

with his own eyes, and saw that every workman was a man that could be trusted. The result of his exceeding care was this: He lifted the obelisk to its place in safety, and raised his own son to life.

Even so, God has bound your children to every act which you do, and to every thought which you think. He makes the consideration of their feelings, of their interests, a motive to right thinking and right doing upon your part. Part of your equipment is a vision for your child. Get that. That will give you an ideal and an object to work toward. That will give you something to which you can dedicate your child from the very start of its life.—Dr. Gregg, in Treasury.

#### Entertainment for Young Children

Young mothers make a great mistake in not planning plays and games for active children. As long as they are occupied many children are good.

One mother states in a letter to a friend: "Just as long as I can keep Ruth busy with something which interests her she is as good a child as ever need be, but the very minute she hasn't something to do she commences to tease, and sometimes it nearly distracts me."

Their playthings need not be mere toys by any means. When they are tired of one thing suggest something else. Not every girl likes a doll, but the majority of them do, and will play for hours with them. Oftentimes boys like dolls quite as well as their sisters. One small lad who is not yet three is very fond of a homely old knit doll which he calls Polly. She lives in his iron bed, and never goes downstairs. During the day he pays but little attention to her, but when sleeping time comes his latest treasures are gathered up to show Polly, who is always ready to go to bed with him.

A small hammer, nails and some pieces of boards will delight some children for hours. Others enjoy a lot of colored picture papers, a pair of blunt scissors and a bottle of paste. Very funny scrap books are sometimes made by these little folks.

A small blackboard and crayons afford amusement for some children. Street or steam cars made of thread boxes fastened together by twine are simple playthings. There is probably nothing in the way of playthings which entertains as long or as satisfactorily as blocks. There should be a number of different sizes. They can be bought in a good-sized wagon for children, but it is just as well to have them made at some furniture factory of hard or soft wood.

One small boy delights in building what he calls bed quilts from quantities of gay samples brought him by his grandfather, who owns a dry-goods store. He never tires of this play, and day after day these samples are spread out on the floor, couch, chairs, etc., for bed quilts. He loves to play circus, and fastens Prince, the dog, billy-horse, a wooden decoy duck, and various other animals and dolls together by means of ribbons and strings, and then draws them through the house as his parade.

Linen books with gay pictures pasted or painted therein afford entertainment for hours. A brownie book is particularly well liked by a small lad.

Paper dolls cut from old fashion books delight some children, and huge families of them are cut out and played with for days. In summer time a load of sand affords the finest kind of entertainment. Blowing soap bubbles is another source of enjoyment.

Aside from all the plays enumerated above there are many tasks which are simply play to the children, but in after years will be of inestimable service to the whole household. Most children love to help, and if allowed to assist in trifling services they will be less likely to dislike it when older.

Carrie May Ashton

What little mites children are, to be sure. We dance them upon our knees and swing them in our arms easily. But the youngest of them can say,

"God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
Careth for me."