



After World War I, Jane Addams helped many women and children. Many men died in World War I. Jane gave food, clothes, and jobs to the women. She helped the children, too. Some children went to kindergarten, and some children played in the gym at Hull House. The women had no husbands, and the children had no fathers.



A few people did not like Jane. They said, "Women must not work on jobs outside their homes!"

Jane Addams answered, "The poor women have no husbands, and they have no money. They need jobs. Then they can buy food for their children."

Jane helped the women. The women got jobs, and they worked.



In 1931, people from many different countries honored Jane Addams. They gave her the Nobel Peace Prize. Jane received a very special medal, and people clapped for Jane.

Jane Addams helped many people. She worked for peace in the world. She is our hero!

Bonsai

Bonsai is an ancient art that was started in China hundreds of years ago. It was introduced in Japan sometime before the 13th century, and many Japanese people became very skilled in this art.

Bonsai is the art of growing miniature, or dwarfed, trees or other plants. A mature bonsai tree should have knots and gnarls and look very old, but it should be shaped exactly like the regular tree or plant. The purpose of bonsai



is to create in miniature the beauty and shape of a tree.

There are four basic kinds of bonsai. Mame-bonsai is the art of growing trees that are less than six inches tall. In ko-bonsai, the trees can be only six to twelve inches tall. In chiu-bonsai, the trees can grow to two feet tall, and in dai-bonsai, the trees can be more than two feet tall.

Different kinds of trees can be used in bonsai. The most commonly used deciduous trees, or trees that lose their leaves every year, are the Japanese maple, elm, ginkgo, beech, and birch. Popular evergreen trees for bonsai are the flowering Japanese apricot, pine,



spruce, cedar, and fir. You may also use shrubs and vines.

To grow a miniature tree, you must use a small amount of soil. You must feed and water the tree just enough so that it stays healthy. You must shape the tree by cutting away unwanted branches and by wiring other branches so they will grow in the right directions to make a perfect shape. You must also keep the roots cut short so the tree will not grow too tall.

Some bonsai have lived for more than 200 years. The experts in bonsai think that the older the tree becomes, the more beautiful it is.