



New York's Floating Population. Bays and Rivers Are Home, Sweet Home to These Families.

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"DON'T GO OUT OF THE YARD" is an unnecessary warning for youngsters in this fix. The "yard" is the deck of a sand barge. Still, the monkey climbs the string, and there's amusement in that.

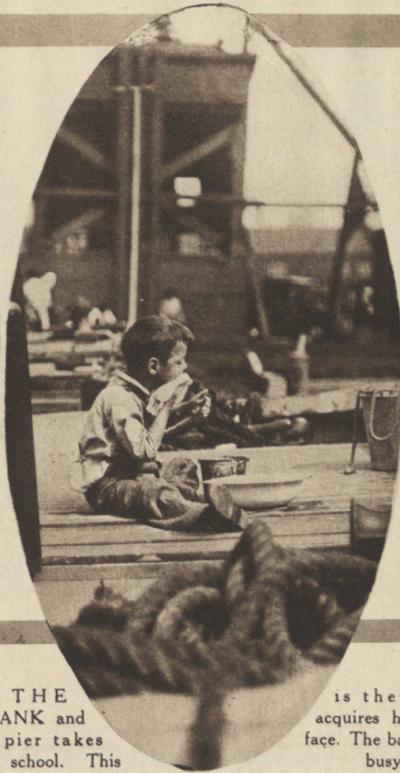
ATERIE BASIN, where barge society winters, they are preparing for a season of unusual gayety. Boat City folk keep pretty much to themselves, and affairs are exclusive.



BARGE FLOWERS THRIVE even on salt water. Sister handles the watering pot under mother's watchful eye, and the flowers adorn the table in the "dining room." Hundreds of families live in this manner in and near Erie Basin.



FATHER WEARS the awfulest holes in his socks, and take it from mother, a body spends a lot of useful time mending 'em.



DOWN THE GANGPLANK and over the pier takes Johnny to school. This



is the way he acquires his shining face. The bathroom is busy.

TOO YOUNG to go to school, but not too young to learn when there's a willing big sister about to play teacher.