Notes: Suggestions for Woman's Home Companion - The Abundance of Life, 1939-1940

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The Abundance of Our Life

What I am driving at is the way small conveniences of life have multiplied. Consider the habit of saving wrapping paper. Why, so strong? Because we had none. The luxury of a paper bag. It is a precious thing. The luxury of a cardboard box, bottles. The suggestion of this kind of thing might have given women some idea of what industry and invention have done to make their lives easier and more attractive.

The story of the bottle would be a fascinating one. And I might suggest to Miss Lane that I go up for a little time to the Ford Museum and study the evolution of certain things. The container - the stove - and apropos of this stove I ought to tell how disturbed I was when Charlotte Gilman began to use the kitchen stove as a sign of the degradation of woman, I being old enough to know that the kitchen stove coming after the fireplace, while it lacked many features, was a godsend to the woman who cooked. This could be worked out and an interesting illustration could be obtained at Fords. Two things - the container and the cook stove I believe offer good articles.