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its losses from fire is the
matic campaign which has
conducted for several years by
State and county school authori-
ties to clean up and improve pub-
lic school properties. To that end
there has been stressed, in all
schools, high and elementary,
white and colored, the value of the
annual observance, preferably in
the early fall, of "Clean-Up and
School Improvement Day." On
this day the regular work of the
school is suspended, for the after-
noon at least, and the patrons and
trustees are invited to meet at the
school and bring their grass cut-
ters, rakes, whitewash brushes and
buckets, nails and hatchets, and
whatever other tools may be nec-
essary to put their schoolhouse
and grounds in good condition. It
is felt that the school should em-
body, in concrete form, the les-
sons in sanitation and health, in
comfort, beauty and safety that
it would impress upon the com-
munity. It can never hope to
promote the virtue which it does
illustrate. Teachers, parents and friends have
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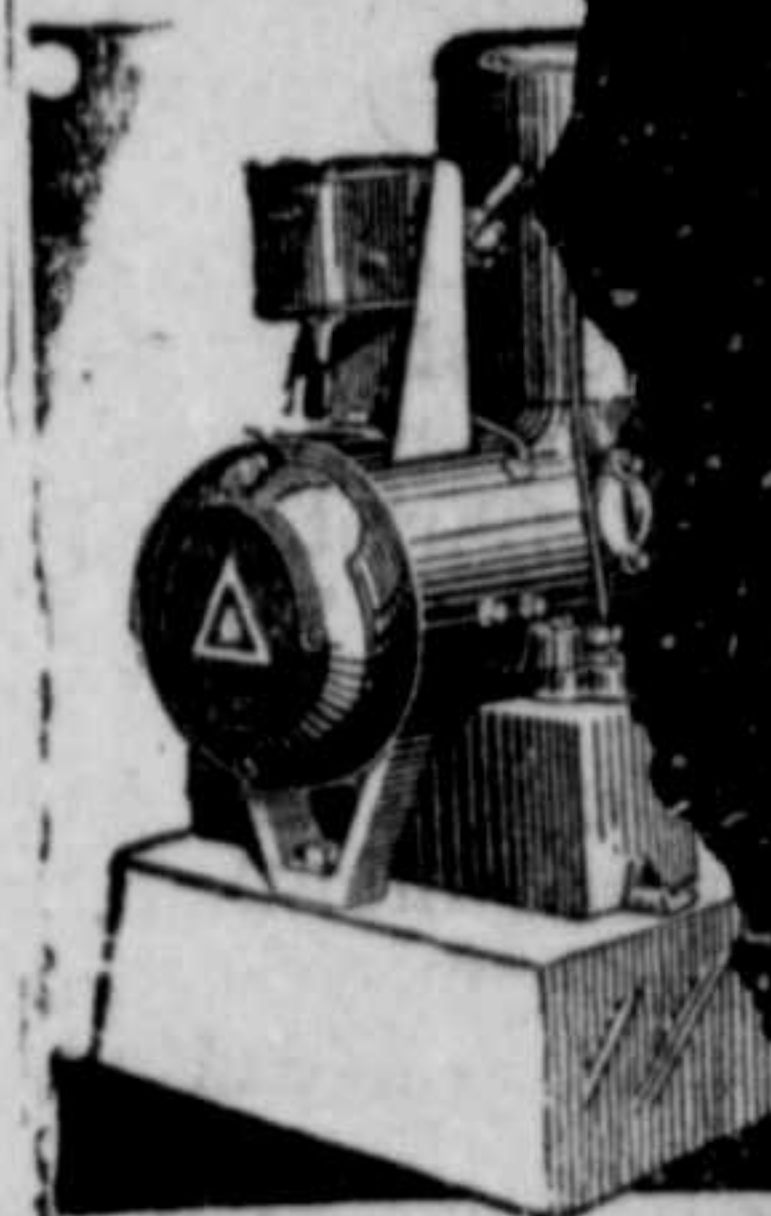
"Everybody Loses When
Burns."

And just as truly as the fires in
the man-made towns result over
half the time from carelessness
and neglect, so the fire in the God-
made country are attributable to
the same cause. First, it is a
hunter that leaves his camp fire
unextinguished, then it is an au-
toist who flicks the butt of his
tailor-made cigarette into the dry
leaves along the roadside, or per-
haps a farmer chooses a windy
day to burn over his new ground,
or again a saw-mill engine is run
without a spark arrester. Bit by
bit the items add up until we get
the amazing total of 30,000 acres
burned over each year by forest
fires in Maryland alone, causing a
direct financial loss to the prop-
erty owners of the State of
\$85,000.

Two thousand years ago the
great apostle wrote "Behold what
a great matter a little fire kind-
leth." Today, it gets the same
little start and works the same
big havoc. Have you any little
fires on your conscience?

The plans of the Fire Fighters
call for:

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