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Sunday Visiting.

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Visiting on Sunday is a burdensome evil, and an expensive one, too. A country woman was in our house lately, who told us that they are much afflicted in this way; that on the preceding Sunday sixteen persons visited their house, staying for dinner. Since the advent of the trolley the evil has grown so as to be a real burden. People living in towns and villages can now go to the farm house without hiring a horse and buggy and inflict themselves on country families. They go to the farm house because, as they think, the farmers have plenty to eat, for which they pay no ready cash, the food being raised on the farm. And thus the housewife is taxed to prepare food for her visitors. Even if the food did cost nothing (which is not true) the labor in preparing it is burdensome. The farmer's wife has to work hard on every week day, and is entitled to her Sunday rest. This she is cheated of by the thoughtless Sunday visitors—a real cruelty.

Home keepers in the cities are not so afflicted. The town people at times make Sunday afternoon calls, but they seldom take their families to dine on Sunday with a neighbor. It is different in the country. People there go to eat, and to eat plentifully, and oftentimes to stay for two square meals. We call this an evil, an expensive and burdensome evil.

What is the remedy? There are two effectual remedies. First, do not go visiting on Sunday yourself. If you go not yourself on that day other people will quit coming to you. We lived on the farm, a short distance from Greenville for several years, but had no Sunday company, because it was well known that we never visited on Sunday. This one simple remedy will prove effective in most neighborhoods.

Secondly, go to some place of public worship every Sunday. If it be well known that the farmer, his wife and children go to church on Sunday, it will keep the Sunday visitors away from that home on the Lord's day. A lady friend of ours adopted this remedy and was relieved at once. It will do it every time.

Country people within a reasonable distance of a church should be more regular in attendance. It will not only relieve them of Sunday visitors but give them something to think about. Church service on Sunday, if it be of the right sort, will prove of great benefit to life. The songs, Scripture readings, the prayers, the sermon will stimulate thinking, and linger in the mind during the week days when engaged in the everyday work. Farmers are real losers by not going to church on Sunday. They may think that stylish city churches would hardly welcome tillers of the soil. It is a mistake. There is not a church in Greenville that would not heartily welcome the country folk. There is plenty of room for them in all our city churches, and people and preachers would be glad to see the country folks flocking in. Never mind the city style in dressing. Average country folks are dressed well enough for any church in the city. Come not to display fineries, but to join in social worship and get yourself out of the daily routine. It will

pay big. It will tone your life. It will give you new associates. It will make you happier. It will help you to get ready for the eternal world toward which all of us are hastening. And surely it will rid you of the drudgery of feasting visitors on Sunday.

No doubt country people love to meet each other and have a social good time. That is all right; but there are other days than Sunday for such matters. Anyway, the good wife should have her Sunday rest. It is said "the Sabbath was made for man", but it looks as if some people think that it was not made for woman, especially the country woman. Stop that Sunday visiting, and give the country woman a Sunday rest.

The Charming Woman

is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many a plain woman who could never serve as an artist's model, possesses those rare qualities that all the world admires; neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at Wm. Kipp's Sons' drug store.

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Jemanica Cross Roads.

Noah Onkst and Curt Brumbaugh are thinking of moving to Dayton.

Miss Edna Wagner intends to move to Greenville.

R. M. Dalrymple of Greenville was a Boston visitor Sunday. Zion church has opaque windows in imitation of ground glass. Charles Hollinger was a Greenville visitor Monday.

The roads are something fierce; mud and water, deep ruts, &c.

Harry Wandel and wife intend to move into the Curt Brumbaugh property, corner Church and Central avenue.

The weather has been so warm that the grass is beginning to grow and dandelion is in bloom. Overcoats are a superfluous evil. It is good weather for influenza and other diseases of the air passages; colds are a common thing.

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Rev. Huddle and family, Bert Slifer and Miss Mollie Garrison spent Sunday at Ezra Slifer's.

The annual election of officers of our Sunday school was held Sunday morning, as follows: Ezra Slifer, Supt.; John Slifer, Treas.; Wilma Trace, Sec'y; Ethel Garrison, Organist.

John Gillilan and family spent Thursday in Greenville.

Many from this place attended the institute at New Madison on Friday and Saturday.

Glenn Pearce spent Sunday with Lewis Slifer and wife.

William Collins and family entertained company Sunday from New Madison.

Protracted meeting will begin at this place Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clara Broderick and Miss Eliza Hertzler spent Sunday with Dora Hendrickson and family.

T. L. Howell and family spent



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Scott's Emulsion is Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites prepared so that it is easily digested by little folks.

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Sunday evening at Chas. McLears Wesley Hemp is much improved at this writing.

Perry Niswonger and wife spent Thursday afternoon with his mother.



Ninevah.

Had lots of rain last week, and it's pretty wet now. Bad weather for protracted meetings.

John Heller, in going in to saw out lumber for Isaac Unger, Saturday, mired down with his engine. It may have to stay where it is until the ground freezes.

B. E. Delk and W. G. Ludy delivered their trash tobacco at Arcanum Saturday.

H. E. Weaver and family were Wm. Ludy's guests Sunday.

Jacob Fourman and wife of Greenville were Isaac Unger's guests Thursday.

J. C. Trick and wife, with their children, relatives and neighbors, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Friday, at their home, 1 1/2 miles northeast of here. They were married January 4, 1857, at the home of the bride's parents, Jacob Keplinger and wife, near West Alexandria, O., by Rev. Bishop Kumler. Seven children were born to them, six of whom are still living. They are Jacob M., who resides near Jaysville; Henry F., of Logansport, Ind.; Charles E., of Bradford; Clara Miller, of Greenville; Samuel W., of Logansport; Benjamin E., of Hutchinson, Kan. There are nineteen grandchildren living and all were present but one, Omer Trick of Chicago, who wrote a very pleasing letter accompanied by a gold piece. After a hearty dinner, which all enjoyed, a short address made by Rev. Kissel, which was responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Trick and several of the children. Mr. Trick is past 75 years of age and his wife is about two years younger. Both seem hale and hearty for that age. They are not wealthy but enjoy life as well as anyone. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents, either gold or decorated with gold, and \$30 in gold money. The home was beautifully decorated in gold and green, ferns and cut flowers. Elmer Harris had his graphophone there and rendered several fine selections. At the close all joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again." All wish them many more years of happiness.

Jeff Dull and wife of Arcanum will start for Florida Wednesday to remain until spring.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Charges have been filed with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the New York Cotton Exchange by Harvie Jordan and other members of the Cotton Growers' Association who claim that the New York Exchange has degenerated from a legitimate business institution into a plain gambling concern and that it no longer has any right to make use of the mails for the transaction of its business. This is a very serious charge and means a great deal both to the cotton exchange and the cotton growing interests of the south. It is alleged that the Exchange instead of dealing in legitimate cotton futures handles a grade of cotton which cannot possibly be spun, and which is fit only for making horse collars, cigar mattresses and things of that sort. It is claimed that out of the 8,000,000 bales of last year's cotton crop only 10,000 bales of actual spot cotton was placed on the New York Exchange. It is claimed that the prices quoted on the Exchange range from \$5 to \$7.50 less per bale than the real market price for cotton in the south, and that the whole system of trading or gambling on the Exchange is hurtful to the legitimate cotton business. It is asked that Postoffice Inspectors be appointed to probe the charges of fraud, and that on their report will depend whether or not the New York Exchange is excluded from using the mails.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has plunged into an investigation of the block signal system now in use on the principal railroads in the United States, and has begun its work in Washington with a specific investigation of the recent railroad wreck at Terra Cotta on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio, three miles from Washington, where between forty and fifty people were killed, and nearly seventy severely injured. This investigation is the first in which the federal government has taken a direct hand

A Memorable Day.

One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers that cure headache and biliousness, and keep the bowels right. 25c, at Wm. Kipp's Sons' drug store.

Has Not Quit.

To correct an erroneous impression, which has in some manner gained circulation outside of Greenville, this paper desires to state that Dr. J. J. Little has not quit dentistry, nor has he any intention of severing connection with dental business at his old offices in the Winner Block. Dr. Little has been a very busy man during the past few weeks with professional duties and looking after business matters at the Hamilton House, but from now on he will be in position to give practically all of his time to his dental interests.

Couldn't Ruffle His Temper.

Quincy Tufts, an old time dealer in men's furnishings, whose place of business was in the old Herald building, on Washington street, Boston, was celebrated for his extreme courtesy in dealing with trying customers. On one occasion a man whom we will call Mr. A. remarked on this trait to another man, whom we will call Mr. B., whereupon the latter laid a wager that he could ruffle the temper of Mr. Tufts. The wager was accepted, and the two repaired to Mr. Tufts' place of business. Mr. B. asked to see samples of men's suitings. Mr. Tufts produced piece after piece of cloth until the applicant was exhausted, and Mr. B., selecting one, said, "I will take just one cent's worth of this." Mr. Tufts took a penny from his pocket and, placing it upon the cloth, with a piece of chalk drew an outline upon the cloth and cut out a piece of it and with the utmost politeness handed it to Mr. B. The wager was paid.—Boston Herald.

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in probing individual railroad wrecks. The object is to ascertain whether the block signal system, which is theoretically perfect, is practically a protection to passengers, and whether its administration by the railroads has become so lax as to make it a positive source of danger. The railroad men, both officials and minor employes, have been so well trained in the art of forgetting things that it is hard to get any definite information out of them even on the witness stand. The investigation of the Commission has so far dragged excessively, but a statement has already been issued to Congress saying that automatic mechanical devices for the protection of railway traffic have been developed to a point where it seems to the Commission they are well worth government investigation, with a view to forcing their adoption on the railroads. It is, therefore, very likely that when the present investigation is finished the Commission will recommend, and Congress will adopt, some law forcing the adoption of an efficient block signal system, possibly the double block, together with certain mechanical safety appliances and will make their use obligatory upon the railroads on the same basis that automatic couplings and similar safety devices are now demanded in the construction of railway cars.

Orders have been issued by the Secretary of the Interior to all the land agents of the United States calling attention to the decisions which have been rendered in the cases of illegal fencing of grazing lands by the immense cattle interests of the west. Hundreds of thousands of acres have been illegally fenced, keeping the smaller cattle men from the use of range and it is now ordered that the land agents shall see to the removal of these fences and if they are not removed by the people who have put them up, that they shall be torn down and destroyed.

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BRAIN PUZZLERS

Questions Submitted at the Examination of Teachers

MADE UP BY STATE COMMISSIONER

To Test the Qualifications of Those Who Hold the Ferule in the Public Schools For the Education of the Growing Generation.

Following is the list of questions as prepared under direction of the state commissioner of public schools, and submitted at the county examination of teachers Jan. 5 for elementary school certificates.

A study of these questions makes splendid mental exercise for pupils as well as teachers, and especially those preparing to teach.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

The first five questions are based upon Rational Living by Henry C. King.

1. What is the relation of "hurry" to rational living?
2. To what does vagueness in thought and reasoning lead? What relation does the question of physical hygiene bear to this evil?
3. Mention some of the questions every one must face in making any sincere attempt at self knowledge.
4. What danger to the lecturer and teacher is voiced in the proverb: "The man who rings the bell cannot march in the procession?"
5. Why is it necessary that emotion should find outlet in action?
6. What means would you employ in the fourth and fifth grades to prepare the way for regular history instruction?
7. State the purpose of drill in teaching.
8. Cite examples of the analytic and synthetic methods of giving instruction.
9. In reading, do you prefer to have pupils read from their seats or come forward as a class? Why?
10. Give the substance of state law with regard to compulsory education in Ohio.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Explain the principle of partitive proportion.
2. Write: a compound denominate number; a continued fraction; a compound ratio.
3. Paris is 2° 20' 22" east from Greenwich; will a traveler's watch be slow or fast, and how much, when he has traveled from the latter to the former place?
4. Reduce to units of higher denominations: (a) 47384d, (b) 457 gr. Apota.
5. Explain a method of finding the greatest common divisor of two fractions.
6. When will the hands of a clock be at right angles between 11 and 12 o'clock?
7. For what sum must a note for 2 months, 30 days, be made so that the proceeds after it has been discounted at a bank at 7% may be \$895.
8. Simpity: (.00056542)²

GRAMMAR.

1. The book review is a form of composition increasingly important in this age of reading. We frequently wish to know what books have appeared that are worthy to be read, and what is their character, in order to judge whether they are of the kind to especially appeal to us. To tell just this, clearly and concisely, is the function of the book review. The first six questions are based upon the selection given above.
1. By reference to the above, illustrate a word, a phrase and a clause element.
2. Give the construction of five infinitives. Locate one example of an infinitive separated from its sign. Adverbs of which class may properly be placed between the infinitive and its sign?
4. Classify six adverbs and give the complete parsing of the first one found in the selection.
5. Dispose of reading (3), important (2), whether (7).
6. With regard to this and what, state as what parts of speech each is found.
7. Give a complete classification of conjunctions with examples of each class.
8. (a) Give the conjugation of lie (to recline) in the past subjunctive, active; also all of its infinitives. (b) Write sentences containing an example of each of the following: a collective noun; an abstract noun; a noun in the absolute construction.

WRITING.

In this branch candidates will grade the manuscript in orthography.

ORTHOGRAPHY.

1. Write all of the vowels of the alphabet with diacritical marks to indicate all of the respective sounds of each.
2. Write the name for each of the last three syllables of a polysyllabic word.
3. From each of the following words form two derivatives: moment, noble, peace, agree, cause.
4. Write three words in which "th" is

used as an aspirate; two in which it is used as a subvocal.

5. Indicate the correct pronunciation of the following words: affluent, impious, heir-loom, indict, turquoise.

These words are to be pronounced by the examiner: appealing, vengeance, appalling, mendicant, besotted, thievery, apostle, sanction, sequester, troublesome, irrefutable, solos, huffy, abate, promissory, drudgery, Urishville, curiosity, bossism, enamel, quorin, apothecary, scintillate, Marietta, tweezers.

UNITED STATES HISTORY INCLUDING CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

1. Name three explorations conducted in America under the flag of Spain.
2. Compare the early settlers of Georgia with those of Connecticut.
3. Name three engagements of the Revolution in which Washington took part, and state the result of each.
4. Discuss American relations with France during the presidency of John Adams.
5. Show that Monroe's administration has been wrongfully called a political Era of Good Feeling.
6. For what principles did the Wilmot Proviso declare?
7. Give the substance of two amendments to the constitution that relate to the negro.
8. Compare the resources of the North and South at the beginning of the Civil War. At the present time.
9. Summarize briefly the political career of James G. Blaine.
10. Explain the present method of government of the Philippine Islands.

LITERATURE.

1. Give a definition of literature. With regard to each of the following, state whether or not you consider it literature, and why: the speeches of William McKinley; the Book of Isaiah; the Records of the Proceedings of Congress.
2. Mention four of Whittier's poems that you have read and give a brief outline of one of them.
3. Whose literary reputation was made by "The Man Without a Country"? Looked Backward? The Battle Hymn of the Republic? Their Wedding Journey? Thanatopsis?
4. State some suggestions you would offer to pupils upon the value and method of use of periodical literature.
5. Name two American scientists and three American historians and mention one work of each.
6. Select two characters from the following, tell in what play they are found, and characterize each briefly: Marc Antony, Portia, Falstaff, Ophelia.
7. Which of Hawthorne's novels do you consider the best? Why? Which do you consider the best adapted to school study? Why?
8. Name two prominent literary figures of England in the time of Elizabeth; two in the time of Cromwell; two in the present time.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Name the six grand divisions in the order of area; population.
2. How would you show to pupils that the nature of the coastline of a country influences its civilization?
3. How does the climate of the Pacific coast states differ from that of the Atlantic coast states in the same latitude? Why?
4. Name two plants that yield sugar, two that yield oil and two that yield fiber, and state a locality where each grows abundantly.
5. Trace an all-water route from Singapore to Bahia.
6. Mention one river, one city and one industry of each of the following: Manitoba, Arkansas, Turkey in Asia.
7. Name two states in the United States whose natural resources are largely undeveloped, and state the nature of these resources.
8. Name the counties of Ohio, with their county seats, that border on the Ohio River or that border upon Lake Erie.
9. Locate the British possessions in Africa and give two reasons why they are valuable to Great Britain.
10. What and where is each of the following: Archangel, Aconcagua, Al-Bermar, Aden, Atlas?

READING.

Examiners will conduct an oral examination in reading.

PHYSIOLOGY.

1. Give the composition of the blood, and state, as far as you are able, the functions of its different constituents.
2. Name the different kinds of joints in the body and give an instance of each. How are the joints protected?
3. What is the thoracic duct? The portal vein?
4. Explain three ways in which the skin gives off heat.
5. Name two ferments of the gastric juice, and show the value of each in the process of digestion.
6. Describe the sympathetic nervous system.
7. Give the number, name, and function in circulation, of the valves of the heart.
8. What is the effect of tobacco upon the throat? Of alcohol upon the blood?
9. State your method of ventilating a stove-heated schoolroom.
10. What is the difference between a contagious disease and an infectious disease? Name an effective disinfectant.