

Manual Training.

"To train the hand means to train the powers of the eye, and to bring the muscular and nervous systems into working accord. Some kinds of manual training give the whole body useful exercise. All kinds rest the brain and relieve the body after purely intellectual work, while cultivating them in another fashion and developing the creative instinct. And they teach directness of purpose, concentration of effort, accuracy of observation, and also mental and moral precision and honesty. The teacher, and even the pupil himself, may think that a book lesson has been learned when it has not been, or that an idea has been mastered, when it has been only half grasped or wholly misunderstood. But this cannot happen with manual work. A tangible thing is done, and rightly done, or it is not. A stitched seam is straight, a leaf is correctly drawn, a carpenter's joint is true, or it is not. Neither deception nor self-deception is possible in the workshop, and the spirit of accuracy, system, conscientiousness, self-reliance and helpful co-operation that it develops is carried over into the other class rooms. Moreover, the workshop may cultivate taste as well as skill; and, although it does not teach trades, it celebrates the dignity of manual labor, and often develops individual likings and aptitudes for it. The same is the case with the lessons in "domestic science" given to girls. They are not taught to be "professed" cooks or dressmakers. But their fingers, eyes and palates are trained; the importance of cleanliness, neatness, order and exactness is impressed upon them; respect for household work and interest in it are awakened; and these great benefits are augmented by such instruction in hygienic and alimentary laws as could hardly be made to seem practical and important without the help of the cooking stove."

—Ex.

Isaacstein made a visit to his friend Blumenberg's store the other day and was greatly surprised to see upon the wall a half dozen hand grenades, labeled: "To be used only in case of fire." "Mein Gott! Blumenberg, vat for do you have dose tings arount?" "Dot's all right," replied Blumenberg, calmly, "I need dem in mein business." "But, mein friend, do you know vat vas in dem?" "No, Isaacstein," came the reply, "I don't know vat vas in dem, but I know vat is in dem—it's gasoline."—Argonaut.

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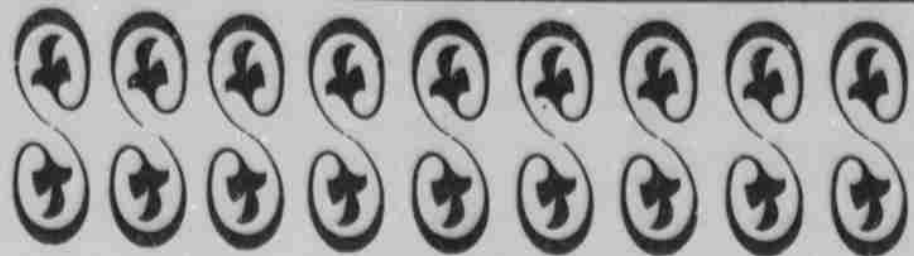
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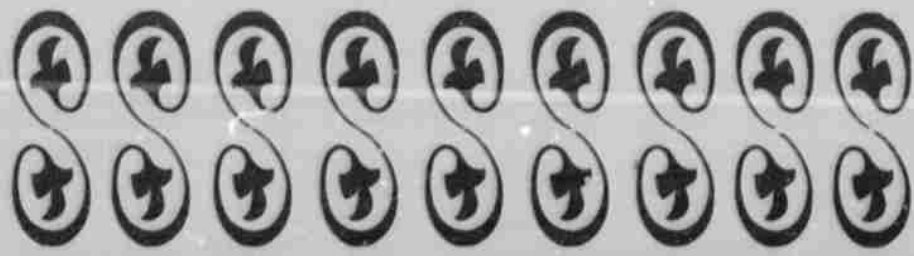
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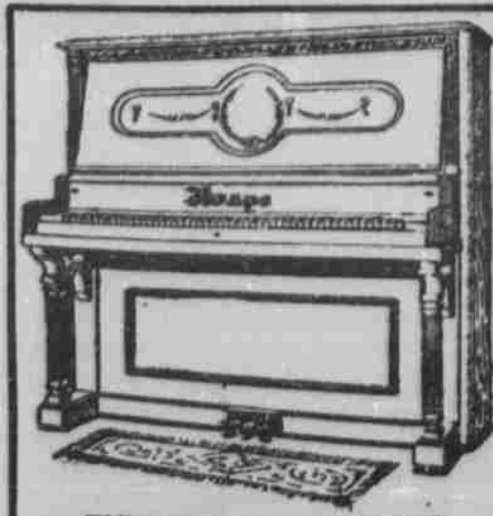
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