Suggestions for Woman's Home Companion:
(1939-1940)

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 that stimulating~~ give 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.

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