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SCHOOL BOOKS.

The Keosauke Courier, of the 5th inst., after quoting an extract from the Abbeville Medium, makes a strong plea for the old text books of twenty, thirty and forty years ago. They plead stoutly for "Webster's Elementary Spelling Book" and "Smith's English Grammar," and would lead one to infer that they consider these books equal, if not superior, to any of their successors. While we admire the zeal manifested by these gentlemen in their defense of the time honored old text books, we must beg to differ in our opinion as to the comparative merits of the old and the new. Be it far from us to depreciate any of the good done by either of the books mentioned. Some of the happiest recollections of our school days are inseparably associated with the very two books in question. We can realize now almost our exact feelings when we got to "Ba ker," and can see the word now as it stands at the beginning of the first line on the right hand page of the book. And often have we laughed at the slaricity with which the boy in the back part of the book came down the tree when persuaded by the forcible logic of the earnest old farmer. With these early impressions fastened upon us, we find it difficult to lay aside our prejudices long enough to make a fair criticism of either the old or the new text books. The Medium speaks of the valuable lessons taught in Webster's famous old book, and alludes to the fact that 1,000,000 copies are sold annually as positive and unmistakable evidence of its popularity and merit. It is quite sure that the wonderfully large sale of the book is not rather an evidence of blind prejudice and a want of progress and appreciation of merit in other books? And are there not truths equally striking and equally beautiful in many of the series of readers now offered to the children of the land? We think so. Of course a child may be taught to read by keeping him hammering away at Webster's old speller long enough, but isn't the arrangement, the graded steps, in the various series of readers much better adapted to the wants and nature of the child? Do the pictures of the dogs and geese and cows mean nothing? Or what use are object lessons, upon which so much stress is laid by the best educators of to-day? Certainly great progress has been made in the art of school teaching, and, as a consequence, progress has been made in the art of writing school books. Smith's Grammar has served its day; and it served it well. Many of the brightest lights in our country studied no other; but does that fact argue in its favor to the extent of discarding all others? Does the fact that the Rev. J. L. Kennedy, who educated many of the ablest men not only of our own State but of other States, taught Smith's Grammar justify the conclusion that that grand old scholar would, if alive to day, still hang tenaciously to that old book? We dare say that if Mr. Kennedy were here to day, with all the vigor and energy of his palmy days, Smith's Grammar and Webster's Speller would not be allowed a place on his desk. He taught the best books in his day, and were he alive and a teacher to day, he would use the best that we written.

We do not deny that parents are frequently put to a useless expenditure of money for text books. Among so many good books it is perfectly natural that every teacher has his favorite, and when the State Board of Education adopts more than one series of readers or more than one grammar the way is opened for the exercise of his choice. We can not agree with the Medium and the Courier as to the comparative merits of the old and the new books. Nor do we concur with them in the opinion that the remedy for the evil of buying many books is a uniform determination on the part of the teachers to return to the old books in spite of their better judgment. No progressive teacher can afford to shut his eyes to the merits of new books; neither could the *Cococles Scriendi* be choked off by such a game. For the sake of economy let text books be changed only when reason and deliberate judgment dictate; but let not economy make a deaf to the demands of the rising generation. Let the State adopt her books for ten years—for twenty, if you please; but what intelligent Board would think of adopting Smith's or Mitchell's Geography over Harper's, Corbell's or Appleton's?

Miss Lizette Anderson, for several years a successful teacher in a public school of the County, has accepted the "Offer Extraordinary" made in the January number of the *Nainid*, and will enter the Williamson Female College at the beginning of the next session. In that Institution the session is divided into sections of five weeks each. While we regret to lose Miss Anderson's services as a teacher, we congratulate the College and commend the ambition of the young lady.

Miss Alice Davis's patrons think well of her. Miss Alice, how do you teach your pupils to write? How often do you require them to write, and how much at one sitting? Do you write copies for them and require them to hold the pen in a particular position?

It is said that New Mexico produces and sends abroad more carpet wool than any other Territory or any State in the Union. To clip this year went above 100,000 pounds. Give these facts to your geography and you are probably fatally wrong.

A boy knew that you who question the sincerity. Let him feel from the way you manifest in his warfare that there is something good in him and that you will develop it.

A teacher claims that she has no right to punish boys for fighting while on their way home from school. Will you please explain all as how many school boys do this?

Among our letters we find one from a teacher. We notice two commas after the initial letters of our name. By what authority does he use them?

How does Miss Ella Smith teach spelling? Does she follow the old plan, or does she use the black board and pass book?

By no Means Gin-Proof.

While a number of men were carousing in a saloon near Thirteenth and Vine streets, one of them made a wager of five dollars with William Stumbery, a negro, that he (Stumbery) could not drink twenty five full whiskey glasses of gin inside of a half hour. Stumbery insisted that he could, and, urged by some of his friends, agreed to make the rash attempt.

A lot of boozers of the neighborhood were attracted to the saloon, hearing of the wager, and before a good sized crowd of dejected humanity the foolish negro commenced his task. At intervals of a few moments he took a drink of gin was tossed off, as quick as one drink of gin taken another being offered by one of the crowd. The fifth drink was disposed of before Stumbery drank any water. When the fifteenth glass, brimming over, was taken he was seen to be idly drinking, but managed to preserve himself sufficiently to guzzle the poison as it was handed him. As the nineteenth was handed out Stumbery's hand shook so that half the liquid was spilled.

When the twentieth was handed to him he fell on his head in a stony stare and his tongue, swollen and raw, protruded from his mouth. He managed to get the tumbler to his lips, but before its contents could be drained he fell on his back. He neither moved nor uttered a sound. The crowd which had thus far cheered him on, became alarmed at his condition and fled from the premises.

No one offered to procure medical assistance for the man, and he lay as he fell. Finally the bartender sent for Dr. McDowell, of No. 1123 Vine street. When the physician arrived he made a vain effort to restore consciousness. A push card was procured and the negro was taken to his home, 1314 Vine street. He remained in a comatose condition up to last evening, when he died.—*Philadelphia News.*

Dr. N. B. Richardson, of London, says he was recently able to convey a considerable amount of conviction to an intelligent scholar by a simple experiment. The scholar was singing the praise of the "ruddy bumper," and saying he could get through the day without it, when Dr. Richardson said to him: "Will you be good enough to feel my pulse as I stand here?" He did so. "Count a few pulses," said the doctor. "Your pulse says 74." "I then sat down in a chair, and asked him to count it again. He did so and said, "Your pulse has gone down to 70." "I then lay on the lounge, and said, "Will you take it again." He did so. "Why, it is only 64; what an extraordinary thing!" "I then said: "When you lie down at night that is the way nature gives your heart rest. You know nothing about it, but that beating organ is resting to that extent; and it will rest it up to its great heart of rest, because in lying down the heart is doing ten strokes less a minute. Multiply that by sixty, and it is six hundred; multiply it by eight hours, and within a fraction of an hour you have saved six thousand strokes, and as the heart is rowing six ounces of blood at every stroke, it makes a difference of thirty thousand ounces of lifting during the night. When I lie down at night without any alcohol that is the rest my heart gets. But when you take your wine or grog you do not allow that rest, for the influence of alcohol to increase the number of strokes, and instead of getting this rest, you put on something like fifteen thousand extra strokes, and the result is, you rise up very seedy and unfit for the next day's work till you have taken a little more of the "ruddy bumper," which you say is the soul of man below."—*Gaillard's Journal.*

Startling the King of Beasts.

General H. F. Sicles, of the United States Army, was telling some friends a short time ago about his first glimpse of a mountain lion. He said he was living up in the mountains in Colorado, and had quite a herd of cows, among them one old cow who wore a bell. The cows had been missing for several days, and he had been out searching, and one afternoon I thought I would try what I could do. So I mounted a pony and rode quite a distance, when I thought I heard the cow's bell. I dismounted and started to prow around among the rocks and bushes, and had been raining during the early part of the afternoon, and I had an umbrella. I tied the pony to a tree and started. After I had gone a short distance, I caught a glimpse of the cow. As I started toward them, and they started toward me, crooked their tails, and started away on the dead run. I was just wondering what frightened them when I heard a rustling in the bushes behind me. I turned around, and there, near the top of a big mountain lion, standing on rock after rock at a distance of about a hundred yards, was a big black cat, crooked his tail, and started toward me. I assure you I never felt so bashful in all my life. I hadn't a gun, or even a jack knife; and there was that springing and getting ready for a fight! All at once I thought of my umbrella, and as quick as thought I raised that much borrowed article and spread it right in Mr. Lion's face! He didn't stop to examine, but made one great jump, and started toward me, when he lighted gave a yell that shook the hills. I saw no more of him. When I got home, the cows were there.

Strange Religious Frenzy.

GRAND VIEW, OHIO, February 15.—A great revival at Well's Bottom has swept into the church nearly everybody there. Last Friday night Chris. Dongel, the leading citizen of this vicinity and a noted infidel, was converted. The people here were nearly all gathered in the church. Chairs and benches were broken up, the pulpit torn down and in the excitement the preacher was knocked over and badly cut. One woman went into a trance, in which she yet remains. A procession formed and taking Dongel on their shoulders marched up and down the aisles. The meeting did not close until 4 o'clock in the morning. In the afternoon Dongel became insane and took all his money to the preacher. He locked Jacob Meiser, a neighbor, in the cellar and compelled Mrs. Meiser to give up all their money, which he also took to the preacher. At the night meeting Dongel was miraculously cured, and wearing a crown and carrying a staff, he forced the minister from the pulpit and announced that he was Christ, come to judge the world. In the struggle to secure Dongel several people were dangerously hurt and one probably fatally.

The New York Tribune is probably false for the allegation that a young lady in Nebraska has two canaries which she has named Cleveland and Hendricks. Cleveland does not sing very much; but Hendricks whistles all day, and sometimes on a little roost at the very top of the cage. Cleveland sits on the floor most of the time and looks at the cat.

A white robin was killed in Orangeburg County recently. It had the usual red breast, but the rest of its feathers were white.

SKILLFULLY TREATING A WOUND.

A Remarkable Operation at the Chambers Street Hospital, New York City.

William McElroy, a truck-driver, age twenty-four, No. 214 Rutgers street, was accidentally shot in the liquor store, No. 20 Essex street, on November 2, 1884, with a 32 calibre pistol. He fell to the floor, but remained conscious. An ambulance took him to the Chambers street hospital, where he was admitted. It was shown that the ball had entered the abdomen two inches to the left of and a little below the navel. The external wound was slight, and the ball had stopped at some point within the abdominal cavity. It was not until the patient had been suffering greatly from the shock, and carefully watched. Within a few hours signs of extravasation appeared. His features were pinched, his pulse feeble and tremulous. Excruciating pains radiated from the seat of injury over the whole abdominal region, and were attended with signs of collapse. The muscular effort of breathing was confined to the thorax, and there was a look of great agony on his face. It was evident that the dreaded peritonitis would soon be fully developed. A consultation was held, it was determined that a death would speedily ensue unless relief was afforded in some manner, and heroic measures were resorted to. At about twenty hours after being shot McElroy was transferred to the operating table. Ether was administered and he soon became unconscious. Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the introduction of disease germs into the wound. An spray of vapor of carbolic acid was sprayed constantly into the room, which, to maintain the temperature of the body, was kept at a uniform temperature of seventy degrees. The patient was held by needles and sponges that were to be used were kept in warm solutions. An incision was first made into the external wound and it was found to extend into the abdominal cavity. Considerable hemorrhage began, the blood was absorbed by sponges. The incision was then increased to about eight inches through the abdominal wall, the wound was opened wide, and the intestines were exposed. The flow of blood increased, and it ran to the abdominal cavity. After the hemorrhage was brought under control the cavity was sponged out, and the search for the ball begun. A small section of the intestine was drawn carefully through the opening, and after being thoroughly inspected for lacerations, and laid upon the breast between layers of cloths that had previously been wrung out of warm water. This process was continued until the entire intestines were laid out in a line. The bullet was found in the last section and removed. It was found to have penetrated the intestine in seven places. As fast as each wound was discovered further search was stopped, and every wound was made to make every drop of blood to be made money without risk of losing. Call on or address the SINGER MANUFACTURING CO., Greenville, N. C.

It is in the night time that crime stalks rampant and marriage proposals are made. — A little girl on seeing a peacock for the first time remarked what a beautiful bustle it had. — If beauty is only skin deep, the rhinoceros should have the inside track at a beauty show.

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TUTT'S HAIR DYE.

GRAY HAIR or WHISKERS changed to a Glossy Black by using this DYE. It imparts a natural color, and is perfectly safe. It is sold by all Druggists, or sent by express on receipt of 50c. Office, 44 Murray St., New York.

Both Husbands Satisfied.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 16.—Some three years ago Frank Whiting was convicted and sent for three years to the Northern Prison at Michigan City. After his imprisonment his wife obtained a divorce, and in the course of a few months married William H. Springer of Haughville, a suburb of Indianapolis. The fruit of her first marriage was a son, whom Springer adopted as his own, and since that, one child has been added to her family. The couple settled in Haughville, built a cottage, and were in a fair way of accumulating a permanent home. Less than two weeks ago Whiting returned, having finished his term. He returned to this city and hunted up his former wife. Within a few days Springer became jealous of the ex husband's attentions, and exposed Whiting to the public. Whiting caused peace officers to be instituted against Springer, who had threatened to kill him on eight Yesterday Whiting, notwithstanding the fear of his life, as he had sworn, went to Haughville, and there he met Springer to him in substance: "Both of you live on this earth. Arm yourself and we will go into the yard and shoot until one or the other falls, or we will pull a die out of our shoe, the one coming out alive to have the other's life. For the proposition was not acceptable to Springer, and after a long discussion he agreed to abdicate, and spent the night at his father's home. The two men met this morning in the Justice's office and the details were arranged, by which Springer pays half the costs of prosecution and dismissal, and he and Whiting left arm in arm, the latter accompanying Springer to his home to assist in removing the peace officers. A divorce suit will follow, after which Mrs. Springer will be free to return to her former husband. The interview between Whiting and Springer took place in a rooming house, and the uninitiated could not tell from their demeanor that any matters of grave domestic import were under discussion.

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Too Good Unproductive Land.

One such acre of the Southern farmer is holding on to too much unproductive land. Most farmers, we dare say, might, in some way make productive more land than they do. We say, in some way, either by tillage, by pasturing, by fruit, or by timber culture, or by tenantry. But where a man has fairly done what he can, according to his means and labor force, he has no need for more, and should not keep it if he has it.

The secret of successful farming everywhere is to avoid the waste of farm produce. Every square yard of soil should yield its quota to help fill the farmer's bin and barn. Land that yields no income, and is not likely to do even in the life time of the owner, is a dead weight, drawing upon the rest of the farm in taxes, interest, &c., and fearfully curtails the profits of productive acres.

This error is far worse when much of the unproductive ground of the farm lies within the enclosed portion. There is an additional annual tax for fencing ground travelled over in working, &c. The rule should be to make every foot of an enclosed or cultivated field productive. There should be no waste ground, no uncultivated areas, no stones, trees or other impediments. An idle square yard of ground not only cuts down the general average, but is an expense on the rest.

The hill-sides, fence corners, meadow ground and wood land of the farm can and should in some way be made to yield something in the general routine. The departments of rural industry are multiplying, and the farmer should be multi-tudinous—something for every soil, every locality, season and market. The true profit is not in the quantity of crops, but in the quality. If there are more acres that can be worked, some should be sold.—*Peterborough (N. H.) Index.*

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A MARVELOUS STORY

TOLD IN TWO LETTERS.

FROM THE SON: "23 Cedar St., New York, Oct. 26, 1882. My father has just died at Glenside, Pa. He was a great sufferer from Scrofula, and the blood-purifier will tell you what a marvelous effect."

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

has had in his case. I think his blood must have contained the humor for at least ten years; but it did not show, except in the form of scrofulous eruptions on the wrist, until about five years ago. From a few spots which appeared at that time, it gradually spread so as to cover his entire body. I assure you he was to be regarded as a hopeless case, and he began using your medicine. Now, there are few men of his age who enjoy as good health as he has. I could easily name fifty persons who would testify to the facts in his case.

Yours truly, W. M. PHILLIPS."

FROM THE FATHER: "It is both a pleasure and a duty for me to state to you the benefit I have derived from the use of"

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

For months I was completely covered with the humor, and it was so intolerable that I could not stand it. My condition was such that I could not do a good day's work. My sufferings were great, and my health was ruined. I commenced the use of your medicine in April last, and had used it for about a year, when I was cured. The cure was complete, and I feel perfectly well in every respect. I have no more of the humor, and I feel that I have a good day's work in every respect. I have no more of the humor, and I feel that I have a good day's work in every respect. I have no more of the humor, and I feel that I have a good day's work in every respect.

Yours gratefully, HIRSH PHILLIPS."

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OUR Stock of Stoves is very large, and we can sell them at prices as low as they can be bought. We have on hand a lot of Second hand Stoves—some of them almost as good as new—and they are bargains. If you can't pay all cash, we will sell you for part cash, or on time for a good note. We have a complete Stock of—

Tinware, Crockeryware, Glassware, Hollowware, &c.,

The best assortment in this market. We keep almost everything in House Furnishing Goods. Have some handsome Dinner Sets in Lustre Band just received.

We sell all kinds of WRAPPING AND PRINTING PAPER, PAPER BAGS, TWINE, &c., And pay highest prices for HIDES, RAGS, BEESWAX, &c., In Cash or Barter.

Repairing done promptly, and in the best manner. Roofing and Guttering a specialty. Give us a call.

JOHN E. PEOPLES & CO.

Feb 12, 1885

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE desire to call the attention of the Trading Public to our—

LARGE STOCK OF HEAVY GROCERIES,

Just arrived, a full line of Flour of all grades and prices, a Car of N. O. and Sugar-house Molasses, Sugar, Coffee, Bacon, Lard, Salt, and every article of Supplies that the Farmer needs. These Goods have been all laid in at the lowest figures, and we propose to give our customers the benefit of all declines. We can be small of itself. An examination of our Goods and comparison of Prices is all we ask, and we guarantee to give you a bargain. All GROCERIES guaranteed pure. No mixed New Orleans Molasses.

To those who owe us for Goods bought the past year, we would remind them that we expect an early settlement. After the 1st January, 1885, we propose to push all past due Accounts. Come and arrange these old Accounts and get a clear receipt. We are compelled to have our money. Your Accounts may be small of itself, but at the aggregate it amounts up to us, and we trust that all of our customers will not overlook this.

W. S. LIGON & CO.

Dec 18, 1884

FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

Now in Store and to arrive a FULL STOCK OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE, STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GROCERIES, HATS AND CAPS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, HAWAIIAN, SADDLES AND BRIDLES, CROCKERY AND GLASS WARE.

Bacon, Lard, Corn, Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, &c.

ALL of which I will sell LOW for Cash or Barter. Give me a call before buying, at No. 10 Granite Row

W. F. BARR.

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THE PROPRIETRESS OF THE LADIES' STORE

HAS JUST RETURNED WITH A STOCK THAT IS SIMPLY IMMENSE,

And feels confident that, with her corps of experienced Ladies, can please in Goods and Prices.</