

# Childhood Games and Pastimes

A slideshow of images from Museums Victoria's collection depicting  
childhood games, toys and experiences from last century.





A father and son using  
lawn mowers in backyard.  
Child has toy mower, 1956

Photographer: Unknown



Children about to begin a  
maypole dance

Photographer: Unknown





A boy and girl playing cricket in their front yard.

Photographer: Unknown





Two boys play  
fighting with  
hessian bags on a  
log.

Photographer:  
Lilian Louisa Pitts



Boy playing dress ups in a bridal veil.

Photographer: Lilian Louisa Pitts



Two boys playing on a barrel  
boat in a water hole.

Photographer:  
Lilian Louisa Pitts





Children at a  
beach treasure  
hunt. Lorne beach

Photographer:  
Hugh P Hall



Three children on  
Christmas Day 1945  
with their Christmas  
toys including  
golliwog.

Photographer:  
Unknown





A skipping race.

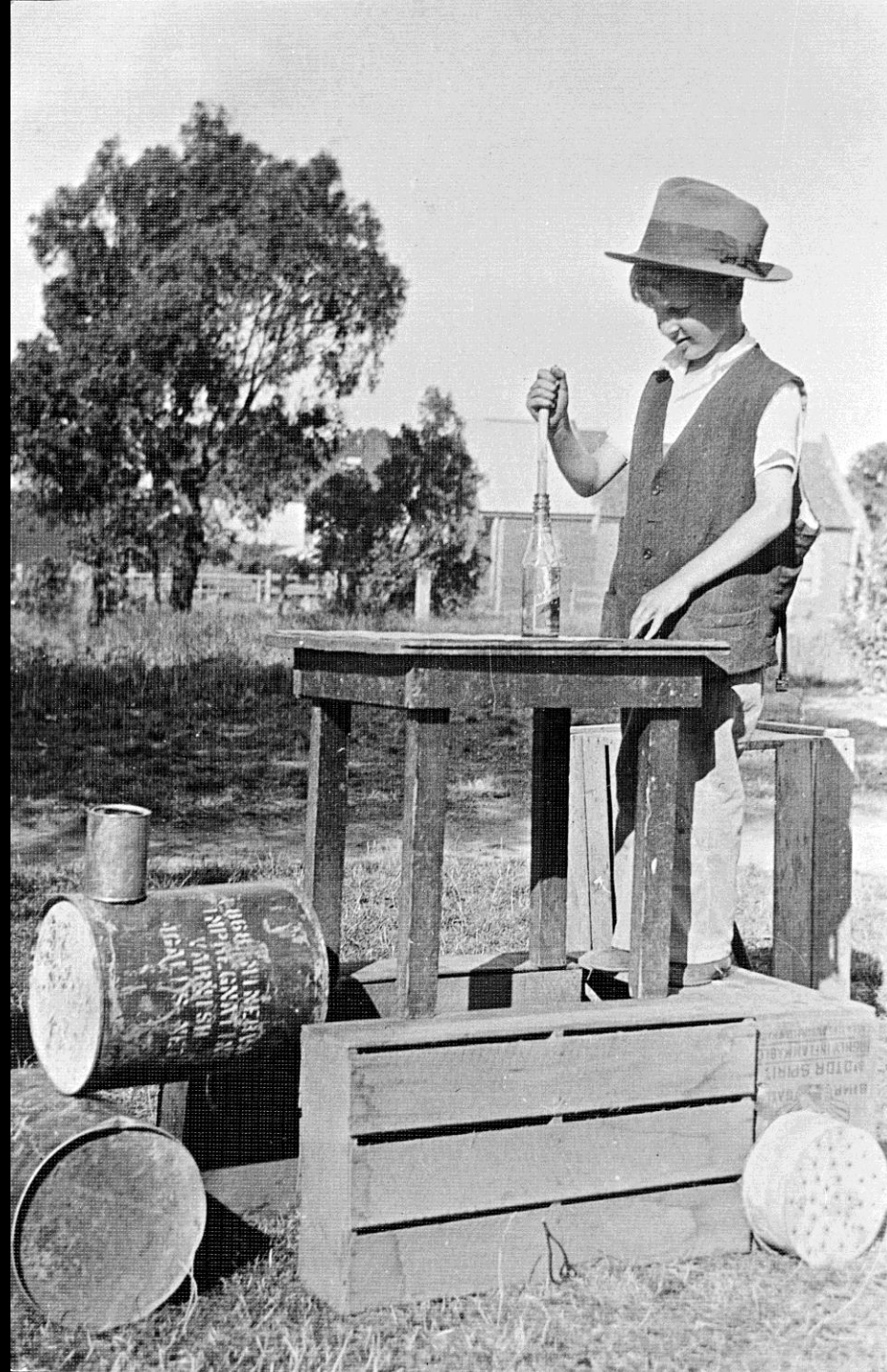
Photographer: Unknown





Group of children  
playing with marbles.

Photographer:  
Unknown



A boy playing with a 'train' constructed from a table, crates, fuel drums and cans.

Photographer: Gordon Binns



A girl holding a Shirley Temple cut-out.

Photographer: Gregory Binns





Two young boys  
in Billy carts.

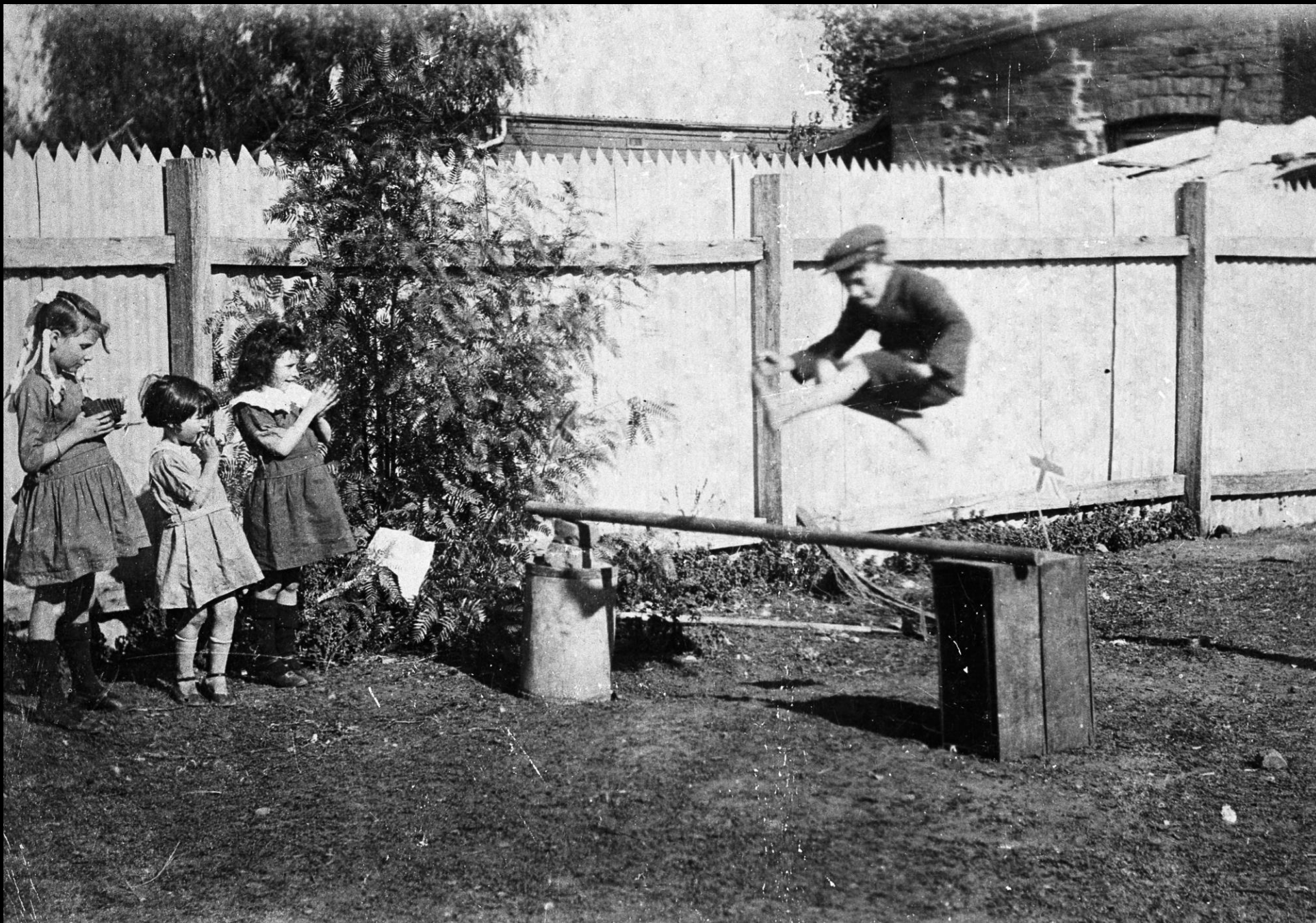
Photographer:  
Joan Elijah



Three small boys  
playing dress ups.

Photographer:  
Unknown

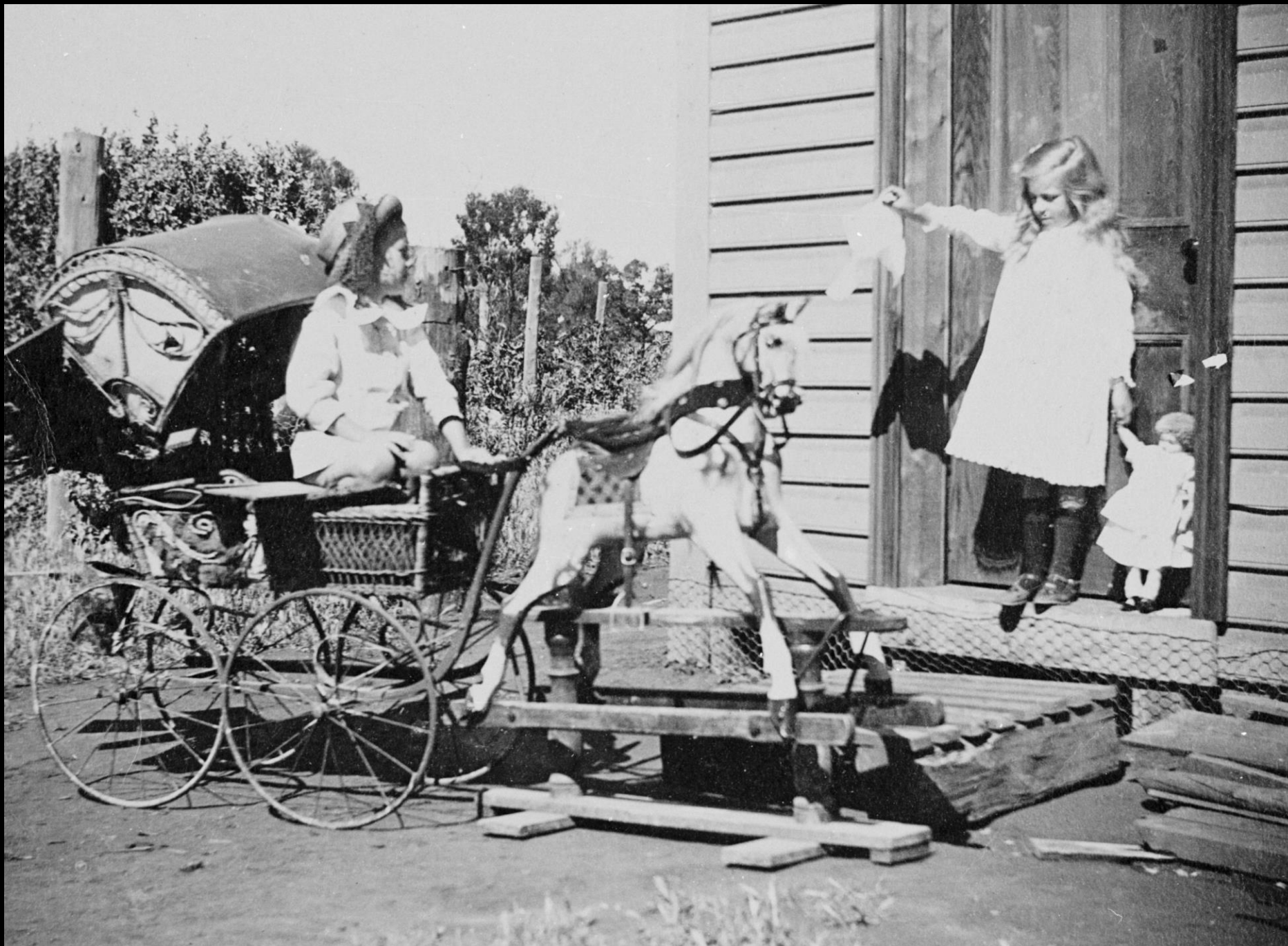




Young boy leaping  
over a backyard  
hurdle.

Photographer:  
Unknown





Two children playing with  
a pram and rocking horse.

Photographer: Unknown



A boy fishing with a boat on  
Loddon River

Photographer: Z. Matherson



Young children  
playing  
outdoors with a  
train set.

Photographer:  
Frank March





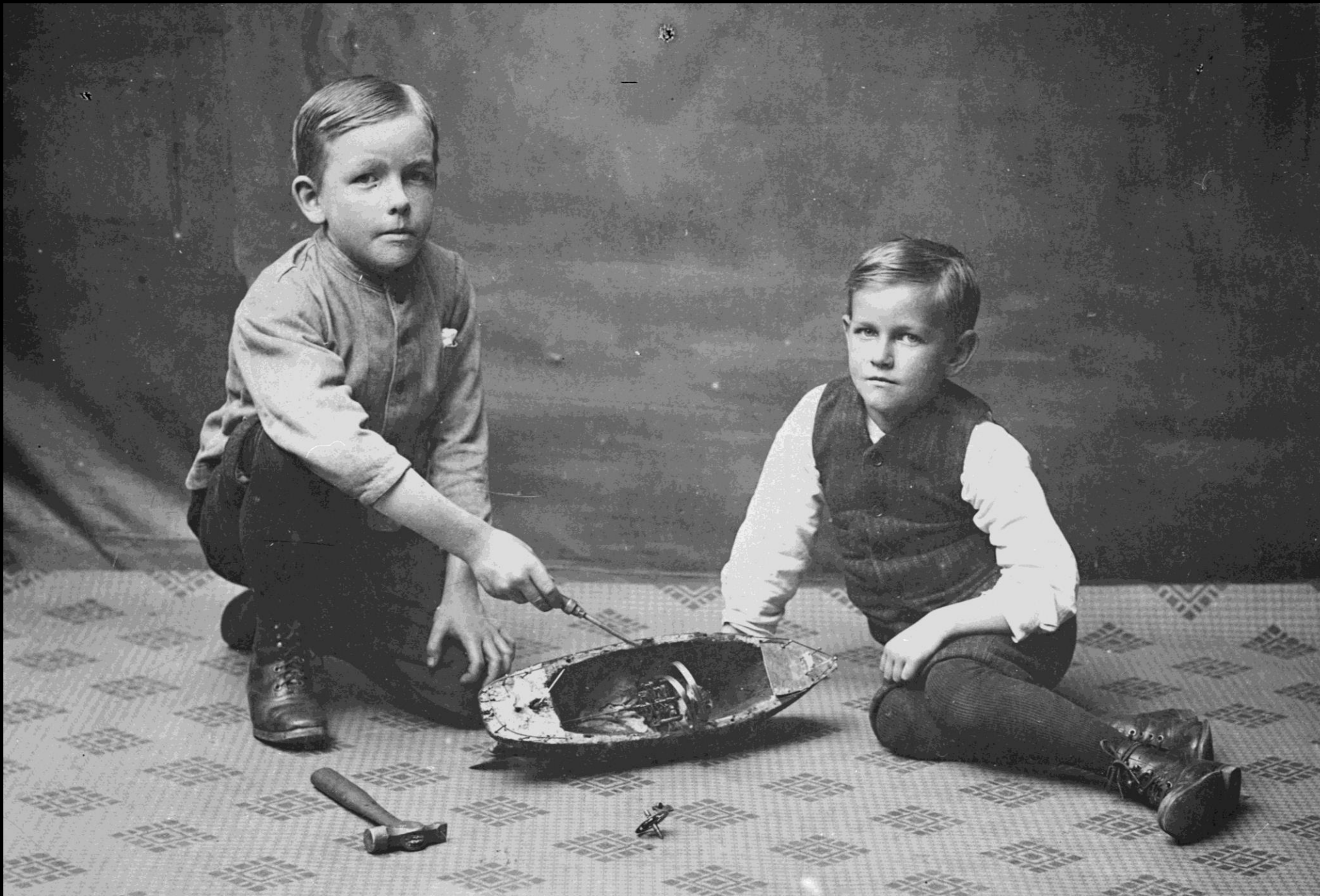
Two young children playing with a tricycle and pram.

Photographer:  
Frank March



Children having a  
tea party.

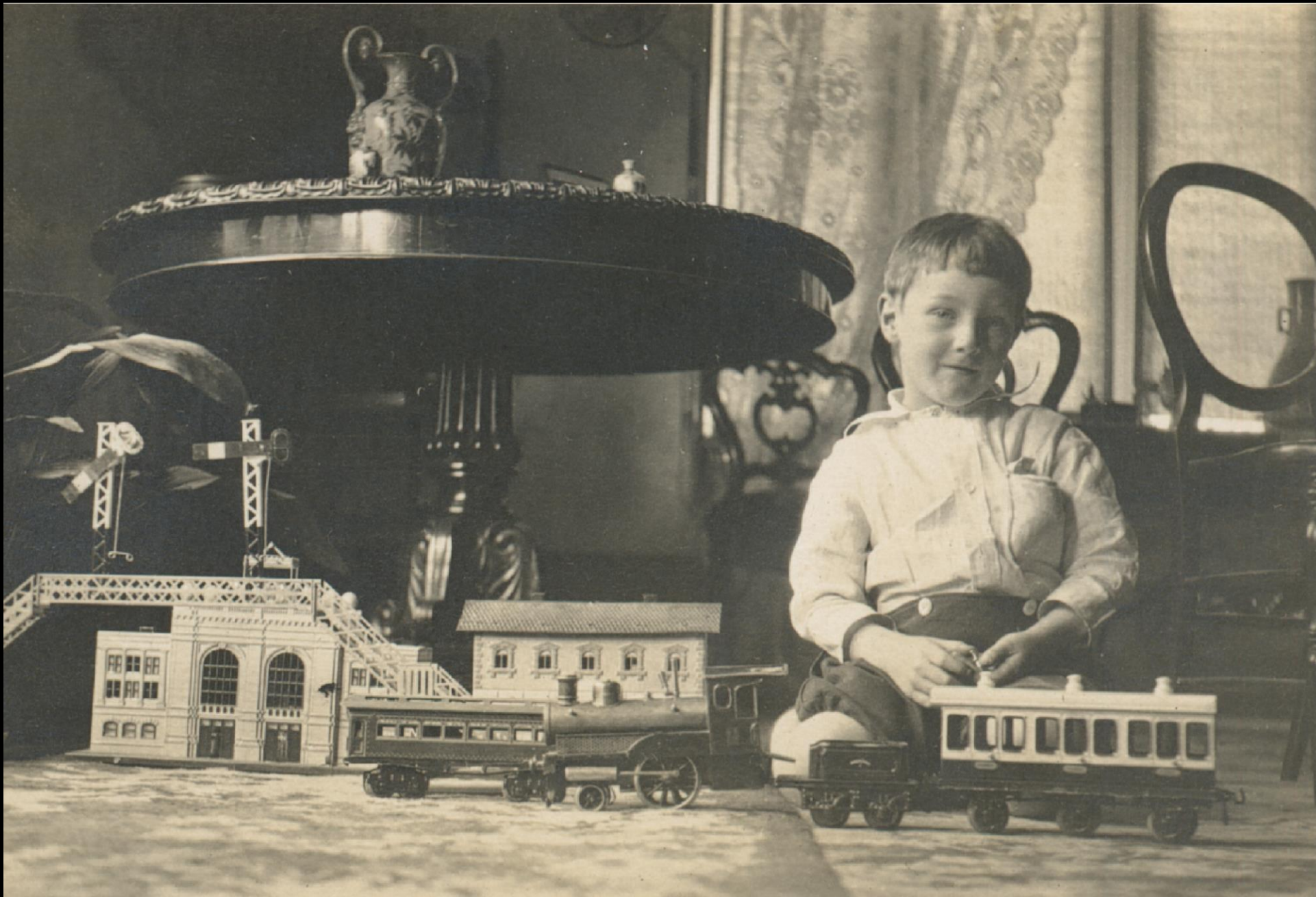
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Two boys  
repairing a toy  
boat.

Photographer:  
Unknown





John Wilton Twycross  
playing with a toy train.

Photographer:  
John William Twycross



Egg and spoon  
race.

Photographer:  
Unknown





Mother and  
child playing  
with a toy farm  
set.

Photographer:  
Laurie Richards





Girls running in a race.

Photographer: Unknown



Three boys  
swimming in a  
dam with a  
barrel

Photographer:  
Bill Boyd



Twin Boy & Girl Riding  
Tricycle Outside Home,  
Windsor, circa 1949

Photographer: Unknown





Three Boys with Train Set  
& Teddy, Backyard,  
Strathmore, 1949

Photographer: Unknown



Three Boys with Train Set  
& Teddy, Backyard,  
Strathmore, 1949.

Photographer:  
Mark Linacre Brocklesby,





Girl & Infant Girl Playing  
on Swing, Backyard

Photographer: Roy Leibig





A Girl in Sunhat & Two  
Boys on St Kilda Beach,  
1945

Photographer: Unknown



Children Playing in a Sandpit,  
1959

Photographer: Laurie Richards



Boy Having Singing Lessons,  
Richmond, Victoria, 1959

Photographer: Laurie Richards





Mother and daughter playing  
with watering hose in  
backyard, circa 1954.

Photographer: Unknown



A group of children riding in a small cart drawn by a Shetland pony at a Christmas party

Photographer: Laurie Richards



Christmas party a group of children standing next to Santa Claus at a Christmas party

Photographer: Laurie Richards





Children Watching Early  
Model Television Set, 1959

Photographer:  
Laurie Richards