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"Aunt Jane" McFarlane, the oldest school teacher in Philadelphia, has just celebrated her 92nd birthday.

RIPAN'S TABLETS

Mr. Xenon W. Putnam, a literary man and a student of advertising, residing at Harmonsburg, Pa., under date of June 3, 1895, writes as follows: "Not long since I came upon a 'Knight of the Road' taking something from a small vial, a circumstance that I would hardly have noticed had not my eye fallen upon the well-known Ripans label. Then I was interested, and proceeded to interview him. 'What do I take 'em for?' he answered my query. 'See here, young fellow, what do ye take yer swag for?' Fun, ain't it? Yer see, when a fellow's liver and stomach is out er whack ther ain't much fun in my biz; so I gets these here pills and then I have fun. A fellow can have lots o' fun trampin' if 'is stomach's in good order. So that's what I takes 'em for; just fun. Where do I live? Usually about where I happen ter be. Yer see, I live there because I hain't happened ter die there yet, thanks ter these little fellows, holding up the vial. Partly in a spirit of jest I told him it might be considerably to his advantage to give some address where he might be reached. 'I don't take no advantages,' he answered sagely, 'I just take these 'er pills an' travel.' The circumstance was so unique that I decided to report it to you."

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Recently Discovered by an Explorer in the Caucasus Mountains. The dirtiest people in the world have recently been discovered by an explorer in the Caucasus. They live in an inaccessible mountain range between the Black Sea and the Caspian, their villages being so snugly hidden away that no government has yet been able to reach them. As they were 2,500 years ago so they are to this day.

Seen from without there is a certain picturesqueness about a Svanetan village, although it merely consists of miserable stone hovels, without any attempt at form or adornment. Within, however, the houses are inconceivably filthy. They are filled with rags, vermin and dirt of every description. They possess no fireplace or chimney. All the cooking, in fact, is done over a hole scooped out of the middle of the floor.

In these houses men and women and children are huddled together; during the long winter months they are shut up for days at a time, the cattle often sharing their quarters. Every aperture has to be closed on account of the cold. This long imprisonment is, perhaps, the chief cause of the degradation of the people; horrible diseases result from it which are aggravated by an abnormal consumption of arrack, the strong distilled drink of the Asiatics.

Besides being the dirtiest they are probably the laziest people on earth. It is an invariable rule to take four days a week holiday, with sabbats' days as extras. Since they have adopted the holidays of every other country with which they have come in contact, it is not surprising that the men find little time for work.

Farming, bee culture and cattle breeding are the only industries of these lazy people; throughout their territory there is not a single manufactured article; their children marry while very young; they attend no school, and, lastly, they have no money.

The Rack, the Thumbscrew and the Boot

Long since abandoned, but there is a tormentor who still continues to agonize the joints, muscles and nerves of many of us. The rheumatism, that inveterate foe to daily and nightly comfort, may be conquered by the timely and steady use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which likewise eradicates neuralgia, biliousness, bowel, stomach and nerve complaints.

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A letter of Charles Dickens referring to Thackeray's death, has been sold for \$5—the highest price ever paid for one of the author's epistles.

There are Dictionaries and Dictionaries, but the noblest Roman of them all seems to be Webster. It is still easily in the lead in the great race for popularity.

Extracts from the European newspapers are read to King Menelik of Abyssinia by one of his nephews, who studied in Paris.

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NOTES ABOUT SCHOOLS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Bright Side of the Country School as Compared with the City—Suggestion About Discipline—Tests for Good Language Teaching—Notes.

The Bright Side.

Have you ever felt just a little discontented with your country school? Has the path between it and your boarding place seemed long, hot and dusty in the fall, cold and snowy in the winter, and wet and muddy in the spring? Perhaps the contrast has suggested the thought that it is the lot of some teachers to use pavements and street cars. Possible while discharging the manifold duties of principal, grammar-grade, intermediate and primary, teacher and janitor all in one, it has occurred to you that it would be pleasant to teach one grade, and have no sweeping, dusting nor building of fires! It may be that you recall some other undesirable features of country schools, but we will turn from the bright side. Suppose you jot down a list of the pleasant things, the privileges of a country school. Have you completed the list. Did you note the pure air among the privileges? "You did not count that?" Well, you would find to your sorrow how much it counts if you were compelled to do without it. Did you count cheery sunshine? No? Well, surely you did not forget to count the blessed privilege of a play ground; a place where the children may "romp and holler," and give vent to the frolicsome animal spirits which are so attractive when there is a safety valve, and so troublesome when unduly repressed? Do you think that pure air and sunshine and play grounds are as much a matter of course as a school-room? Would that they were! But alas for the children and teachers and alas for the nation, they are not!

If you should receive a letter saying: "We need another teacher in the New York City corps. Will you accept the position?" Would you accept? Would you close the door of your country school full of pleasant anticipations of a place in the graded schools of a great city? Next fall you might open the door of the same country school prepared to make the list of privileges longer, and to count some of them much higher than you do today.

Jacob A. Riis, in the September Century, has given us a glimpse of schools where pure air and invigorating sunshine and play grounds are so expensive that the unfortunate pupils and teachers must go without them. Fancy exchanging your sunny little school house with its play ground, for "a class-room where the air is so 'vitiated' foul and unhealthy" that the teachers are compelled to suspend studies for a time during each session, to open all windows and doors for the admission of fresh air, exercising the children by calisthenics during the time the windows are open, whatever may be the outside temperature at any season of the year, class-rooms in which the children spend five hours of the day, breathing sometimes little less than rank poison." Some of the class-rooms are so dark that "even on a day bright with summer sunshine they have to burn gas in them." Some of the play grounds are merely large rooms, of which Mr. Riis says "There is always need of a lamp. In the cellar-like gloom of these cheerless apartments the boys and girls dodge countless iron posts and pillars in their play. In the most recently built schools these have been abolished, and a stone floor has been substituted for the dusty boards, but there is no trick of construction that can bring sunlight and cheer into them."

The wife of a missionary, who having spent half a life time sharing her husband's labors among the heathen, returned to New York and civilization, overjoyed at the thought of having an opportunity to give her boys proper schooling, but horrified at what she saw at the public school to which she took them, marched them off at once to the nearest private school that was not like a dungeon, as she said.

Mr. Riis continues: "In the matter of healthily play the schoolboy in New York does not have a chance. With boys to play is to run. To run they must have room. How much room is there on one floor for the children to run in, who, sitting down, pack three rooms? They must either go on the street or they are set loose in the play-room on suffrance. * * * The result was described by an employe in one East Side school, one of the best in the city, where more than three thousand children go. "There is generally one of the teachers looking after them to see that they don't overdo it. They have to make noise kind of easy-like. Anyhow, they can't all be here. Most of them stay upstairs studying at recess. It has to be that way." And, Mr. Riis adds, "down in the Allen street school, which is one of the worst in the city—where the play ground is, if anything, darker and more repulsive than the Wooster street, the janitress explained the prevailing quiet in so great a crowd by the statement that these children are of a kind that have to be kept down." As if they were not kept down enough out of school, poor wretches! They were the children of the poorest refugee Jews."

Think of teaching such children, you who do not appreciate your privileges! How would you like to act as a sort of policeman or prison-guard to help "keep down" those poor little unfortunates? How would you like to teach them when they file back to their desks in the crowded gas-lighted foul-air school room? If all the bad boys who have ever annoyed you were condensed into one, he would be meek where compared with the bad ones who

come of generations of vicious parents and have all their evil tendencies fostered by their environments.

If you were teaching in the Allen or Wooster street school and should receive a photograph of the country school you last taught, wouldn't you gaze at it fondly?

Read "Play-grounds for City Schools" in the September Century and you may look at your surroundings with "eyes that see," and with "ears that hear;" you may find a bit of a sermon in the jingle that some of the "primary's children" rattle off on Friday afternoon: "For—we—are—often—thankless—for Rich—blessin's—we'n—we—sigh, 'Cause—we—think—some—neighbor—has A bigger—piece—o'—pie." —Indiana School Journal.

Suggestion About Discipline.

Let it be influence and not tyranny that governs your school. Influence is gained by sympathy and your influence will always be in proportion to your intellectual sympathy. Make the children feel that you are their friend and helper and not a police officer. I will illustrate by one or two simple incidents that come to my mind. Marbles began to appear about three weeks ago. I always dread marbles. It means tardiness, idleness and dirty hands, so I began to devise means of keeping them away from school. I said to the children, "I have noticed two things in particular about marble-time, one is, it causes tardiness, and if you look at your hands I think I need not tell you about the other. Time lost is lost forever. There is no water in our buildings, and you lose your precious school time. What had we better do?" The children at once agreed to leave their marbles at home and play after school, and they did so, too. Every one was pleased about it, and each thought he was following his own good judgment.

One day last fall as I came to school I noticed that our usually neat yard was strewn with papers. The boys had been making what they called paper snappers. As fast as one was broken it was thrown down and another made. I was provoked, and my first impulse was to scold, for I learned this before I knew the better way, and the power of habit is strong, but instead I asked the boys to show me one, to unfold and refold it; to show me how they made it pop so loud, where they learned to make them, etc. By this time there was a crowd of interested boys around me. Then, I said: "Those are quite funny playthings, but they don't seem to help the appearance of our yard, do they?" Without a word they commenced picking up the papers. When it was clean again, I said: "Play with the papers all you wish, but keep the broken ones in your pockets, and when you pass into the room put them into the waste basket." I had no more trouble, and soon they disappeared entirely. These are small things, but I have only small things to give you from my own experience and straws show which way the wind blows.—Ex.

Names of Occupations.

Have pupils of the third and fourth readers copy the following sentences, filling blanks properly:

1. A carpenter builds houses.
2. A — cultivates the soil.
3. A — cures diseases.
4. An — writes books.
5. A — measures land.
6. A — prints books and periodicals.

7. A — tends sheep.
 8. A — studies plants.
 9. An — studies the stars.
 10. A — drives a coach.
 11. A — prepares the meals.
 12. A — doctors horses.
 13. A — makes kegs and barrels.
 14. A — grinds wheat.
 15. A — builds mills.
 16. A — drives a team.
 17. A — pleads before a jury or a judge.
 18. A — extracts teeth.
 19. A — cultivates flowers.
 20. An — performs on the stage.
- See that the words with which the blanks are filled are correctly spelled. —Iowa Schools.

Tests for Good Language Teaching.

That the child talks easily.
That he enjoys the language lesson.
That he has thoughts of his own to express.
That he does not labor to speak correctly.
That right speaking is incidental.
That he talks to say something that he wishes to say.
That correct use of language is rhythmic, comes of itself.
That he listens as well as he talks.
That he cares more to have something to say than to say it.
That he tries to be understood when he speaks.
That he tries to talk so as to be listened to.
That what he learns in the language class is practiced unconsciously in all exercises.—American Teacher.

You can teach practical English grammar to children very much better than by requiring them to parse and analyze and commit cautions against false syntax. Make every lesson a practical grammar lesson.

Girls' High School.

The Committee on the Girls' High School of Philadelphia, has adopted rules under which pupils in the senior class who have no mark of failure shall be graduated without examination. Students in other classes, who have marks of failure in two-fifths of their work, must repeat their entire year's work, those who fail in less than two-fifths and more than one-sixth of the work will be required to pass an examination. Those having marks of failure in one-sixth or less of their work will be conditioned to the extent of the failure, and must make up the studies before the end of the year, attaining an average of not less than 60.

To rejoice in the prosperity of another is to partake of it.

Postmistress Twenty-five Years.

There is one office-holder in this country whose political existence is not at the mercy of office grabbers, and whose tenure of office depends not upon the exigencies of politics. She is Blanche Berard, the venerable postmistress at West Point, the home of the Military Academy. For more than a quarter of a century she has handled all the mail that arrives at and departs from West Point. During all those years she has hardly missed a day from her post. Miss Berard has a large personal acquaintance, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Two of her closest friends were Gen. Grant and "Little Phil" Sheridan. She is well liked by the cadets.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to get at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Henry H. Rogers, a Standard Oil millionaire, has accepted the post of superintendent of streets for his native town of Fair Haven, Mass.

Iowa farms for sale on crop payments, 10 per cent. cash, balance 1/2 crop yearly, until paid for. J. MULHALL, Waukegan, Ill.

George Davis of Grantsville, W. Va., drank three gallons of hard cider on a bet and died in four hours.

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 20, '95.

There is a giant ten and a half feet high in the country above Canton, China.

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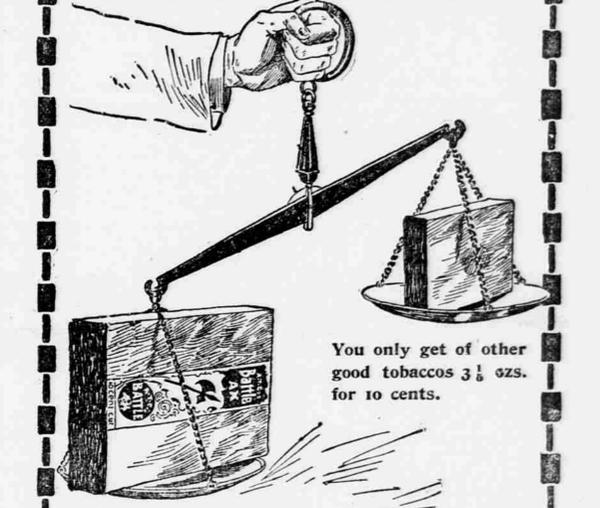
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