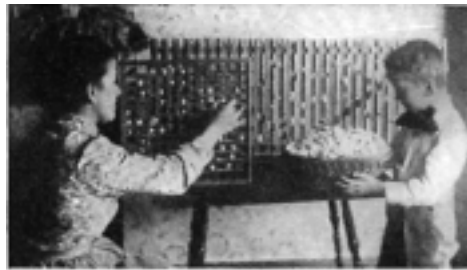


HELPING THE SILK WORM SPIN

MAN by his art can assist nature to a considerable degree, even down to the work of turning out apparently so insignificant a thing as the spinning of a cocoon by the silk worm. Observation has shown that the tiny spinners do not object to having little square openings provided for them in which to set to work at the preliminary task of going into the chrysalis. In fact they seek out just such cozy corners with eagerness. So the silk grower in order to satisfy this want has provided in these modern up to date days little ladders in the interstices of which the silkworm may peacefully spin his web and peacefully go to sleep. The ladder or frame, when filled with the newly spun cocoons, is placed upon a table, where the cocoons may be removed at leisure. Children in particular take great delight in assisting in the work of removing the tiny, fuzzy oblong balls.



GATHERING SILK COCOONS FROM A SPECIALLY PREPARED FRAME.