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## USING THE SAND TABLE.

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## Our Stockade.

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Our nation will never again do without universal military training, thinking people tell us. We will be prepared for war just as we buy insurance, they say, but the glamour of war is gone, the glory of arms will never be sung any more — according to Richard Harding Davis, and he knows, for he has been there.

The trenches and vermin and atrocities have stamped war as barbarous — and so the American or Canadian school teacher is going to be up against a hard proposition when she finds herself teaching children that it is their duty to die for their country and at the same time teach them that America and the Dominion opposed war.

With all this in mind, I, at last, decided to teach about soldiers and forts and all the paraphernalia of battles, from the standpoint of protection, and for that reason started in with the first white people in our land building their little homes in the wilder

ness surrounded by a stockade, because this was the first example of preparedness for protection only

To be sure, even here is the question of who had the right to this land; whether it was the original owners, the Indians, or the pioneer palefaces. But with paleface cunning, I did not bring up this point with my little citizens in the First Grade, for First Graders have the primitive ideas of right and wrong and fail to discern the niceties of adult ethics.

The picture, as shown, is not the complete sand-table representation, since we had to remove part of the stockade and surrounding woods in order to get a plain photograph. The log cabin was built in real log cabin fashion from sticks brought by a small boy, and he broke them from branches that he found, about half an inch in diameter. They were built around a chalk box and plastered with concrete from a nearby mixer where a new building was being put up — for we requisition anything or everything that we need.

The roof was made of drawing paper and painted to represent bark, so that it would show in the picture, but the real roof can just as easily and much more appropriately be built of this paper for