"BABIES MUST PLAY"

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New York has an infants' orchestra which gives concerts sometimes on Wurlitzer's small stage. The oldest child is six years. It was organized by Mr. Karl Moldrem, who has been teaching babies to play musical instruments for 20 years - has formed a total of 26 baby orchestras. There are in all about 400 children's orchestras in the country. The most famous one is in Hollywood. It has played at the estates or Chaplin, Fairbanks and other stars, as well as appearing in newsreels 24 times. In 1930 it gave 130 concerts for charity profits amounting to $130,000. Wurlitzer asked Mr. Moldrem to bring the orchestra to N.Y., but on account of child labor laws this was not practicable. So he organized one here with 15 members all using small sized instruments.

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