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KEY TO THE PROBLEM.

The Chicago Tribune has found what it terms "The Key to the Indian Problem." It says: "The current number of the magazine Lend a Hand contains an interesting sketch of the Montana Industrial School for Indians, established last year on the Crow Reservation, and now in charge of the Rev. Henry P. Bond, of the American Unitarian Association. The school in question is one of the class known as 'contract schools'—a term which applies to those established by missionary or other societies on the reservations, and deriving its origin from the fact that the general government contracts with these societies to pay a certain sum for each Indian who is supported and taken care of at the schools. The party of the second part stipulate to equip and maintain the schools, to clothe, feed, lodge, and educate the pupils; to provide them with an industrial training and supply them with school books, stationery, appliances, and mechanical tools. Fifty of these schools were maintained on the reservations last year, for which about \$113,000 was expended by the various religious societies which operated them. They do not conflict in any way with the Hampton, Carlisle and Lincoln schools at the east, but give the pupils the primary training which will fit some of the more promising for the advanced course in the eastern schools, where they can be qualified to return and teach their own people. The report from this school is of a very encouraging character, but it is significant that no mention is made (though it may possibly be implied) of the great necessity in Indian education—namely, the teaching them to talk as well as to read and write English; the American language is the key to Indian civilization. Once the papooses have learned to talk our language the other educational steps will rapidly be acquired. Dogma is of little consequence as compared with the ability to talk, read and write the language which they must use in their future citizenship. Handicraft and farming are highly important acquisitions, but they must above all else be taught the national tongue, for without it they will never make an industrial success, nor will they pursue it for any length of time. Their salvation depends upon their ability to think and talk English, and the younger the children are caught the easier they can be tamed and drilled in the national language. Children between five and ten years of age acquire a tongue almost without effort, and catch its accents, tones and inflections exactly, and the papoose is no exception to the rule. The government therefore, cannot be too liberal in its appropriation or too exact and stringent in enforcing talking schools for the juvenile savages if it wants to solve the Indian problem, and the societies which set up these contract schools should second the work. Without the mastery of our language they can never thoroughly comprehend the institution of citizenship or the nature of our laws, nor will they be fitted, if they are not masters of talking, for the new business and industrial relations which they are to assume. The three R's will naturally follow talking and constitute a part of Indian education, but the 'gift of gab' in the vernacular lies at the foundation. It is the one thing needful, and after that all other things will be added unto them. As long as they talk only Indian tongues they will continue to be savages and remain an expensive nuisance and national incumbrance. It is in these very contract schools where the foundation should be laid as they take the young Indian.

Under the skillful attention of Dr. E. F. Fish, who has had sole control of the case, Mrs. Thos. H. Irvine has so far recovered from a dangerous attack of illness as to be declared convalescent. The happy outcome of this most serious case reflects the greatest credit upon the Doctor's undoubted skill and ability as a physician.

A north side rancher brought a load of "squaw" melons to town yesterday and finding no sale for them the good hearted granger gave everyone carte blanche to help themselves. This accounts for the numerous melons the ever present small boy was gorging himself with.

WOMEN OF CENTRAL SOUDAN.

A Bevy of African Beauties—Dress and Jewelry—Social Restrictions.

The women of the household have got over their first tremors, and come to the conclusion that we are a good natured and a harmless looking sort of fellows. At first they peep over the wall or out of neighboring doorways, till, growing bolder, they venture in groups out of their hiding places to see, and doubtless to be seen. Not to alarm them, we take notes surreptitiously, and observe that they make up quite an ethnological collection of African types. Filiani and Hausa women from the neighborhood, Nupe and Yoruba specimens from the Niger districts, and others from the tribes of Adamawa and the Benue region. Clearly our friend is a man of catholic tastes in the matter of women. His harem presents all kinds of face and figures, from the copper colored Filiani, with slender, lithe figure, well shaped face and positively beautiful eyes, to the shapeless form, black skin, ugly face and muddy eyes of the lowest negro type.

They are all dressed alike, with a lower turkeidi or cloth round the waist, hanging to the ankles, a second sheet wound round the body under the armpits, and a third worn in the varied modes of a shawl on the head and shoulders. The hair is gathered into a solid ridge of grease and hair, which extends from the brow to the nape of the neck, something after the manner of the crest of a helmet. From each temple hangs a kind of stiff love lock. The ankles are adorned with enormously heavy anklets of solid brass, the bar being little short of an inch and a half in thickness, the ends ornamented with neatly made polygonal beads. Nothing better finished could be turned out of a European workshop. Round the wrist are placed several more brass bracelets, not so expansively made, but collectively so heavy that to ease their arms the wearers are frequently to be seen with hands clasped behind the head or hanging down their backs. Their ornaments usually include a string of agate beads made in the country. The women, unlike the men, do not affect white colors, the more fashionable cloths being checks of dark blue, a medium tint of the same, white and magenta. Among those who can afford expensive articles the latter two colors are prevalent.

Strangers are not usually admitted into the family compound, but it most not be supposed that the women are strictly kept inside and never let out. Quite the reverse. In the evenings they are almost invariably left at liberty to wander forth and join in any dance or merrymaking there may be afoot, and I would not like to be responsible for the statement that their behavior is always best on these occasions. During the day, also, if any of the women have anything to buy or sell at the market there is no restriction to their going thither. In the more wealthy families, however, there is always one if not two wives who are kept in strict seclusion, and not infrequently eunuchs are employed to guard the morals of the harem.—Joseph Thomson in Harper's Magazine.

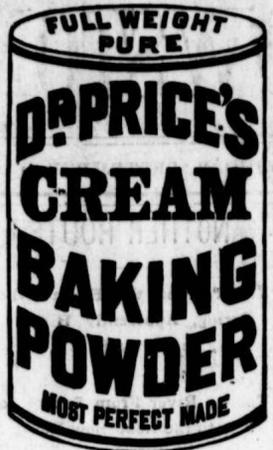
The Late Professor Hermann.

"Tall and singularly spare of figure," says a London Standard correspondent of the late Professor Hermann, "nature seemed to have cut him out for a conjurer. At a children's performance, given with his never failing generosity at the Colon theatre, in Buenos Ayres, for the benefit of the Italian hospital, I saw him go down amongst his audience with a huge bowl of sweetmeats. Having distributed these, he reeled out from the seemingly empty basin several hundred yards of paper ribbon, and then, rolling these up and tearing them asunder, 'produced' four live geese. No new principle was involved in this, but I mention it as an instance of his immense power of concealment. The environment of all his tricks was pre-eminently artistic. His canary bird vanished, not like a 'copper up the sleeve,' but with a weird shriek, and a cloud of yellow feathers left fluttering to the ground. His tact and audacity were as magnificent as his manipulation. After bringing out four globes of goldfish (larger than any other conjurer has been able to work with) from a cloth, he would go down into the stalls and request spectators to prod his sides and examine his coat tail pockets; then producing the fifth bowl, which had been lying in the hollow of his back. If he had a specialty it was the management of living animals, but he could never overcome his horror of serpents sufficiently to allow him to introduce two young boa constrictors, which I tamed for him."—New York Tribune.



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