

So earnest workers are seeking to emphasize the value of *persons*. The conservation of orphans, of children who are well-nigh cursed with parents who are incapable, means that such handicapped and neglected ones may have an opportunity to develop into healthful, useful men and women. Homes there are in which the atmosphere is so vice-and-crime producing that the offspring are robbed of moral ideas and ideals.

Care of the Child

In the United States, two and one quarter million children under fifteen years of age are employed in various ways. There are murderous dwellings in which every member of the family down to three years of age, is enlisted in work. Children of three years can and do straighten out tobacco leaves and assist in the making of artificial flowers. At four years of age, they can put covers on paper boxes. At five and six they are able to sew on buttons. At eight to twelve many girls are engaged in finishing trousers. Sometimes the bargains for which people scramble are the product of these little oppressed lives. Medical examination has made it very plain that wherever children have been made to work during these tender years, they were found to be physically inferior to those who were not robbed of their heritage.

One who has studied child life in the cities has written the following pathetic lines: