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Amusing the Children

A constant source of amusement for small children consists in stringing varied colored beads. The large glass beads are used, and a shoestring is better than a needle and thread for the purpose.

Making chains of straws and discs or squares of paper is another fascinating pastime. Both may be bought already prepared, in colors, at any dealer in kindergarten supplies.

The straws and discs may be prepared at home. The straws are soaked to avoid splitting, and are cut into lengths of an inch. The discs and squares of paper are about an inch in diameter, and are cut from tough paper, of various colors. The child is given a long needle with a long thread, tying the thread through the eye of the needle. Then teach him to thread alternately a disc or squares of paper and a straw. Long chains are made in this manner.

A homemade blackboard may be made by treating a very smooth board to two coats of shellac, and one or two coats of liquid slating. An eraser is made by covering a small board with velvet, first padding it heavily with cotton.

Allow the little one to exercise his own taste and ingenuity in manufacing scrap books. Give him an old blank book and lots of pictures, make the paste rather thick, and give him a little at a time, with a small brush to paste the pictures in, and a cloth to pat with, after being pasted in. Another day allow him to color the pictures that are not already colored, with a little box of non-poisonous paints.

A handful of wooden toothpicks, and a pint of dry seed peas will make ladders, wheeelbarrows, windmills, stars, squares and various geometrical figures. The peas are soaked in water long enough to allow the "picks" to penetrate readily, but not too soft or they will split. For short portions, such as rungs of ladders crosspieces of wheel barrows, etc., the toothpicks are broken in two.

A battledoor and shuttlecock is always a favorite toy, and it has a special value in being instrumental in giving a child a graceful carriage, as nearly all the muscles are brought into play in tossing the shuttlecock about. It is also an aid in training the eyes to estimate accurately. For small children, the battledore may be sawed from a piece of light wood, sand-papered and shellacked. The handle and all are sawed in one piece, in shape like a tennis racket, but smaller. For older chilren a pretty battledore is made by sawing a piece of whalebone to form an oval, the ends meeting. Fasten firmly and secure a round wooden handle on the ends. Now make a cover across the whalebones on both sides of leather or cloth, (denim is good, as it does not sag.) Stretch the material very tightly, and fasten securely. Where it joins the handle, fasten a bow of ribbon. For a shuttlecock, take a cork, and fasten feathers around the edge, so they flare outwards. From four to six feathers are necessary. The wing feathers of barnyard fowls or pigeons are used. Often the ends of the feathers must be clipped a trifle to make the shuttlecock balance nicely.

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WINTER

We looked upon a world unknown,
On nothing we could call our own.
Around the glistening wonder bent
The blue walls of the firmament;
No cloud above, no earth below,—
A universe of sky and snow.

The old familiar sights of ours
Took marvellous shapes; strange domes and towers
Rose up where sty or corn-crib stood,
Or garden wall, or belt of wood;
A smooth white mound the brush pile showed
A fenceless drift what once was road.

—From Whittier's "Snow Bound."

Plans His Work Wisely

Why is it that so many of our boys and girls wish to leave the farm? I judge there are several reasons, but perhaps as strong as any is the incessant toil that falls to the lot of those on some farms. If we could be induced to work not more than ten hours a day at any season of the year, we would be more intelligent, and better satisfied, and would be just as well off in pocket.

Six o'clock is late enough quitting time in the longest days in summer. The man who takes time to think, and who plans his work wisely will accomplish as much in ten hours as his neighbor who works without any method, will accomplish in fourteen. The man who does not take time to observe and think, who does not look at a paper from Monday morning to Saturday night, is sure to work at a disadvantage. I very often go into farmers' homes, where not a book or paper is to be seen. I do not wonder that from such homes, so cheerless and uninviting, the children as they become of age, scatter to the four winds. I know of nothing to remedy the evil, except for each one to reform his own conduct—give time to the improvement of his own mind, and by his example, influence his neighbors.—R. L., Leeds County.

Household Fillers

Reading is the only enjoyment I know, in which there is no alloy.—Anthony Trollope.

Why destroy present happiness by a distant misery, which may never come at all, or you may never live to see? Every substantial grief has twenty shadows, and most of them shadows of your own making.—S. Smith.

It is not putting things in the right place that bothers a man so much as finding the right place after he has put the things in it.

The men in cities who are the centres of energy, the driving wheels of trade, political or practical arts, and