Summertime is Playtime

-and here are health-building playthings that sell

Now is the time to display the famous Mengel outdoor toys—the items that increase your sales volume in the summer months. These practical, healthbuilding toys appeal to parents and children alike. Write for catalog and prices today.

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Made from the highest grade selected hardwood. Attractively colored with red side rails, green ladder and braces and natural wood sliding surface. A consistent popular

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of children is one way of creating widespread interest in this merchandise. In salespeople's talks with customers, by signs in the displays, and in all advertising, it is important to stress the fact that there are toys which will aid in the physical development of the children.

Advertising Plans A generous use of advertising will insure a satisfactory volume of sales. In one of the first ads featuring outdoor playthings, make price incidental and emphasize the health-building characteristics of the merchandise.

Advertising of outdoor playthings, in the newspapers and in circulars, will produce good results if concentrated in the period immediately before and during Easter week, when the children are enjoying a vacation from school.

High Unit Sales For the first time since Christmas, dealers are faced with an opportunity to make high unit sales by drawing attention to doll carriages, express wagons, bicycles and velocipedes. Give prominence to these items in all advertising and, for the best results, run one ad on these items exclusively, giving special promience to several playthings attractively priced. Stores that have convenient payment plans should feature this fact in their advertising.

High unit sales are always a source of satisfaction to toy buyers. Giving velocipedes, doll carriages, express wagons and bicycles the most prominent positions on the selling floor will promote the sale of these items. Interest can be aroused in high-priced toys by featuring a different item each day as a "Spotlight Special," showing only one item—attractively priced—on a stand illuminated by a spotlight.

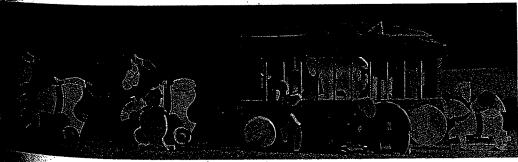
Department Decoration Give prominence to the "Play Outdoors" theme on the selling floor by grouping all outdoor playthings together. Display kites, tops, marbles, jump ropes, balls and jack sets on one counter, with a sign reading: "Take home a low-priced plaything to make the children happy and encourage outdoor play." Show roller skates at various prices on an adjoining counter. And steel-toys-to-ride, as well as push and pull toys, should also be included in this section. A spring-like atmosphere can be attained by covering the counters with flowered crepe paper, placing trellises against the pillars and wall shelves, and hanging colored balloons overhead.

Hot Houses and Dolls Hothouses, plant sets and dolls, while not outdoor playthings, do experience a good demand upon the arrival of spring. Hothouses and plant sets appeal to young horticulturists who want to start their seeds indoors for transplanting later in the season. It is a good plan, in displaying this merchandise, to show plants growing in the hothouses, so that customers may see that the sets actually work.

New doll carriages mean new dolls. Stimulate interest in dolls by showing them in their new spring outfits. Dolls will attract more attention if shown in doll carriages, in express wagons, leading pull toys by strings, or peering into hothouses.

Window Displays The importance of window displays must not be overlooked in promoting spring toys. Feature all types of outdoor playthings in the windows and change the displays frequently. Showing toys on a revolving platform will attract attention to a window, as will also dramatized displays.

We are convinced that a year 'round market exists for toys. As one specific example, we point to the March of Sales.



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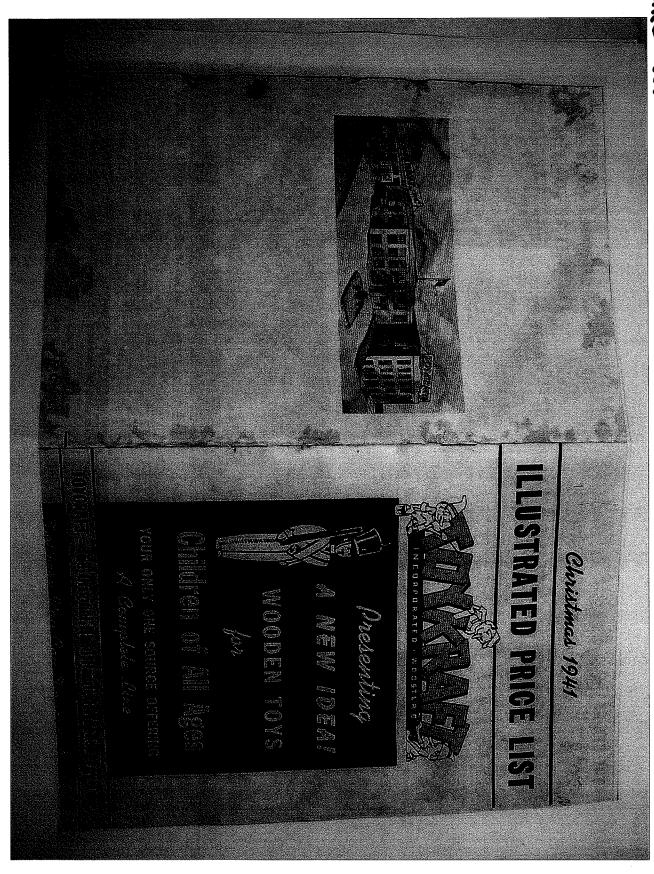
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