



OLD DARKY AT SCHOOL.

Mrs. Jennie McCorkel, of Omaha, Neb., is 68, but not too old to learn to read.

Mrs. Jennie McCorkel (colored), aged 68 years, is attending night school in Omaha, Neb., her purpose being to learn to read.

"I want to go to Heaven when I die," she says, "and if I'm going to do that I've got to read the Bible. But I never learned to read when I was little, so I've got to learn it now. All I'm going to school for is to learn to read the Bible. That's all I want to know."

What is true of Mrs. McCorkel is also true of Mrs. Linnie Copeland, 60 years old, and of Benjamin Jones, 55 years old. All are members of the colored colony down on the river bottoms and all are attending the night sessions of the Cass school.

They began three weeks ago, and thus far have learned the alphabet and to read words of two and three letters. They don't care to learn to write. Arithmetic is not in their curriculum and they consented to learn spelling only when told that they could not well read without it. As text-books they use Bibles, of which each has a handsome volume, bound in leather, with index and marginal notations.

"Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to Heaven," is a favorite quotation of Mrs. McCorkel, and though her teacher has frequently told her that this is from Shakespeare and not from the Bible her answer invariably is: "Well, if it ain't in the Bible, it ought to be there. It's true, anyway."

There are 40 pupils altogether in the school attended by the ancient trio, their ages ranging from seven to 68 years. All work during the day and study at night. Mrs. McCorkel and Copeland take in washing, while most of the younger ones are employed as cash girls, newsboys or messenger boys. One of the little girls, who lives just across the street, has been adopted by "Auntie" McCorkel as her special protege, and when the latter gets sleepy, as she often does about recess time, "auntie" rocks her to sleep, singing to her one of the quaint plantation chants



MRS. McCORKEL AT SCHOOL.

learned many years ago down in "Old Virginia." Then, when school is dismissed, she carries the child across the street to her home and puts her to bed.

A most kindly spirit of friendship exists between the young and old pupils of the school. They mingle together on terms of perfect equality and the games of childhood they play appear to be enjoyed equally by both. The younger pupils do not fault the older ones with either their age or color, and, on the other hand, the older ones take no offense when coached by the younger ones in their studies.

Just at present Mrs. McCorkel is studying from Psalms, large portions of which she can repeat from memory.

"O clap your hands, all ye people, and shout unto God with the voice of triumph," is one of her favorite passages. The sentiment seems to appeal to her.

"Who is able to read it when she sees it in print," says the teacher, "but when I transpose the words she gets confused. Silent letters are also a great bugbear to her. For example, she can't understand why 'psalm' should be spelled with a p, as, I dare say, few others can. But she is getting along nicely, and for all that I can see she is making about the same progress as a bright child of six or seven years. She is certainly the most devout soul I ever saw. The Bible is her law for every act of her life."—Chicago Chronicle.

Nice Way to Cook Turnips.

An excellent way to cook turnips is to cut half a dozen of them into thin slices, and boil 15 minutes. Remove them from the water, and after draining place in a baking dish and pour over them a half-pint of clear soup stock heated and seasoned with salt, cayenne, sugar and nutmeg. Bake until tender, and baste from time to time with the stock. If the turnips are old it will be necessary to leave them in the open about 30 minutes. Serve on a hot platter with the pan gravy, to which have been added butter and flour to thicken.

Fresh Eggs Do Not Float.

The freshness of eggs may be determined by placing them in water. A stale egg floats, but a new-laid one sinks to the bottom.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA.

King Edward's Youngest Daughter, Though Still Unwed, Has Had a Pretty Love Romance.

What Princess Beatrice was for many years to Queen Victoria—her closest friend and confidante, the youngest daughter of Edward VII., one of the late queen's numerous namesakes, will be to Queen Alexandra. Victoria disliked intensely three things; gas, cats and old maids, and it was a source of extreme annoyance that the youngest, cleverest and least plain of the Wales girls insisted upon remaining unwed. But the father and mother of the willful young woman, whether they abetted her design or not, were at least acquiescent, and it is a fact that she had a much more generous provision



THE PRINCESS VICTORIA. (Spinstar Daughter of the King and Queen of Great Britain.)

made for her than either of her sisters enjoyed during their girlhood. Princess Victoria is 22 years old, and has lost the girlish prettiness which she once owned. She has an aristocratic face, but her features lack animation, and the general effect is rather heavy and dull. She is very reserved, prefers books to balls, and a quiet country life, with dogs, horses and a few chosen friends, to the gay round of society.

There is a romantic story concerning Princess Victoria, which purports to account for spinsterhood. It is said that she fell madly in love with a handsome young Indian prince who visited the English court some years ago. The dark-skinned Prince Charming was amiable, enlightened, highly educated and fabulously rich, and he returned the princess' affection with ardor. He was entertained at Sandringham, and in the course of a walk in the garden found an opportunity to propose to the young woman. She accepted him, provisionally, of course. A princess can do no more. The prince of Wales favored the alliance, but the princess, a remarkably proud woman, by the way, opposed it bitterly. The queen was also against the lovers. However, it was not deemed wise to refuse point-blank so powerful a ruler, even if he were of a subject race, so he was advised to return to India and let the matter be discussed by the princess' family. He went, and within a very short time died—a victim to the plague. The members of the royal family not directly concerned breathed sighs of polite regret and private relief. Princess Victoria suffered deeply. She has never been very strong since and has appeared but little in society. She wished to become an army nurse, but a princess is denied the solace of hard work, which has done so much for aching hearts the world over. She wears always a sonnet of her prince—a ruby ring which was brought her after his death by a servant.

Lately gossip has betrothed her to Prince George of Greece, but there has been no official announcement of the engagement. If she remains unmarried, her long seclusion will have to be broken now. The pomp and magnificence of Edward's court will force her to take her proper place as the only unmarried daughter of the house. The queen, it is well known, suffers from deafness, and shrinks from all except imperative public duties, so that Victoria will be called upon to represent her mother as Princess Beatrice did so often the late queen.—Detroit Free Press.

TO RULE HUSBANDS.

Startling Development of the So-Called New Womanhood Among the Wives of Berlin.

Germany has of late years been the stronghold of masculinity. The German women have been held up as paragons of all domestic virtues and steadfastly opposed to new womanhood. But even in Germany the throne of man is shaking.

Berlin now has an Association of Married Women for the Control of Husbands. The constitution and by-laws haven't been made public, and the meetings are private, but the name alone opens vistas of speculation as to the functions of the association.

Presumably the women will all read papers and compare experiences, and the discussions will take on a reminiscence and anecdotal character that will make them even livelier than a Seneca election day.

Of course, American club women will look pityingly at their Teutonic sisters' effort to throw off the yoke. Organized effort toward the control of husbands isn't necessary over here. As the Wonderland Red Queen would say: "Oh, we passed that long ago."

Each American woman controls her own husband with an ease that leaves her time and energy for problems more vital. Still, the German women have made a step in the right direction.

What the feelings of the German husband are when he sees his wife setting forth to a meeting of the A. M. W. F. C. H. is beyond conjecturing.

PITH AND POINT.

If you bestow a favor, forget it; if you receive one, remember it.—Chicago Daily News.

Every owner of a dog says it won't bite, except at night, when it is very fierce.—Atchison Globe.

"Prof. Thompson says that electric cars will travel at the rate of 100 miles an hour." "By gum, it's hard enough to get 'em to stop for a fellow now."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"That friend of yours must spend his whole salary for the clothes on his back." "Oh, I don't know! I have heard that he gets most of his clothes on his face."—Indianapolis News.

The Absent Friend.—"How well Mrs. Gillwaffle holds her age!" "Isn't it wonderful? You would not think that she was a day over 20, if she didn't try to act as if she were 20!"—Indianapolis Press.

"No, I won't give you a piece of my apple," snapped his sister. "And who was it," the boy inquired, reproachfully, "that spoiled the piano so you didn't have to practice for a week?"—Philadelphia Times.

"Your town," said the Chicagoan "is called the 'City of the Straits.' I believe?" "Yes," replied the Detroitier; "and yours, I suppose, might be known as the 'City of the Crooks.'"—Philadelphia Record.

A Methodist critic, wishing to put his bishop "in a hole," or, as Dr. William Everett would say, "to deposit him in a cavity," asked in open meeting whether or not the bishop came to the conference in a Pullman car. "Yes," the bishop cheerfully replied; "do you know any easier way?"—Boston Christian Register.

Johnny (to the minister on a visit).—My father says he never heard such a stupid sermon as you delivered last Sunday. He told mother so." The Minister.—Did he? And what did mother say? Johnny.—She said it didn't begin to be as stupid as your talk when you came here on a visit.—Boston Transcript.

THE GALLIERA FORTUNE.

Romantic History of Inherited Riches Now Possessed by the Empress Frederick.

German papers state that one of the chief motives of the king's recent visit to Empress Frederick is connected with some alteration she is making in her will, especially with regard to the disposal of the handsome fortune she inherited from Duchess de Galliera, an eccentric but colossal rich Genoese lady. The duchess was the coheiress with her sister, Duchess Melzi, of the ancient house of Brignole Sale, so intimately associated with the Italian career of Van Dyke, says the London Chronicle. She married early in life Duke Ferrari di Galliera, whose father was a rich banker and miser, who was one day found dead in his secret cellar surrounded by his enormous accumulation of gold and silver. The subsequent mysterious murder of a valet attached to the service of the duke rendered Genoa insupportable to the young couple, and they left it for good and proceeded to Paris, carrying with them the greater part of their fortune.

In those days South Africa and Mexico were the "Africa" of the financial world, and the Gallieras speculated largely and soon amassed an incredibly large fortune, which they spent royally and with a benevolence only too rarely found in millionaires. In 1850 £1,000,000 was presented by them to the city of Genoa for the enlargement of the port; every relation and old friend was handsomely pensioned, and later another £1,000,000 was spent in the erection of a magnificent hospital, a monastery for the benevolent Capuchin monks, an orphanage and a retreat for old priests. Then the ancestral palace, the superb Palazzo Rosso, with its wonderful collection of pictures, especially of Van Dyke, and its library were presented to the city.

Equally fortunate was the city of Paris, where the name of Galliera is still synonymous with magnificence. Empress Frederick was one of the duchess' most intimate friends, and when her death occurred she left her majesty nearly a quarter of a million of money. The only son of this benevolent couple refused to assume his title, and became a Christian socialist and known as plain Sig. Ferrari; a granddaughter, however, is the present Princess Borghese. The munificence of the Gallieras was not confined to public charities, but their private benevolence exceeded that which has made their name justly famous and revered.

Heard Them, Anyhow.

A musician and his wife were on their way home from a concert, and were overheard discussing the merits of the entertainment.

"I set my teeth on edge," the husband said, "to hear the orchestra playing 'Yankee Doodle' and 'Dixie' at the same time. The idea is all right, of course, and even commendable from a sentimental point of view, but the two pieces, when played together, are full of discords."

"But didn't you notice," said his wife, who is something of a musician herself, "that where certain notes or passages would have been discordant they were omitted from one air or the other, and left to the drums?"

"Of course I noticed it," he testily rejoined, "but I could hear the discords in my mind just the same! Ach!"—Youth's Companion.

Joke on the Committee. Bobbs—Good joke on Nobbs. Dobbs—What?

"He went to look on at a masked ball. Committee saw him and gave him prize for wearing the funniest mask."—Baltimore American.

A UNITED STATES MARSHAL Thanks Peruna For His Rapid Recovery From Catarrh.



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Hon. B. R. Daviner, Congressman from West Virginia, in a letter from Washington, D. C., to The Peruna Medicine Co., says the following of their catarrh remedy, Peruna:

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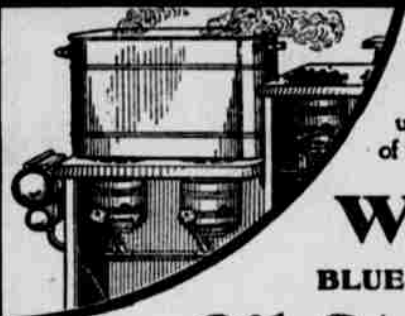
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