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GOOD LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN.

To Teachers:—Why should you, individually, lend your aid to the cause of good literature?

- 1. Because no other work brings such large returns for the same outlay of time and money.
2. Good books and papers are within the reach of the poorest.
3. Good reading matter is one of the most effectual means of moral and spiritual development.
4. Many children get but little moral training at church, Sunday school or home.
5. The country is flooded with vicious literature, which can best be combatted with something better.
6. Because our town boys and young men need an appetite for, and a supply of good reading matter, as a substitute for street and saloon company.
7. It is home-missionary work, and every true teacher is a home-missionary.

8. You are supposed to be a ware of the value of good literature, and are in duty bound to direct others to the fountain from which you have drunk.

9. Your low salary needs to be supplemented by the feeling that you are doing all the good you can.

10. You have probably been doing little enough long enough.

11. You should do some things the board don't require of you.

12. Because teaching pupils how to read obligates you to teach them, so far as you can, what to read.

13. A taste for good reading is one of the most valuable acquisitions to which you can help your pupils.

14. Because the reading habit will materially assist them in their school work. Reading pupils are generally bright pupils.

15. You are supposed, especially if a country teacher, to be the leader of thought in your community.

16. You should do something, because other teachers, as a rule, and most preachers, are doing little or nothing.

17. Most parents are unable to successfully develop the literary tastes of their children.

18. Because parents cheerfully and almost invariably respond to any personal appeal in behalf of their children.

19. Some sections of the country have their eyes open on this subject, and have a library in every town and country school; while we have been playing "Rip Van Winkle."

20. Because we shall reap as we have sown; sparingly if we have sown sparingly, bountifully if we have sown bountifully.

To Parents:—Reading matter for your children is a question of great importance.

Good books and good papers are the best of friends. Very few are making any effort to introduce these would-be friends to you. These facts constrain us to beg a few minutes of your time. You want your children educated. Many of you are sacrificing much to send them to school, but many of them make slow progress, from lack of ability to read well. They are wrestling with the big words of their school books, when they cannot read a short article in the daily paper well enough to keep you awake. Twenty minutes a day in a reading class at school never made a good reader. Could a boy learn to plow corn at that rate? A constant supply of suitable books and papers at home will double

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

the child's ability to read, and consequently increase his power to learn at school in the same proportion. If you doubt it, ask any teacher of experience.

He should drink in the thoughts from the printed page through the eye, just as he does the objects in a picture or landscape, without conscious effort. This skill in reading should become a "second nature" with him.

Now, skill in any line comes only through practice. "Practice makes perfect," and perfection in reading enables your child to take in a line at a glance, whereas a poor reader gets his ideas a word or two at a time. A few minutes suffice for the bright pupil to cover the ground over which his unfortunate classmate plods, with "laborious pains," for an hour.

Now, let us "figure" a little. Let us suppose, which is very reasonable, that the boy who reads well is as far advanced in his studies at sixteen years of age as the poor reader is at eighteen. His expense for board and clothes six months each year for the last two years may be put down at six dollars per month. This means seventy-two dollars for the two years. Suppose the boy who reads at home and quits school at sixteen to have spent this money for books. Let them cost fifty cents each, though many excellent cloth-bound books may be had, post paid, for half that price. What has your boy cost? Nothing. What has he gained?

- 1. A library of one hundred and forty-four good books—something to be proud of.
2. The pleasure of reading twelve books a year for twelve years.
3. He has missed the temptation of bad company.
4. He has acquired a vast amount of knowledge and a high degree of literary culture for one so young, and has acquired a taste for good literature that will be a blessing to him of inestimable value.

Think on these things.

A TEACHER.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Garrett & Gerig's Drug Store.

Florida Government Lands.

That portion of the annual report of the commissioner of agriculture of Florida, which deals with the public lands held by the several state funds, shows that on January 1, 1901, the state owned 491,667.35 acres of swamp lands, and during the years 1899 and 1900 it sold 21,714.42 acres of these lands.

The internal improvement fund on January 1, 1901, had on hand 73,708.55 acres, and during 1899 and 1900 it sold 23,122.11 acres of its lands.

The state school fund had 295,646.99 acres on the first of this year, and sold 46,978.86 acres during the preceding two years.

On January 1, 1901, the state semi-annual fund owned 28,383.92 acres and had sold 2,034.42 acres in 1899 and 1900.

According to the last report of the commissioner of the general land office, the United States government has 1,596,411 acres of land in Florida.

A Gold Nugget for Bryan.

A letter from Dawson City, Alaska, gives the particulars of the election held there in November:

The votes were received at the office of a newspaper, and all Americans in Alaska were allowed to vote. The result was that there were thirty-three hundred and fifty-seven votes cast, of which William J. Bryan received twenty-four hundred and twenty-three, and William McKinley nine hundred and thirty-four. Having received the largest number of votes cast, Mr. Bryan will receive a souvenir in the shape of a nugget from the Klondike. It is of solid gold and is valued at five hundred dollars.

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Bad News for Housekeepers.

The Arbuckles, the coffee people, have fought the sugar trust to a standstill, and they have combined. The trust retires from the coffee trade and the Arbuckles throw up the sugar refining business. Both these necessities of life will now be advanced in price.—Times Herald.

Borated Talcum Powder, nicely perfumed, 10c per box, at Tydings & Co's drug store.

CANCER IS NOT INCURABLE

Time was when Cancer was considered as incurable as leprosy. Physicians and friends could give little relief or encouragement to one afflicted with this terrible disease. Even now doctors know of no remedy for this fearful malady; while admitting it to be a blood disease, they still insist that there is no hope outside of a surgical operation, and advise you to have the Cancer cut out, but at the same time cannot assure you that it will not return. You may cut or draw out the sore, but another will come in its place, for the disease is in the blood—is deep-seated and destructive, and beyond the reach of the surgeon's knife or caustic, flesh-destroying plasters. The blood must be purified and strengthened, the system relieved of all poisonous, effete matter before the Cancer sore will heal.

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Impure Blood Invites Disease.

Cancer is not always inherited; your family may be free from any taint, yet your blood may become so polluted that a severe and stubborn form of the disease may develop from a sore or ulcer on your tongue or other part of your body; a slight bruise or hurt, a little pimple on the eyelid, lip or nose, a small lump on the jaw or breast, a harmless looking wart or mole, and other causes so insignificant as to attract little or no attention. If you have an obstinate sore, don't rely upon salves or ointments to cure it—begin with S. S. S. at once; it will cleanse your blood and prevent the formation of cancerous cells.

Mrs. R. Shiner, La Plata, Mo., writes: "A small pimple came on my jaw about one inch below the ear on the left side of my face. At first it gave me no trouble, and I did not think it was anything serious until the jaw began to swell and became much inflamed. At the same time the sore began to spread and eat into the flesh, and gave me intense pain. I tried everything I could hear of, but nothing did me any good. The physician used S. S. S., and after taking several bottles the Cancer healed, and there is now no sign of the disease. This was two years ago, and I am still enjoying perfect health."

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A Grand Institution.

To the Editor of the Banner:

During my visit to the Florida school for the blind and deaf at St. Augustine December 31, 1900, I became greatly interested in the work of each department. It is certainly a grand institution for the unfortunate boys and girls who cannot see or hear. Here they are taught to read and write, and all the modern sciences. It is especially interesting to see the classes learning typewriting or telegraphing, or to see a blind boy work equally as well as if he had all of his faculties. In my opinion there is no school in this part of the country favored with such a kind and loving corps of teachers.

MRS. LIZZIE HOLLY, Connor, Fla., Jan. 8, 1901.

Sick Headache

is the bane of women. What is wanted is not relief alone, but relief and cure. Dr. Loyd Ford's Dyspepticide will cure sick headache for all time. It makes the stomach right. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

A Hint to All Railroads.

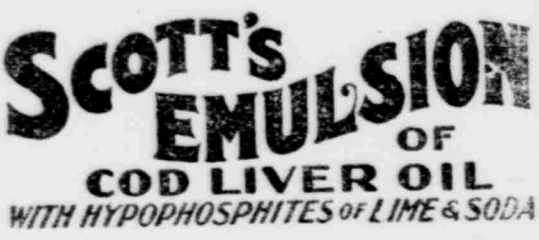
The Rio Grande Western contemplates planting a row of shade trees on either side of its tracks from Grand Junction, Col., to Ogden, Utah, and along its branch lines in Utah, a distance of some hundreds of miles.

In some places where the right of way is wide several rows will be planted on each side. Some ornamental tree, such as catalpa, will be selected. This has a beautiful foliage, with white flowers that have yellow centers.

The wood is valuable and of rapid growth, and in a few years, it is expected, sufficient timber can be grown to furnish ties for the road.

Help... Nature

Babies and children need proper food, rarely ever medicine. If they do not thrive on their food something is wrong. They need a little help to get their digestive machinery working properly.



will generally correct this difficulty.

If you will put from one-fourth to half a teaspoonful in baby's bottle three or four times a day you will soon see a marked improvement. For larger children, from half to a teaspoonful, according to age, dissolved in their milk, if you so desire, will very soon show its great nourishing power. If the mother's milk does not nourish the baby, she needs the emulsion. It will show an effect at once both upon mother and child.

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