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TOYS AND PLAY MATERIALS

By ELLEN CREELMAN

The child instinctively attempts to develop his mind through contact with his environment. He wishes to gain knowledge of it, to come into sympathetic relation with it, and to fulfill a part in it.

Toys and play materials offer him one means of expression. The child's imagination is very keen, consequently his toys should be wisely selected. They should be simple and very durable. There should be dolls, doll furniture, balls, carts, boats, wagons and other toys which may be useful to him.

"The two finished toy child's the imagination," and the child frequently is seen to find more enjoyment with a crude toy of his own construction. The little girl will turn from an elaborately dressed doll to lavish creases on a rag doll. One child turned from a large number of valuable Christmas presents to play with his father's bootjack. A little girl given a beautiful doll by her uncle, laid it down and spent the remainder of the day using the box in which it came for a boat. Later she thanked her uncle for the beautiful boat he had sent her.

When the child can use play materials, he should be given blocks, beads, beads, clay, paper, scissors and crayons also miscellaneous articles from which he may choose.

When the child may safely be left alone in the nursery or out of doors, he should be free from the continuous presence of an adult. He realizes greater satisfaction if thrown upon his own resources. The child's power of concentration is weak and many parents, instead of sitting quietly by, direct the child by continuous remarks about what he is doing. Parents and others may express sympathetic interest when the child appeals to them, may play with him, but not for him. Self-effort is the law of progress. The child's ideas are vague, his faculty of expression crude, but he is satisfied with the results he realizes as he outgrows this stage, unless someone invariably destroys his satisfaction by, for instance, building or modeling for him a more perfect form than his. To lose his delight through his own efforts is an irreparable loss to him.

Order is a natural need of everyone even in childhood. The child, if not carefully guided, acquires habits of disorderliness. He frequently finds himself surrounded by a mass of playthings in an untidy room. His mind becomes tired and confused, and he turns away indifferently without having realized his desires.

Granted children an attractive nursery, no matter how simple, with suitable, but not necessarily an expensive equipment, a few rules necessary for the happiness of all must be enforced.

There must be no infringing upon the rights of others. Individual toys must not be appropriated without permission of the owner. There must be no unnecessary distribution of toys and play materials, but a degree of orderliness during the day, and all toys must be out in their places at night by the children. If these rules are enforced, interest in play, appreciation of confidence, gratitude for their privilege and good will toward one another may be expected. Without this result the desired progress is impossible.

THE SPOILED CHILD

By MISS CHAS. ROBBINS
Is there anyone more unwelcome in any group anywhere than the child who has been spoiled? Time after time have I heard a mother remark, "Well, you know how spoiled he is." She acts as though this would forgive his misdeeds. The failure to do her duty is explained by adding that his grandmother or aunt will let him do such things.

Mothers, you may try to believe that it is so, but deep down in your hearts, you acknowledge that the failure in training points only one way, and that is to you. If you persist in training syste-

matically your child will show good results. My boy would have been hopelessly spoiled had I allowed either grand-mother to do as she wished. In fact both objected if I permitted my baby to cry. Later on they complimented me on my well trained baby. Why? Because he was unspoiled, healthy and lovable.

That brings us to an important point in the training of children. The most beautiful child in the world can be so reared, through neglect of his parents, to direct the small acts of childhood that he becomes unlovable. Now we know the child is not to blame. The moulding of every baby-boy to manhood, and every baby-girl to womanhood is absolutely in the hands of the parents at the start. It is not difficult to understand how important a factor training in the right direction can become. I might add that this is one of the biggest aims of kindergartens, the directing and starting of the child's habits in life in the best way.

One often hears some mother relating to a friend a cute remark made by her child or telling of some act, while the child listens intently, even smiling with self-satisfaction at this repetition of his smartness.

The child you may well know is immature. The exciting result of having his hear of his bright acts is this: just as soon as the child begins to think those things are cute he gets an excited feeling that they are the means by which he gets notice. Then he loses the sweet, innocent ways of a child and becomes self-conscious.

One little boy I know is giving the teachers in school a troublesome time and the mother desires she is unable to change him. When he was a baby he was bright and attractive, naturally imitating little things his parents did. If he heard his father swear occasionally or heard a slang expression he repeated it, much to the amusement of his audience. They led him on and entertained friends showing him off, but now the parents are suffering. The child is not wanted anywhere and proves a nuisance. To laugh at or ridicule a child when he asks some question innocently, even though it may be amusing, is a crime. Your laugh, if he has asked some queer thing, turns his grave thoughts aside as worthless. Such things may seem trivial to you, Mothers, but to him they are all small lessons leading on to bigger ones in his steps of progress.

Try to think as your child thinks and try to see what has prompted his action. This will help greatly in solving many perplexing problems. Very, very often he has a motive which can be discovered if you watch carefully. Does it seem a big task, Mothers? It is, but there is no greater happiness for us than the knowledge that we have done our best. If we have, the best results will in all probability follow, and our children will be as we want them to be, lovable and happy; and the spoiled child will never be among us.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—Cattle: Receipts none; tone of market nominal; best steers \$7 @ 7.50; fair to good steers \$5.75 @ 7; choice cows and heifers \$5.25 @ 5.75; cullers \$2 @ 3.25; bulls \$3 @ 4; calves \$6.50 @ 10.50.

Hogs—Receipts 1550; tone of market nominal; prime mixed \$8.75 @ 9; rough heavy \$5 @ 8.50; pigs \$8.75 @ 9.

Sheep—Receipts none; tone of market nominal; east of mountain lambs \$9 @ 9.75; valley lambs \$8 @ 9; yearlings \$6 @ 7.50; wethers \$4 @ 6.50; ewes \$3 @ 5; produce—Hens 18 @ 20; eggs 33 @ 35; cheese 29 @ 30; butter 38c.

All Degree of Honor members are requested to meet at Branstetter's chapel tomorrow afternoon at 12:45 to attend the funeral of Sister Anderson's son, Lawrence Young. By PRESIDENT.

A depth of 3015 feet has been reached by the drill in the Lower Columbia Oil and Gas company's well near Astoria, showing a formation of hard brown shale, carrying streaks of lime.

DEALERS LOOKING FOR CHEAPER EGGS

Even though the egg market has climbed in the past day or two to a 29 and 30 cents a dozen level, local commission men look for another drop about Monday morning. Whether it will hit the low marks of this past week they do not know, and cannot estimate, but they are practically certain of a drop.

Wheat Advances
Wheat has gone up one cent and is now bringing 87 and 89 cents a bushel for No. 1 grade, sowed at the local flouring mill. Oats and barley remain at \$24.50 for the former and \$21 for the latter.

Butterfat is Higher.
Some changes have come in the butter and cream market that will benefit the producer. Butterfat is quoted now at 34 cents and the wholesale price on creamery butter has risen accordingly to 37 and 39 cents. Country butter is bringing 25 and 30 cents in the stores.

Heavy Hens Drop.
In the local poultry market heavy live hens have dropped from 23 and 24 cents to 22 and 23 cents. Other poultry is not affected.

The wool quotations remain unchanged but that is not unusual at this time of year.

Apples and Pears Scarce
Apples and pears, because of the growing scarcity, are advancing in price. Both are being quoted at local grocery stores at \$1 a box, where the price has been 50 cents and \$1.

Hubbard Squash has gone up, wholesale price, from one and one-half cent a pound, to two cents.

MARKETS

TODAY'S MARKETS
All quotations are wholesale. Prices are those paid for produce brought to the city. No retail prices quoted.

Eggs and Poultry
Eggs, fresh 28@30c
Hens, heavy, live 22@24c
Springers 15@16c
Old roosters 8@10c
Ducks 20@22c
Geese 15@16c

Butterfat and Butter
Country Butter 25@30c
Creamery butter 37@39c
Butterfat 34@

Wool Market
Steers 5@6c
Veal 12@13c
Cows on foot 3@3.50c
Pork, dressed 19@20c
Pork, on foot 8@

Wheat and Wool
Wool, coarse, lb. 10@12c
Wool, medium, lb. 13@15c
Wool, fine, lb. 20@22c
Casaca Barb. 4@4.50c
Hides, beef, green 2@2.50c
Hides, calf 3@3.50c
Hides, kip 3@3.50c
Oats, per ton \$24.50
Barley, per ton \$21
Wheat, No. 1 sack, \$1.80
Wheat, No. 2 sack, \$1.70
May, wheat \$1.60@1.12
May, vetch and oats \$12@15

Vegetables and Fruit
Salsify, doz. bunches 4@5c
Cabbage 2@2.50c
Hubbard Squash, lb. 2@2.50c
Apples, box \$1.00
Pears, box \$1.00
Berries, doz. 2@2.50c
Carrots, lb. 1@1.50c
Turnips, lb. 2@2.50c
Spinach, lb. 1@1.50c
Walnuts, lb. 2@2.50c

CHICAGO GRAIN REVIEW
Chicago, Jan. 21.—Grain prices were higher on the Chicago board of trade today. Export buying was slow but total purchases for the week were large.

Local selling demand was reported moderate but there was a little better demand for flour reported in spots. Receipts were fairly liberal.

Provisions were higher.
Max wheat opened up 1-8 at \$1.14 1-4 and closed up 1-3-4. July wheat opened up 1-7 at \$1.02, closing up 1-1.

May corn opened unchanged at 53 1-2

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GIFTS THAT LAST

LUCKEY'S JEWELRY STORE

closing up 1-4. July corn opened at 53 1-4, unchanged and closed up 1-2.
May oats opened up 1-8 at 38 7-8, closing up 1-1. July oats opened up 1-8 at 39 5-8 and closed up 3-8.

PRICE LEVEL LITTLE CHANGED
Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—After two months of slight recovery, another year began with the general commodity price level disclosing an insignificant recession. Measured by Dun's index number, which allows for the relative importance of each of the many articles embraced by the record, wholesale quotations were only about 1-20 of 1 per cent lower on January 1 last than a month previous.

Thus, the present index number figure of 1704.44, representing the cost per capita of a year's supply of commodities, compares with 1704.531 on December 1, when a rise of 5 per cent was established. Net changes in the price level during recent months have been narrow, reflecting a trend toward stability of markets, and the new year is not likely to develop a repetition of the preceding unsettlement. From the bottom point of last July, prices have advanced gradually and irregularly and the January 1 index number is 2.0 per cent above the earlier basis. A decline of 37.5 per cent appears, however, in comparison with the high point of May 1, 1920.

SUGAR PRICE HIGHER
Portland, Jan. 21.—In addition to the 10-cent advance in refined sugar, which took effect yesterday morning, another 10 cent advance will be effective today, local jobbers announced. The new quotations will be 80 a hundred on cane granulated and 85.70 on beet sugar. Both changes followed advances in California refinery prices, which reflected higher markets east. The stronger position of the raw sugar market is the basis for the advances in refined grades.

Flour is Higher.
Export flour prices were advanced 15 cents a barrel yesterday in the export markets of the northwest. This was due to the steady advance that has lately occurred in the wheat market. No change has been made in bakers' or family grades of flour, but these are naturally firm.

Egg Prices Are Up.
Egg prices were advanced 4 cents yesterday by the Pacific Poultry Producers' 40 cents for select; 37 cents for firsts, and 36 cents for pullets. Receipts during the day were light. Opinions on Front street varied, some of the dealers believing the market had an easier undertone because of the favorable change in the weather. Numerous inquiries from

the country as to prices indicated that farmers and country dealers have been holding back supplies.

The butter market was firm with prints going out regularly at the new advanced quotation. There was also a better demand for cubes.

Poultry and dressed meats were in moderate supply and prices were steady.

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