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The success or failure of the playground movement depends not so much on the size of the grounds or their equipment as the spirit that animates the management. Just as there is energy and enthusiasm on the part of the youthful participants, so also must there be a kindred spirit in the supervision and direction. While it is important for the Parks Commission to provide the grounds and fit them for their purpose, it is equally necessary to have supervisors to encourage and guide the children and growing youth in their amusements.

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Orphanage Boards can do a good work both for the children and the community by providing equipped and supervised playgrounds.

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The supervised playgrounds already established have fully demonstrated that youthful happiness can be easily doubled by a small expenditure for swings, slides, etc., and the appointment of a supervisor who can enter into the spirit of the delightful games that from disuse have almost passed out of existence.

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Play is at present almost the only method of physical development for city children, and we must provide facilities for it if we would have the children strong and law-abiding.

