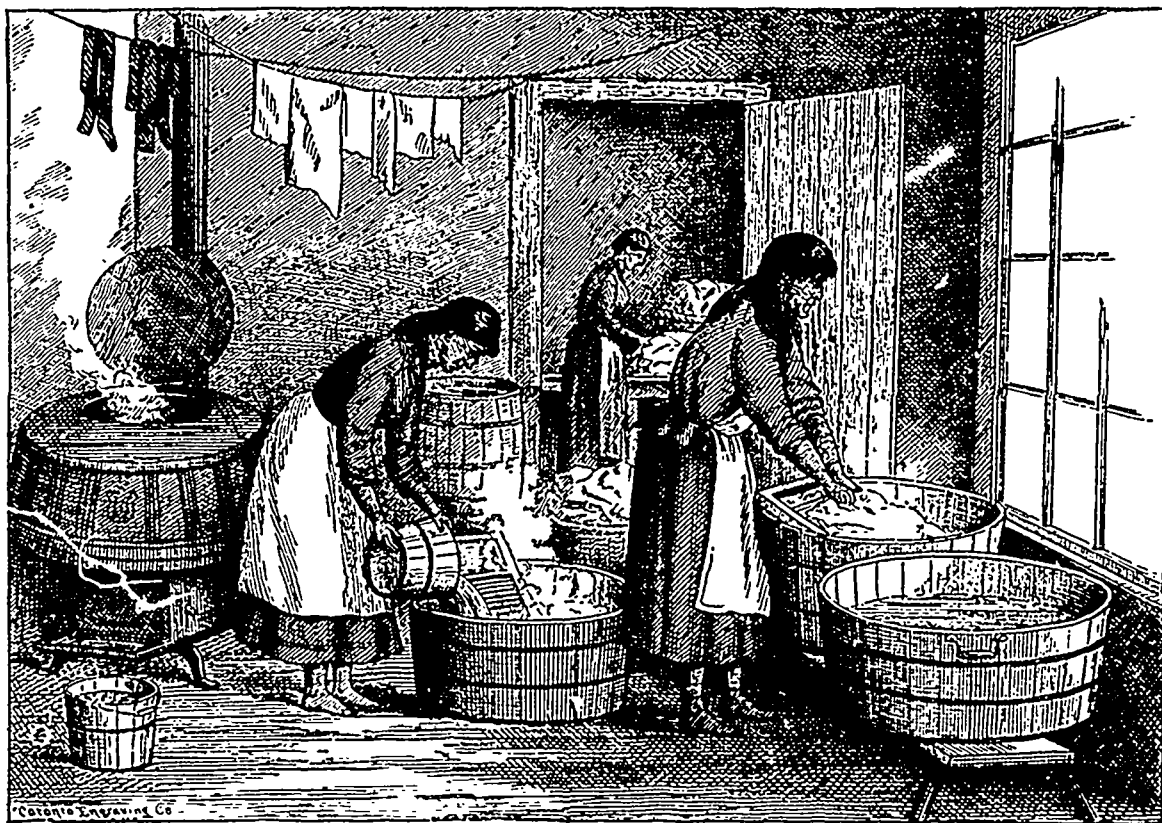


Young People's Department.



WAWANOSH LAUNDRY.

THE INDIAN HOMES.

THE Rev. E. F. Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie has published recently a Summer number of "Our Forest Children." It is full of some very interesting things about the Indians and has several pictures in it, illustrating some of their ways and some of the work that is done amongst them. The above picture is one of them. Mr. Wilson kindly lent it to us that the readers of this magazine might have an opportunity of seeing what kind of things his pictures represent.

Some time ago we showed our readers a picture of Mr. Wilson's Wawanosh Home at Sault Ste. Marie. This is a Home which he succeeded in getting built for the education of Indian girls. It is an Indian school for girls, but you see it is not a school where reading, writing, arithmetic and such things alone are taught, but where many other things that are useful to know in after life are imparted to the children. The Indian girls you see are taught how to do household work. They are at work in the laundry where they learn all about washing, so that when they get homes of their own they will know how to do it in the easiest and best way. Mr. Wilson's first idea is to teach these girls all about Christ and make them Christian women,

but at the same time he wishes to train their minds and their bodies so that they may be intelligent and useful women. There are three things that the true missionary always thinks of in teaching his people. The three things are the soul, the mind, the body. It is in search of the soul that he first starts out. The soul or the spirit is to "go back to the God who gave it." How important that it should be trained in the ways of salvation. The mind is the noblest part of man. It ought to be instructed how to grow in things that are bright and good. Ignorant people should be taught for they will know all the better how to understand the wonderful ways of Christ and his dealings with us. The body is the casket of the mind and soul. It is "the temple of the Holy Ghost." Therefore it too should be trained. The hands, the brain, the feet should be trained to be industrious, for how true it is that "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." In the church, in the schoolroom and over the wash tub then, poor, savage Indian girls are taught the great value of Christian love and missionary work. Several of our Canadian Church Sunday Schools are helping Mr. Wilson to support some of these girls, so they no doubt like to hear occasionally something about them.