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changed since the same question was answered in this column a few weeks ago. Simplicity in hair arrangement is a very good rule for all children. . . . Wear your hair as the other children in your neighborhood are wearing theirs, Rosebud and Sweetheart, provided the style be becoming and not "fussy." Fussed-up hair always takes away from a little girl's attractiveness, and makes her look "common."

Wood Alcohol Poisonous.

Still another P. S. There is an item in this morning's daily newspapers (Aug. 21st) stating that at St. Lambert three Russian workmen are dead as the result of drinking wood alcohol. That reminds me that many people who are not foreigners, and who should know better, do not know that wood alcohol is a poison, by no means intended for taking internally. Occasionally a bottle of it, bought for some other purpose may be about the house. This should be labelled "Poison," and put in a safe place. If not there is always a chance that someone may take it as a cure for cold, or cramps. Don't forget,—wood alcohol is POISON. J.

Teaching Children Housework.

By Nellie Frances Milburn, in Boston Cooking School Magazine.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall, the great educator of teachers, affirms that children should never be expected to do things thoroughly. It is enough that they should be able to do them at all. It is an injurious strain on the nervous system, when they try to attain precision and perfection. The little awkward fingers can only attempt to sew, weave, draw, or paint, under the guidance of the teacher in the school-room, but the knowledge is begun in this way, and later in life the trained muscles and educated brain will enable them to be useful workers.

The principles, explained by Dr. Hall may be applied to the natural duties of children in the home.

It is clearly recognized by many teachers and parents that the training in household duties should begin at an early age.

Young children always enjoy household tasks. Imitation is one of the first faculties to be developed, and the child of four or five years will be happy if given a toy broom to play at sweeping, or a set of dishes that it can wash and wipe, "Just like mother."

A child can be easily entertained, and at the same time be learning something useful, if allowed to help the mother in all the household tasks.

In washing dishes the mother can wash and wipe all the heavy utensils, but ask the child to cleanse or dry small dishes or pieces of silver, and then can have it carry a few dishes at a time to the china closet where the mother can afterwards arrange them. In this way many steps are saved for the mother, and yet the child is not made tired and disgusted with work.

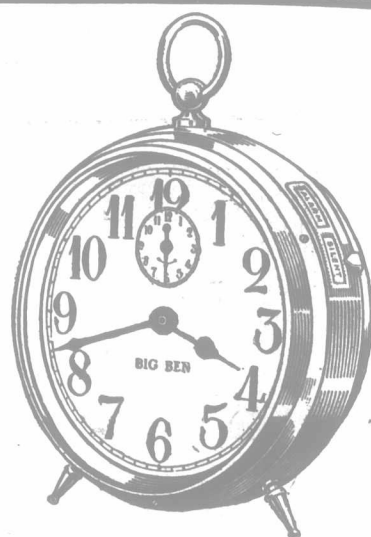
I remember once hearing a little girl say: "Oh, our cook is going to leave, and I'm so glad. I hope it will be a long time before we get another."

Surprised at this statement, I asked her the reason why she was pleased, and she answered: "Why, we have such good times helping mamma do the work. We play games when making beds or sweeping, and pretend we are brownies or fairies. Mamma tells us stories while we are wiping dishes, and John plays he is an express train and carries dishes to the cupboard for us; and, then, when we get all the work done, mamma lets us make fudge or taffy or have a little dinner."

If a mother postpones the teaching of household tasks until children have reached the age of ten or twelve years, she finds it almost impossible to interest them in these duties.

The social instinct has now been developed, and they bitterly resent being kept away from their young companions. Besides this, music lessons, and school lessons which must be studied at home, occupy a considerable amount of their time at this age.

One of the most essential things is to teach children orderliness, and this



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