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"ABIGAIL" THE LOG
CABIN DOLL

ABIGAIL'S HISTORY

AFTER teaching her four children to tie their bows, button their clothing, braid their hair, and lace their shoes, Mrs. Ralph Sperry felt that some INTERESTING way should be found to teach these things to children. Then when her children began to study pioneer life she realized that things seen make much deeper impressions than things read about and began to study children's costumes of a hundred years ago. After months of investigation and study she made and dressed a rag doll to represent a child of that period, her inspiration being a worn and faded but cleverly designed old rag doll found in a log cabin in the hills of Brown County, Indiana. There one may still find the simple wholesome living, characteristic of the lives of the early settlers. Out of this study has evolved Abigail, the Log Cabin Doll. She is stuffed with clean, pure new wool, covered with broadcloth, and her face hand-tinted with fast dyes. She is made to teach children through play how to button and unbutton, braid hair, use snaps and hooks and eyes, tie bows and lace shoes.

BY DOING THESE THINGS ON ABBIE-- WHICH IS GREAT FUN--THE CHILD SOON LEARNS TO HER INTENSE DELIGHT THAT SHE CAN BUTTON HER OWN CLOTHES, TIE HER OWN TIES, BRAID HER OWN HAIR, AND LACE HER OWN SHOES. BY DRESSING AND UNDESSING ABBIE THE CHILD SOON WANTS TO DRESS AND UNDESS HERSELF. THEREBY THROUGH PLAY A MOST HELPFUL LESSON HAS BEEN HAPPILY LEARNED.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

"This quaint Abigail is a charming and fascinating doll. She will delight the hearts of all little girls--who will love her not only for herself, but also for her interesting history."

--OLGA ADAMS, Kindergarten Division, School of Education, University of Chicago.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, EVANSTON, ILL.

"Abbie might have stepped out of old Ft. Dearborn itself, and her historic charm should appeal greatly to the intermediate grades who are studying colonial life in America. But Abbie has a personality which will cause her to be loved by younger children too. She is soft and cuddly. We are glad to endorse and recommend her."

--CLARA BELL BAKER, Director of Children's School.

FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL, CHICAGO

"This is to certify that a number of the faculty and myself have examined Abigail, the fascinating period doll. Everyone, even adults have immediately wanted to own one and I believe it is destined to have an enduring place in the affection of children. From every point of view we sincerely approve of the doll."

--FLORA J. COOKE, Principal.

TUDOR HALL, INDIANAPOLIS

"Abbie, the educational doll, has a real place in nursery school and kindergarten. Her value in interesting little people to learn how to lace shoes and to manipulate fasteners, buttons and buttonholes cannot be over-emphasized. Her quaintness and cuddly value endears her at once to the child's heart."

--HILDA STEWART, President.

ORCHARD SCHOOL, INDIANAPOLIS

"In particular do I wish to comment on the educational value of your doll. Anyone who is acquainted with modern ideas of education is aware of the inadequacy of so many of our Christmas toys to give truly educative experience to our children. It seems to me that your doll creates a new adventure for our children."

--C. H. MATIAVERS, Director.
