and are sanitary, wholesome surroundings. In their own homes they would infinitely worse off, even if the mothers could stay at home to take care of them.

Back of the nursery, there is a fine big playground now, a yard 603 feet. It is paved with cement, because the children could not be turned out on damp ground. At the rear is a big covered shed or arbor reaching clear across the yard.

Under it will be big sand piles and benches. Between the pillars will hang swings. Around the pillars will be over the roof and over the side fence of the yard vines are already growing.

Down the two sides of the yard wide flower gardens, in which seeds and bulbs will soon be feeling spring. There will be see-saws the children, and altogether the back yard promises well. On

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There are about 100 children in the nursery each day, inclusive of the industrial classes. The number grows steadily, but there is room for the increase. There is no endowment fund. The nursery has no church affiliation.

It depends upon voluntary contributions, but the contributions grown with the work and Pratt's friends are sturdy backbone New York Sun.

Chicago, March 25. — Experts divided in their opinion of the danger of steel constructed skyscrapers collapsing because of the corroding influence of the atmosphere. When Sooy Smith startled the members

Soozy Smith started the demolition of the real estate board at their annual banquet with the prediction that the majority of the tall office buildings are imperfectly constructed, steel work being likely to be disintegrated enough to allow

Architects, civil engineers and construction men pondered over Smith's opinion today with much interest. Some believed that his right, and that his words

timely warning, while others stand that the opinion is that of an alarmist and that there is no practical danger. W. H. Rosen, consulting engineer of the firm A. Essen & Co., agreed with

Smith in the prediction that buildings may fall at some date. He said:

"Steel is being used in all of ways in the building line at present. In many cases it is not

Under such conditions it will not become so weakened that it cannot bear the strain which is put upon it for a break naturally follows.

Albert C. Ekstorm, chairman.

ed and placed little faith in Mr. Ives' opinion. He said: "I have seen steel which has been in a building for ten years and there was practically no sign of rust."

A judge's little daughter,

attended her father's court first time, was very much in the proceedings. After her home she told her mother made a speech and several other made speeches to twelve

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