

tory where I work a large piece of machinery was being hauled to an upper floor when it began to slide and only by a back handspring could I get out from under it. And that handspring I learned in Bissell House gymnasium."

Physical exercise appeals to all boys and young men, and we are confident that when we can have a large, well equipped gymnasium to offer them, some of the problems that now confront us will be readily solved.

Play Ground.

In June, 1902, a play ground was opened in the rear of Bissell House. Three gentlemen of this city gave the use of their lots until sold, for this purpose. The city prepared and equipped the place and then young men from the Y. M. C. A. and young ladies from the kindergarten training school directed the play on the grounds. Although we had no fence, the work was carried on very successfully for two summers. Basket ball was the game most often played, the place being too small for baseball or football. The younger children enjoyed the sand pile, swings and see-saws, while the older ones used the other apparatus.

We can see great possibilities ahead if only a large feed barn that is the north boundary of our play ground could be bought or leased for a term of years. A fine gymnasium could be made of this structure and that is what Bissell House needs more than anything else if it is to meet the needs of the young men and boys of this neighborhood.

Repairs.

This fall the house has been thoroughly renovated throughout. It had been in need of these repairs for some time and now all is in order for the coming year's work.

The yard has been much improved also. Last fall it was re-sodded and this spring shrubs were set out all around the lot. A wire fence was put up to protect these shrubs until they were well grown.

Outings.

Every summer camping parties are formed, remaining away from town from three to fifteen days. Then numerous picnics