

to follow. The one boy knew all about it, to my surprise, and on questioning him, I discovered that it was his custom to make the bread in his home. Two girls wrote rather discouraging reports on how to keep a house clean. It was painfully evident that they know most about this occupation and had a plentiful lack of delight in it. Three boys described the *modus operandi* of horseshoeing, and wrote intelligently and minutely. The fathers of two of the boys were practical horseshoers. Three boys wrote careful and interesting accounts of the excavations being made for the relief of Stony Brook.

The games or pastimes were well cared for, three boys describing the ever-revered game of hockey, while lacrosse, cricket, baseball, and tobogganning, were written about by their devotees. The sons of artisans looked after the trades of their fathers, for seven boys wrote about the building of wooden and brick houses, and several described the making of rubber shoes, weaving of carpets, type-setting, building of the running parts of a waggon, planing of boards, etc. One girl went into the details of making butter; another, of making pincushions; another told how to knit and gave a catalogue of the various articles she had knitted during the past year. Washing was the topic of one girl's essay, and she solemnly averred that she enjoyed doing the weekly wash, and thought "blue Monday" the best day in the week; while another girl gave her experiences in ironing clothes, and told how she often burned her fingers. A dainty miss, who had visited Marblehead during the summer, gave a four-page description anent lobster catching; another told how to color Easter eggs, and another gave full details in the arts of papering a room. One boy, the son of the proprietor of a variety store, told how express carts were put together, and the boy who plays the violin wrote an interesting account of how the violin is made and what must be done to learn to play it. One boy, whose grandfather is a farmer, told all about weeding carrots, and didn't seem to think there was much fun in the occupation.

The experiment succeeded beyond my expectation, and I had a good opportunity to study the likes and dislikes, and the inclinations of my pupils. I know it is a good plan, and I commend it to the consideration of others.—*Allen Dale in American Teacher.*