

BLUE BACK SPELLING BOOK.

Fables From the Old Text-Book of a Generation Ago.

The men and women who 35 years ago attended the public schools of Missouri and other Western States have not forgotten the old Webster elementary spelling book.

In many of the Western States this once popular book has long since given place to other spellers. During the past six months the successful bidders in the contest to supply the schools of Kansas with a uniform series of books have been receiving old books in exchange for the new.

Nothing will so completely carry one back to "childhood's earliest hours" as a perusal of the old "blue back" speller.

Probably the proudest moment of a boy or girl's life was when he or she was able to stand up in class and correctly spell the first word of two syllables in the "blue back" speller.

Following each spelling lesson in the old Webster is a collection of sentences which leave on the child's mind impressions which last through life.

"The gambler is uneasy when at home." "The drunkard's face will publish his vice and his disgrace."

The half dozen fables in the old "blue back" are as familiar to the person who used this speller as is the golden rule.

An old man found a rube boy upon one of his apple trees stealing apples, and desired him to come down, but the young saucer-box told him plainly that he would not.

"Well, well," said the old man, "if neither words nor grass will do, I must try what virtue there is in stones."

"Moral—If good words and gentle means will not reclaim the wicked, they must be dealt with in a more severe manner."

"The Country Maid and Her Milk Pail," and the moral it teaches, applies to men and women to-day with as much force as it did when the old "blue back" was in general use in the schools of the country.

"When men suffer their imagination to amuse them with the prospect of distant and uncertain improvements of their condition, they frequently sustain real losses, by their inattention to those affairs in which they are immediately concerned."

"A country maid was walking very deliberately with a pail of milk upon her head, when she fell into the following strain of reflection: The money for which I shall sell this milk will enable me to increase my stock of

Sure Cure Found for Hog Cholera.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. D. E. Salmon, has submitted to Secretary Wilson a report upon the experiments made in the treatment of hogs for hog cholera with anti-toxine serum.

This serum was first tested upon small animals in the laboratory and being found efficacious, was last fall tested in Page County, Iowa, on several herds of swine, containing altogether 278 animals.

—It is said that a Scotchman planted the first thistle in Australia out of love for his native land, and now millions of the plant afflict the land.

—An electrical apparatus to catch fish has been invented by an Indiana man, but as yet nothing has been devised that will catch the fish story liar in the midst of his yarns.

—Describing the cold weather down east, a man said that it was so cold sometimes that all the fishes froze, and he often used an eel as a walking-stick.

—We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds.

—Statisticians claim that the earth will not support more than about 5,994,000,000 people. The present population is estimated at 1,467,000,000, the increase being 8 per cent each decade.

—Suburbs—I guess we'd better give up keeping chickens. We don't seem to have any luck. Mrs. Suburbs—How can you expect to have any luck, my dear? When you set a hen you invariably put three eggs under her.

—The following epitaph is inscribed on the tombstone of a North Carolina moonshiner: "Killed by the government for making whiskey out of corn grown from seed furnished by a congressman."

—Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

—The blushing bride-elect was rehearsing the ceremony about to take place. "Of course you will give me away, papa?" she said. "I am afraid I have done it already, Caroline," replied the old gentleman, nervously. "I told your Herbert this morning you had a disposition just like your mother's."

—"My dear," said Mr. Hawkins to his better half the other morning, "do you know that you have one of the best voices in the world?" "Indeed!" replied the delighted Mrs. H., with a flush of pride at the compliment. "Do you really think so?" "I certainly do," continued the heartless husband, "otherwise it would have been worn out long ago."

—Whoooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles.

—"I hope," said the girl's father, "that you expect to surround my daughter with all the luxuries to which she has been accustomed." "Oh, yes," was the prompt and cheerful response. "We have talked it over, and we agreed that we would just as lief come right here to live as not."

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

—In the United States and Canada there are 960,094 Odd Fellows and 837,395 Freemasons.

—If you would be capable, cultivate your mind; if you would be loved, you must cultivate your heart.

—It is said that candles will not burn in the Klondike because the heat of the wick fails to melt the tallow.

—"This," said the Kansas editor, looking over the top of his spectacles, "is the most inviting manuscript I have received in a long time."

—In New York city there are 5,000 clothing shops and 66,500 workers, 75 per cent of whom are Jews.

—Cute little shoes, intended for dogs, are made and sold in London. They are of chamois, with light leather soles.

—A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night.

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—The Japanese are ruthless in their tampering with nature. If they decide that they want a bird or an animal of a certain shape or color they set about manufacturing the article, so to speak, by the exercise of exceedingly clever ingenuity and untiring patience.

—One of the highest officers in the German army is very particular that his soldiers are properly fed, and he is in the habit of making unexpected visits to the barracks and inspecting the food in person.

—Maude—Do you know, I really believe that Tom is going to propose. Bertha—I noticed that he was looking terribly sad about something or other, but then, you know, dear, it may not be that. Perhaps his feeling well himself.

—What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

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Brass Collars on Drunkards' Necks.

A colonial gentleman, who now sits on the Wandsworth and Clapham Board of Guardians, amused his colleagues at their weekly meeting by stating, during a discussion upon the best manner of dealing with local inebriates, that they had an excellent way of checking excessive drinking in Manitoba.

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