

SKYSCRAPER PLAYGROUNDS.

Dr. Gulick Suggests a 20-Story Pier for East Side Children.

Twenty-story playgrounds built on piers is the solution offered by Dr. Luther Gulick for the problem of supplying the children on the lower east side with suitable recreation places. Dr. Gulick, who is physical director of the schools, proposed the plan last night in an address at Cooper Union.

"It would take 206 acres of playground to give each child below Fourteenth Street, Manhattan, a place three yards square in which to play," he said.

"This is 11 per cent. of all the space available for playing in this territory. There are now in that part of the city 7.36 acres of ground used as open-air playgrounds. This is about one-thirtieth of the space needed.

"It is not a feasible proposition to provide the children of lower Manhattan with playgrounds, and yet it is a necessary thing that they have an opportunity to play out of doors if they are to grow up healthy and moral.

"The first step toward the solution of the problem is the equipment of a twenty-story pier. This can have light and air on both sides. It can be closed in by glass so that it can be used in Winter weather. A twenty-story structure would be expensive, but not so expensive as twenty playgrounds of the same size. The plan is possible, while the present method is incapable of providing sufficient space to meet the situation. To get playgrounds for the children of lower Manhattan at the present time would involve tearing down of 11 per cent. of all the buildings and giving the space which they now occupy to the playgrounds."

KILLED BY AN ELEVATOR.

A Clerk Undertook to Run It, and Was Fatally Crushed.

Dragan Jagrovic, employed as clerk by Frank Zotti & Co., bankers and steamship agents, 108 Greenwich Street, died yesterday of injuries received while trying to run an elevator in the building. His right arm was broken in three places, his back severely bruised, and he was injured internally.

Jagrovic undertook to run the elevator up from the ground floor while the regular man was at luncheon. No one saw the accident, but occupants of the building heard the man's screams and found his body wedged between the wall and the elevator cage. He was taken to Hudson Street Hospital, where he died in a few hours.