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### Braving the Dark

I should like to say something in regard to timidity in children. One always feels sorry for the child who lives in terror of the dark room. I have a suggestion to make, and hope some mother will try it. We will call our plan 'guessing in the dark.' Let the mother take the timid child by the hand into a dark room, then walk against some object, a chair, for instance having the child put his hand on the object and 'guess' what it is. Do this until the child becomes familiar with every object in the room. He will thus become so interested in playing the 'game' that his fear will be forgotten, and in time the child will pass through the dark alone. This, too, may give him courage in other darkness besides the dark room at home. I hope this little suggestion may be of use.—'Congregationalist.'

Some boys think it isn't manly to know how to wash dishes, or sew on a button, but the handy boy goes out into the world far more independent than one who cannot do such things. Teach the boys that true manliness consists in being helpful always, in every way, and to everybody. But when these sons and husbands are so good and helpful, we should never abuse their kindness, just because they are so, by expecting too much of them.

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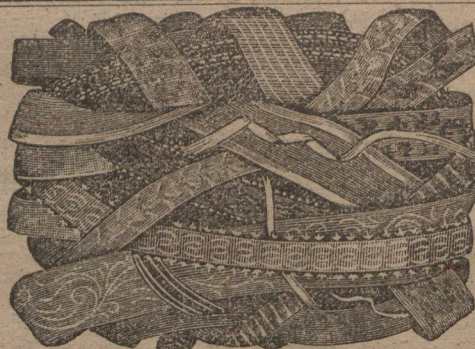
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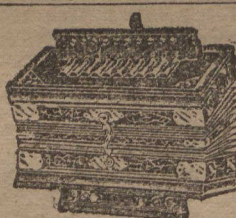
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