Educational Column.

SUGGESTION TO TEACHERS.—You will find it to work well for the school interests of your community to inaugurate weekly entertainments at the school house. Say a spelling match one week, and a debating club the next, and now and then a lecture upon educational or literary matters. Try it.

JEWS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—It is a fact worth thinking about that the boys of the brightest wits, the best scholars in our public schools are Jews. They are also noted for their superior cleanliness of appearance, good behavior and attention to studies. If a principal is asked to exhibit his most promising pupil, or the youngest member of his graduating class, he is pretty sure to call up a Jew. Though the order may not always be maintained, Jews are apt to stand first in scholarship, Irish children next and German third.

The family government of the Jews, as well as the inherent quickness of intellect of the race, goes far to explain this creditable record their children are making in our public schools. They are subjected to discipline at home, and are taught a respect for parental authority there, which makes them obedient to the rules and regulations, and attentive to the tasks of the school-room. People who are talking of the prevalent lack of reverence for age and the indisposition to submit to the wishes of their natural guardians on the part of the youngsters of the period, would do well to make a study of the households of the race which was hounded for so many generations, and is now rapidly gaining power and precedence in the chief countries of the world.

The Jews have their faults known of everybody, but they offer in the order, harmony, and wise regulations of their families models for imitation by all sorts of men.

An experience as a school officer, covering a period of twelve years, prompts us to say that a large majority (we are almost tempted to say it nine-tenths of the cases of want of school discipline have their origin in home mismanagement.—*New York Sun.*

EDUCATION IN THE SOUTH—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY FUND—SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED.—The annual meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Education Fund was held yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. There were present Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts; G. Peabody Russell, England; A. H. Stuart, Virginia; Chief Justice Waite, Washington; S. Wetmore, New York; Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, and the general agent of the Board, Rev. Dr. B. Sears, of Virginia. The chairman made a brief address, after which Dr. Sears read his thirteenth annual report, which, after commenting on the condition of the Southern State debts, repeats the suggestion made in the last report that "the Federal Government might, upon suitable representation, judge it expedient to grant some aid to the Southern States in their efforts to educate the ignorant classes."

In Virginia the superintendent's report for the year ending July 31, 1878, represents the school population as being 280,849 white, and 202,852 colored or 483,701 in all. Of the former 140,412 and of the latter 61,772 were enrolled in the public schools. The average daily attendance was 82,164 white, and 34,900 colored. The cost of the system for all purposes was $1,061,855, of which $877,598 were for current expenses. In the schools for white children there was a gain of 541 over the previous year, but in those for colored children there was a loss of 3,371. Over $230,000 of the school money has, during the last year, been diverted and used for other than school purposes.

In North Carolina the number of white children of school age in the State is 273,768, and of colored children 148,618, making a total of 422,386. The number of white children whose names are on the school records is 146,681 and of colored children 81,411. The average attendance of the former is only 82,054, a little more than half of the enrollment, and less than one-third of the whole number of the white children. The average attendance of the colored children is a little better, being 50,499.

In South Carolina there is manifestly a great need of extended education, as nearly 67 per cent. of the voting population, it was stated, was unable to read the ballots which they cast. The Peabody fund had given ten fifty-dollar scholarships to the Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va.

In Florida the Superintendent says that there was reason for great encouragement.

In West Virginia there had been an increase attendance of 4,852 children over that of last year.

During the past year $74,850 have been appropriated by the Peabody fund, which was divided as follows: Virginia, $9,850; North Carolina, $6,700; South Carolina, $4,250; Georgia, $6,500; Florida, $3,000; Alabama, $8,600; Mississipi, $4,000; Louisiana, $9,650; Texas, $7,700; Arkansas, $5,000; Tennessee, $12,000; West Virginia, $3,000.—*New York Herald, Oct. 2d.*

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL SYSTEM.—The oldest American educational idea was that of Massachusetts, which looked to an elementary school in every town containing 50 households, with a grammar school where there were 50 more households. A somewhat more recent but more widely spread idea was to have ordinary schools for every township, a higher school for every county, and a college or university for every State. The township was a unit of the whole school system, and many thoughtful men are questioning whether it ought not to be restored to that position, instead of being broken into incohesive fragments called school districts, as is common now. Some arguments for such a restoration are as follows:

1. The present district system involves almost necessarily numerous poor school houses, because the few people in a district cannot generally afford a good one. The population being scanty, schools are small, with imperfect classification of the pupils and recitations too numerous and too short for fair results. Poor teaching is inevitable, from the need of getting for each little school the cheapest teacher to be had; and yet a great proportionate expense is incurred on the whole, since in the case of every two school houses where one would satisfy all real wants, there must be two teachers, two fires, and two sets of furniture, besides the cost of the unnecessary building. With all this, too, there is frequent uncertainty as to ill surveyed and ill marked district boundaries, involving uncertainty as to which district is to collect the tax and educate the children, and good liability to disputes and bickerings on this account. And then there is perfect certainty of often having in the district board men unfit to supervise and help a school.

2. The township system, on the other hand, providing boundaries settled by indisputable surveys, removes all ground for disputes on that point; it affords an opportunity to obtain for the township a school board of intelligent and good men, and through such a board better management of school funds, better choice of teachers, better arrangement and gradation of the schools, and wiser supervision of them.

These being the invariable characteristics and results of the two systems, a number of the States are endeavoring to get rid of the district and substitute the township system. The voice of the State superintendents is believed to be uniformly in favor of the change.—*From Report of Commissioner of Education.*

Farm Notes.

WHILE we do not approve of a dogmatic spirit, which would dictate to another man what he should do, yet we think the following creed, from the Canada *Farmer*, might be adopted in Ohio county to good effect. It was adopted by the agriculturists of Canada not long ago:

We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation.

We believe that the soil loves to eat as well as the owner, and ought therefore to be well manured.

We believe in going to the bottom of things, and therefore deep plowing and enough of it. All the better if it be a subsoil plow.

We believe in large crops which leave land better than they found it, making both the farm and farmer rich at one time.

We believe that every farm should own a good farmer.

We believe that the fertilizing of any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise and intelligence; without these, lime, gypsum and guano will be of little use.

We believe in good fences, good farm houses, good orchards and good children enough to gather the fruit.

We believe that asking a man's advice is not stooping, but of much benefit.

We believe that to keep a place for everything and everything in its place saves many a step, and is pretty sure to lend to good tools and to keeping them in order.

We believe in a clean kitchen, a neat wife in it, a clean cupboard, a clean dairy, a clear conscience.

We believe that kindness to stock, like good shelter, is saving to fodder.

We believe that it is a good thing to keep an eye on experiments and note all, good and bad.

We believe that it is a good rule to sell grain when it is ready.

THE French minister of finance has done a good deed in causing a placard to be posted, which it would be wise for citizens of all countries to have before their eyes. It tells farmers, sportsmen, boys and others what creatures not to kill, as follows:

Hedge-hog—Lives mostly on mice small rodents, slugs and grubs—animals hurtful to agriculture. Don't kill the hedge-hog.

Toad—Farm assistant; he destroys twenty to thirty insects per hour. Don't kill the toad.

Mole—He is continually destroying grubs, larvæ, palmer worms, and insects injurious to agriculture. No trace of vegetation is ever found in its stomach. Don't kill the mole.

Birds—Each department loses several millions annually through insects. Birds are the only enemies able to contend against them vigorously. They are the great caterpiller killers and agricultural assistants. Children, don't disturb their nests.

Lady-bird—Never destroy, for they are the best friends of farmers and horticulturists, and their presence upon aphis-ridden plants is beneficial.

MORE than a year ago, while the prices of mules in Kentucky were considered very unremunerative, the *farmers' Home Journal* advised its readers to turn their attention to the raising of the very best class of mules. We did this with the full belief that at no distant day there would be a boom in this class of stock. We were assisted in the work by our friend, Mr. C. F. Spencer, who wrote several articles on the subject of improving the jack stock by importations. Sure enough the boom has come, and no farmer who followed our advice has cause now to regret it. Good mule colts at present prices pay.—*Farmers' Home Journal.*

A DIALOGUE UPON FARMING.

Characters, Dr. Verry Sharp and Mr. Softly Green.

Green. Good morning, Dr. Sharp. I am rejoiced to see you. I have heard such wonderful stories about your big crops, that I want to know how you proceed in obtaining such results?

Sharp. Well, neighbor Green, I have no strange or new way of farming. I do nothing but cultivate my lands well. The main thing is to have the land well prepared. I keep my tools in order and in their proper place under a shed. When a field needs plowing I plow it, and have it well under control.

G. But Doctor, they tell me your wheat averaged you 30 bushels to the acre; and I see your corn looks most like as good as what I used to raise when I first came from old Virginny. And I hearn tell that your tobacco would average 1,200 pounds to the acre.

Dr. S. Yes, that is true, but there is nothing strange in that. Every farm in this county could be made to yield as well as that.

G. I don't believe it, it is all in luck. Now I always worked harder than you did, and I used to beat your father in the old country. I always could make more rails in a day, and could jump further, and could get away with him or any of his boys on riding a wild mule. Sir, I believe it is all in luck. The devil has got into my ground, and I can't have the luck I used to have. The fact is, sir, I hain't got no more'n a half crop. I got only 12 bushels of wheat to the acre, and about six barrels of corn, and not more'n a five hundred pounds of terbacer. Now I used to raise whoppen corn on this 'ere field by the barn. I then never plowed the corn but twice, 'ceptin' to split the middle, and now I plow five times.

Dr. S. I see there is the secret of the whole matter, you have worked your lands to death, and they are hungry and tired. You refuse to give them food and rest.

G. Hungry! Now Doctor, you are giving me taffy. What do you take me for? I see now, you are givin' me some of that book larnin' and new fangled notions about farming. It is all humbug, not a thing in it. All you have to do is to watch the moon and plant when the sign is right, that's all. I always plant by the moon. You know corn and sich like can't eat or git hungry, and as for land getting tired well, good lack-a-day, what makes a field tired?

Dr. S. Now really, Mr. Green, you surprise me by talking about planting in the moon. That idea belongs to the middle ages. I never thought you were superstitious. You plant in the moon and get a half crop, and I plant in good ground and feed well, and you see I get the good crops. You see I farm by the science of agriculture.

G. Agri—what?

Dr. S. Agriculture. That is, sir, I take advantage of the experience of the best farmers.

G. How do you know how the best farmers do?

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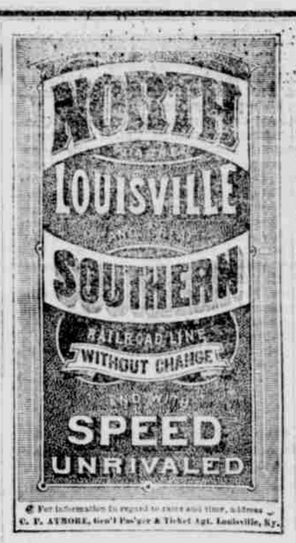

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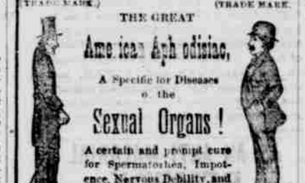
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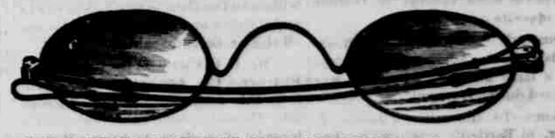

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