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Mrs. Eva Grant
National Congress of Parents
and Teachers
700 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Grant:

A former associate editor of your magazine, Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, who my wife and I had the great pleasure of meeting recently in New York, has suggested to me that you might be interested in a book that Mrs. Dorr brought out last fall and which has been financed by an organization, The Dorr Foundation, of which I am Chairman of the Board.

I take great pleasure in sending this book to you under separate cover and regret that my wife is away in North Carolina with her six grandchildren so that she cannot autograph it. Further, I am enclosing a short story about the author's photographic life, so to speak, and comments on the book by a variety of people which I think are good reading in themselves.

The book is, as you will infer, a very great personal contribution as most of the pictures in the front part are built around her friend Tasha Tudor, author and illustrator of many children's books, of whose children Mrs. Dorr is godmother. The latter part of the book shows her daughter and babies and the rest of the book represents usually Mrs. Dorr herself with small children in her family.

I might add to the comments already made by saying that at least two young married women have told her that the book had changed their rather "discouraged" relationship with their husbands and children and made them realize the great privilege their position gave them.

You might be further interested in knowing that Tasha Tudor has a farm at Contoocook, New Hampshire and a little book shop attached to it, as well as a doll museum that is receiving a great deal

of well-merited publicity. My wife, having produced two movies, is now making one that includes dolls and was inspired by a dolls' wedding that Tasha had a month or two ago which LIFE photographed and may reproduce.

Having six great-grandchildren of my own, the subject of your magazine is a little away from me, but I am always greatly interested in it, i. e., parents and teachers.

The enclosed blurb states that "Mother and Child" can be bought from The Dorr Foundation as well as through the bookstores, this being by arrangement with Harpers, meeting their approval. The United States Information Agency asked for and received 150 copies of the book for distribution worldwide in their libraries and have been promised more if they find a use for them.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr

Enclosures: Brochure, comments, County Fair reprint (book being sent under separate cover)

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