

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

MANUAL TRAINING FADS.



By Rev. R. A. White.

Does education fit a man to get on, to make money, to run a store? are popular questions about education. Now the utilities of education have their place. An education which does not fit a man or woman to live successfully in our present industrial life fails at an important point. But in our zeal for education as a utility we are losing sight of the value of education as a pleasure. Life has as much right to joy as it has to food and raiment. Education ought so to be administered and so conceived that it is a joy giver. The introduction of the so-called fads into elementary grades has been from a variety of motives. The utilitarian sees in them a means of fitting a man to use a saw or a woman to cook a good meal. Others see in them a subtle educational value, a means of self-expression.

Manual training has made school work interesting. The child naturally wants to construct, to make things, to project his ideas into form. However you approach the question of fads, they are of greatest value in an educational system. Those who talk of a return to the three R's favor such assertions. The man or woman who attacks the so-called fads simply reveals his or her complete ignorance of the educational value of fads.

MILLIONAIRES OWNED BY THEIR MILLIONS.

By Andrew Carnegie.

Men do not own millions. It is the millions that own the men. When you have education this is different. When you gain knowledge it does not possess you, but you possess it, and have a treasure. No matter whether you die worth millions or not, you have something that is denied the man who is immersed in the accumulation of wealth. Stock gambling is not a business; it is a mere parasite on business. If I had a son I should prefer to have him enter a professional career and another who have been looking largely into small colleges or late, and have entered into the college business, I as long ago entered into the library business. I think a young man who goes to a small college receives a better education than at a large one. I like to see men not excelling in football or things pertaining to the foot, but excelling in head expansion. Sport is too generally taking the place of valuable knowledge at the big colleges.

THE "ORDINARY" WORKMAN.

By O. H. Oren.

While it may be true that there is little or no chance for the ordinary machinist, or man of kindred trade, to work himself up through his vocation, it is equally true that there is plenty of opportunity for the worker in these lines who is not ordinary for the "extra-ordinary" worker. The ordinary worker and the man who succeeds through his work are separate and distinct types. One has but to enter the workshop of any large concern where a hundred or more men are employed at the same kind of work. Even the most untrained observer, if he tries, can pick out the "extra-ordinary" men from the others.

The ordinary workman is a cog in a machine. He does

A DREAM CRUISE.

My prayers I say and lie down; The lights of Starland gleam afar, My trundling bed is Sleepy Town, My window is the harbor bar.

Beyond the curtained patch of blue; There lies a fair and wondrous land; My dream ship feels the flowing tide, I hear my sailors calling me.

A shallow skims across the blue, And Jackies touch their hats, polite, "Come, get aboard, dear captain, do, The bells are sounding candle light."

The lullaby my mother croons Grows fainter and still fainter grows; The bos'n pipes his merry tunes And dances on his timber toes.

Heigh-ho! a merry crew, I ween, For some are wood, and some are dough,

And some before in books I've seen, And some are dolls I used to know.

Now, where away, oh, captain, where? I'd sail me swift, I'd sail me far, The evening winds are blowing fair, We'll head her for the Morning Star. —Toledo Times.

A LITTLE AMBASSADRESS.

"THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE LOST."

COME IN!

My office door opened very gently, and a little face I knew well peeped round. In sheer astonishment I dropped my pen.

"Kathleen!" I said. "How in the world did you get down here? You're not by yourself, surely?"

"Oh, no; course, nurse's with me," and the blue eyes smiled at me so sweetly; "but she's gone shopping. I'm not to go till she comes for me."

"But what will mother and auntie say?" They'll think you're lost."

"I'm too good-up to get lost," she said, with a dignified little air.

I could not help smiling.

"Now, you little rogue," I said, "when I've helped you off with that pretty blue coat and hat I shall expect to be told why you've honored me with a visit to the city during business hours."

She settled herself sedately in a chair opposite to me, quite unconscious of the pretty picture she made with her mass of fair hair and her sweet little face.

"It's a most portant visit," she said. "We've come to ask you to my party next Wed'n'day."

"Indeed? I shall be delighted to come. So that's what brought you down here, is it?"

I had heard great tales about this party, but not from Kathleen. This was evidently her surprise for me.

"Shall I be expected to do anything in particular?" I asked.

"You'll have to make believe all the time, like you always do at our house."

This was certainly a cardinal statement. I wondered if the rest of the family shared the same view. I hoped not, because I was, as a rule, particularly serious after Kathleen had gone to bed.

"Aunt Merva will be there, of course," I ventured to suggest.

"Course she will," replied Kathleen.

Then she made a tour of the room, came back and resumed her seat, and asked me seriously: "Is this where you play all by yourself in the daytime?"

"Well, yes, I suppose I do."

"Do you keep your toys in those big boxes?"

"Well, they're not toys like those in your nursery."

"Do you sit here all by yourself, then?"

I nodded.

"And a ner feel lonely?"

"Sometimes," I said, smiling in spite of myself at the serious little face.

"Don't be ridiculous, Daisy!"

ALL OVER THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN BADGER DOM.

Railroads Must Pay State \$10,000 Apiece — Hebrew Coin Found Near Berlin—Return of Boy Traveler—Chicago Firm Buys Timber.

The State won the penalty cases against the Chicago and Northwestern; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha; and the Milwaukee, St. Paul and South St. Paul, Marquette and Superior, the Dane county District Court, in his decision the other day. The court finds that the State is entitled to recover from each \$10,000, as the defendants admitted they falsified their reports of gross earnings for the year 1902. The State still has an action against the same railroads to recover penalties upon the reports of earnings which they made for the year 1903, and against the railroads which are against the Wisconsin Central, the Green Bay and Western, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Illinois Central. On the basis of this decision and on what is known of the reports of the earnings of the various roads which have been filed with the State for the years 1902 and 1903, upon which these railroads will license fees for the years 1903 and 1904, the State would be entitled to recover in proportion a total of \$160,000. This is only a small amount, but the railroads will be compelled to pay to the State on gross earnings said to be wrongfully withheld. They still owe 4 per cent upon the total amount of gross earnings, which will amount to more than half a million. The railway companies will appeal.

Widow's Mite Found.

Experts of the University of Wisconsin hold that an ancient coin picked up in a field of the Allard farm near Berlin by Anton Distlerhoff is a genuine "lepton" or "widow's mite" of Bible times. The coin is copper, three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with a design representing two cornucopias and a poppy on one side and an inscription on the other. The weight of the coin is 284.644. Claims amounting to \$2,191,989.37 have been filed against the estate and approved.

Duncan McGregor, a wealthy lumberman and real estate man of Peshtigo, has been missing since July 4, when he was last seen in Marinette. He had a large amount of money and it is feared he has been waylaid and robbed.

Three weeks ago Louis Eichrich of Neenah mysteriously disappeared, leaving no trace of his whereabouts. His wife was last heard from with grief. Now Eichrich has reappeared, but declines to explain his disappearance.

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