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What Is Education?

BY REV. DR. SOPHAR.

WHAT A TEACHER SHOULD LEARN.

If you wish your pupils to take their cold bath without partaking yourself of this refreshment, you can easily imagine what unpleasantness will arise. With disgust most of the boys go in the water, many will try to withdraw from this exercise under various excuses, and the bathing, which is a pleasure to thousands of young men, will be unto them but a tormenting sojourn. The picture of the tutor at this performance: The gentleman, who would solve the most difficult problem, does not know how to help himself; he runs up and down on the bank of the river, like the old fowl that watches the swimming of her young ducks, and should something happen, the lumen in science will prove a failure to assist those whom he has commanded to learn how to swim after a given theory.

The shortest way to prevent this inconvenience: Learn how to swim. The youth will enjoy diving, splashing and swimming in the river, and you enjoyment will induce the pupils to follow. You will be able to show all the advantages by which one can sustain his body on the surface of the water, how to move in "this most friendly element to the human race," and you will be at hand to save the young hopeful, should he be in danger.

I must remark, that in this essay I particularly speak to young men who are preparing themselves for the office of teacher. Should a teacher, whose education is accomplished, indulge in habits against which I have spoken, or not possess an ability which I recommended as necessary, I do not wish to reproach him by my frank opinion. I believe everybody must agree that a teacher can work with greater influence, if he is free of those habits in which he would not like his pupils to indulge, and that it is of great advantage for him to possess the abilities he wishes to teach. What must a teacher do who finds himself in the awkward contrary position? Say candidly: "This habit or this want is an imperfection, for which I have to blame my own education and from which I desire to deliver you, my pupils, according to the best of my knowledge."

If you treat your wards in this manner, their faculties, which were implanted by the Creator for the sustenance of their bodies, will work regularly and undisturbed.

Besides the exercise of the bodily faculties mentioned, you must take care of the occupation of the boy's mind, his memory, of his imagination.

How do we furnish the means of this next branch of development? We take objects which can be perceived by the senses. There ought to be appointed in every school a lesson, which I would like as well represented in the lesson plan as the numerous spelling and grammar lessons, it is named "intuition." Subjects for information must be prepared in their broadcast variety and must be introduced to the little ones for observation. Where those lessons are wanting, for children from six to nine years of age, there is no education worth mentioning, because in such a school nothing exists whereby the rising faculties of the boy can be exercised. What subjects are suitable for this purpose, the children must learn. We must learn from them which things draw their curiosity and subsequent attention. If you show these favorite matters, you spare the tedious call for attention. They feel in themselves the instinct to observe. They are performing the highest aim of a master tutor—they educate themselves.

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The recently difficulty between the American and New England fishermen, resulting in the cutting of the seines of the Americans, according to the statement of the captain of the American fishing schooner *Moro Castle*, originated in the Dominion fisherman becoming exasperated that the American schooners put out their own seines, instead of, as heretofore, buying the herring from the local fishermen, who make their living almost exclusively from furnishing American vessels with supplies. The inhabitants of the coast at Long Harbor, N. F., effectually prevented the American vessels from taking any herring, and they had to return in ballast, and consequently claim indemnity from the U. S. Government, and protection for the future in the prosecution of their occupation.

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A Mite of a Boy.

Master Frank Flynn of Norwich, N. Y., is probably the smallest specimen of a boy ever known. He is 4 1/2 years old, and is thus described by the correspondent of the *Utica Observer*: "We went to see him, expecting a Tom Thumb or a Commodore Nutt to walk in before us. Imagine our surprise when his grandmother brought him in as one would a good sized cat. He is not so large as one of Tom Thumb's legs. In Tom Thumb's carriage he would look as an ordinary man in a circus band-wagon. To sit upon one of Tom Thumb's easy chairs would be to him what it is to the ordinary boy to perch upon a gate-post when the spring comes. He is smaller than any one can conceive who has not actually seen him. Yesterday he had on two pairs of stockings, and even then the smallest sized baby shoes were too large for him. His wrist is the size of an ordinary man's thumb, his ankle but a slight increase. He was dressed in a full suit, like a man. He stands 23 inches in his shoes, and weighs, clothes and all, 12 pounds. That is the most he ever weighed in his life. Still, he is a lively, sprightly boy, very active, climbing into chairs and getting down; walks around with his hands behind him, "like his grandpa," and talks and laughs, and is as cute as any boy of his years. He is no larger than he was when one year old.

Crop Prospect.

(Iberville South.) The prospect of a large cane crop in this parish this year is growing slim every day. We hear it said on all sides that the seed cane is bad, and in some instances, entirely destroyed. On the other hand the reports we hear of the stubble are good. In fact of this portion of the crop we hear no complaint whatever. Under these circumstances would it not be well for our planters to put in a large crop of corn. We think so, and hope the suggestion will be heeded.

Says the New Orleans Price Current of February 23:

The storm last Wednesday did considerable damage among the coal boats at Willow Grove, sinking no less than ten of the barges, with about 225,000 bushels coal; another boat at the head of Elysian Fields street, with 4000 lbs. coal was also sunk, and one of Mr. Boret's stave flats, lying at the Delachaise brick yard, was torn from its moorings and drifting down stream, when opposite Louisiana Avenue, was driven into the ferry wharf so violently that she stove in and sunk. The flat and cargo were valued at about \$1000; the wharf was also damaged to some extent. The loss by sinking of the coal boats is estimated at fully \$35,000. In the city there were quite a number of fences blown down, some roofs damaged and chimneys broken off, but no very serious damage has been reported.

There is a decided improvement in the editorial department of the country press throughout the State. Heretofore the great dailies of the city have been the almost exclusive organs for the formation and expression of public opinion. The country press is now making rapid strides toward an independent and self-sustaining position, and we are rejoiced at the fact. While we are opposed to exciting antagonisms of feeling between the city and country, yet we see no good reason why country people should continue to go to New Orleans to get their opinions about men or measures. A bold, watchful and intelligent country press is greatly needed just now, and the necessity for it is rapidly developing our country exchanges up to the right standard.—*Opelousas Courier*.

A beautiful story is told of Buddha. A young Hindoo mother came to him with her dead child clasped to her bosom, and asked him for medicine to restore it to life. He sent her to one who told her to go and get a handful of mustard-seed from a house where no friend had ever died. She came back after a weary search, saying, "I have not found it. The people of the village told me the living are few, but the dead are many." The wise man replied, "You thought that you alone had lost a son. The law of death rules all." Then she devoted herself to helping others. There is nothing that so softens our sorrow as a sense of sympathy with those whose hearts ache like our own. To wipe away the tears of another is the best way to dry our tears.

The cry of the country press for a constitutional convention is a humbug. If a convention was called three-fourths of the members of the present Legislature would be sent from their parishes as delegates. If the constitution needs revising, let it be done by the Legislature and submitted to the people for ratification. This would save a large sum of money to the State, and the work would be done as well.—*Atlatapas Register*.

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Father McGuire is noted for the brevity of his marriage ceremonies. Last week a promising couple appeared before him at the altar of the Baptist Church, and they were united in these words: "By the grace of God, I pronounce you man and wife." That was all. We subscribe to that ceremony, right here, and recommend it to all our unmarried friends. It is as good as any in law, and not near so trying upon one's understanding.—*Onatchita Telegraph*.

When Kidd, Young, Brice and other leaders, so called, are clamoring for a Convention after voting for the Mileage Grab, the people may well hesitate and inquire where any improvement will be obtained in a Constitution framed by such men. —*Thibodaux Sentinel*.

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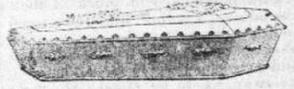
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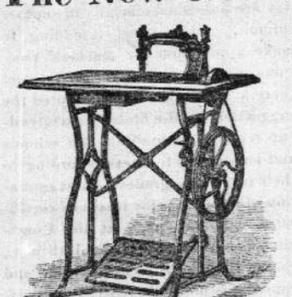
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