

tions. The cutting out of paper dolls, dishes, materials for a store, an army of soldiers, hats, aprons, characters from fairy stories, and borders or patterns will afford endless amusement.

Blocks are always favorite playthings for children. Cities may be built, doll houses, forts, farms, a zoological garden, a fairy palace, a river with wharves, and boats plying up and down. The favorite of all, perhaps, is a big city, with an earthquake, generally a lot of dancing children, to knock it down as soon as it is built.

Painting is a much-loved pastime. Christmas and birthday cards may be made, a family of paper dolls or a scrap book may be colored. Tracing is also popular, and mounting leaves on cards and glazing them. Stringing beads, buttons, cones, anything of the sort, is much enjoyed.

The suggestions here given are meant to save the mother's time and energy. Give the materials to the little ones, and explain and start the play, and let the children elaborate it or not, as they wish. Look into the nursery from time to time, encourage the little workers with a smile and a hearty "that's good." Praise freely and be interested. The children will play by the hour, and the mother will gain time for her own work and amusement, knowing that her children are safe and happy.

Other plays will grow out of these and much happiness will follow. The little acorn of tact and patience on the

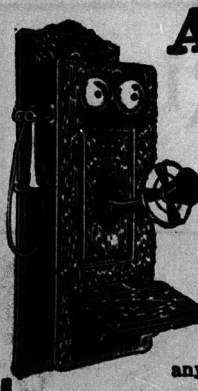
mother's part will sprout into a big tree of safe playing, happy industry and healthy content on the part of her children, and there will be no results but good ones.

What is Life.

Men have a much better appreciation of the simple blessings of life than women have. They set the proper value upon the functions of the senses, upon good health and food and plain conjugal joys.

Women like to call this simple content with life man's coarseness; but no, it is man's genius, his nearness to the working of great Nature that makes him thus, and women would do well to cease their fretting after little worldly possessions and achievements, and acquire the habit of allowing life to be as dear to them as it wishes to be, and as it will be when they understand.

We are wont to say of the country woman who has never been out of her native State, and seldom seen a theatre or a street car, that she has seldom seen little of life. I challenge this statement. I say that the woman who was born in the city, educated in a woman's college, sent abroad in the conventional fashion and married suitably at the proper time, has seen little of life. I say that many such women live and die without seeing life or knowing in any sense what life is.



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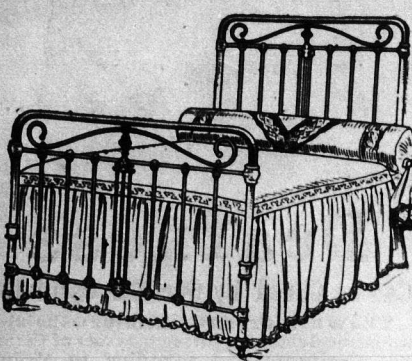
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