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BOYS AT A DISADVANTAGE.

This is the commencement season and the high school boy and high school girl are in the public eye. Unlike the time that was, the graduate has little to do with the commencement except to look well and wise. This is easy to do after four years training.

The custom now is to have a distinguished teacher or lecturer to address the class and the public on commencement day. This makes it much easier on the teachers and seniors because it is no little task for the teacher to outline the subject in the first place, then criticize the pupil's effort and finally write it himself so that the pupil may appear well.

The preparation of essays and orations by the seniors is still in vogue in many places and the boys seem to be at a disadvantage. The proud father of the boy often wonders why such is the case and seeks an explanation, from which explanation he forms a conclusion that is sometimes very erroneous. We reprint from one of our exchanges the following that may shed some light on this subject:

Of five members of the East Orange, N. J., high school who have been selected to participate at the commencement exercises in June, one is a boy. It is the custom at East Orange to accord the honor of participating in the commencement exercises to the five pupils writing the best essays. The winners this year took for their subjects "Mental Alchemy," "What I Found Behind the Histories," "The Heart Goddess," "Three Flowers and Three People" and "Why Do Men Laugh?"

The highest boy in the list stood seventeenth, and he probably got up to that proud position because he is not like other boys. Perhaps owing to physical disabilities he is unable to be a regular member of either the

East Orange high school baseball or football team. It is rather startling to find that an essay on "Why Do Men Laugh?" was written by a girl, and it is almost impossible to believe, in the absence of proof, that honor could have been accorded to the author of a paper on such a commonplace subject. But it may be that in this case the title, like the titles of so many of the novels of the day, doesn't mean anything and has no connection with the subject matter. It is always to be expected that essays on such things as "Mental Alchemy" and "The Heart Goddess" will be prize winners, and it is generally safe to conclude, without going further than the titles, that they are produced by girls.

One of the great troubles with competitions of this kind is that the boys are always put at a disadvantage. If baseball, football, cigarettes, rough house and kindred matters were admitted as proper subjects for essays, and if accuracy in spelling, correctness of grammar and neatness of penmanship were not too strictly demanded, it is probable that the boys, not only of East Orange, but of every other school in our splendid land, would come in for a generous share of honors. Is it not about time for a general uprising against this unfair treatment of our sons?

AMUSEMENTS

One of the smartest military bands of Europe, now on its way to the St. Louis Exposition, will be heard at the Gennett for two performances June 1st. This organization, the

First Imperial Marine Band of Germany, is composed of musicians picked from the crack army and navy bands of Germany. This band, dressed in the regulation uniform of the German navy was organized at the instigation of the emperor to tour the Empire for the purpose of inspiring a patriotic interest in the navy, which the Kaiser was doing his utmost to have increased. A band equipped under such royal patronage, and for such a purpose, must be a superb one, as can be readily imagined. In the American cities in which it has already appeared, the Marine Band has achieved a wonderful success, demonstrative scenes of wild enthusiasm rarely seen in our theatres,

have been accorded them by immense audiences. Their repertoire embraces every class of musical composition, from a swinging American march to the most intricate of classical works, played with the precision and skill of star soloists, under perfect control of a baton in the hands of a master musician.

Excursion to Greensfork via Pennsylvania Lines, on Account of County Sunday-School Convention.

For this occasion the Pennsylvania Line has made an excursion rate of thirty-five cents, for the round trip, for special train to Greensfork and return, leaving Richmond at 6:30 p. m. and leaving Greensfork returning at 9:30 p. m. on Thursday May 26th.

You'll need a Spring tonic, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. See it drive out the impurities, revitalize your system. Feel it give you new blood and strength. 35 cents, tea or tablet form. A. G. Luken & Co.

NANCY HANKS

Brought \$4,000—Sold to Mayor Johnson of Calais, Me.

Readville, Mass., May 24.—Unusual interest centered in the bidding for Nancy Hanks, the famous mare that at one time held the world's record. This splendid old racer was knocked down to J. M. Johnson, the mayor of Calais, Me., for \$4,000.

BOOKLOVERS MAGAZINE FOR JUNE.

The Russo-Japanese articles in the June number of The Booklovers Magazine are a refreshing group of papers which leave the clash of arms for the more interesting and instructive study of certain underlying principles that are gradually coming to the front in the discussion of the war question. Harold Bole's article—the fourth in his series on "The Two Pacific" is a discussion of the hitherto underestimated ambition of Japan to be the propagator of a new Gospel of Civilization for the world. —N. T. Bacon compares the resources of the two warring nations and concludes that Japan has the better staying power of the two.—The brief note by Professor William Lyon Phelps on "What Russian Children are Reading" is a suggestive side-light on the literary tastes of young Russia.—The "War Pictures from the Forbidden Zone" are a group of most interesting photographs, taken specially and exclusively for The Booklovers Magazine, and depict the Japanese army on the march to their victory at the Yalu River.

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Special introductory sale of Crosby's White Tar Soap this week—25c box of Petro Pine Cold Cream free with each box of soap. 23-6t

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THAT IS THE TASK

Begins Wednesday Morning, May 25, Continues Until June 13th

Get in this Bargain Band Wagon the very first day. Climb in the second, the third, every day for fifteen days it will be speeded along by the most merciless cutting of prices.

What does this selling of \$10,000 in 15 days mean to us? What does it mean to you? It means that we must sell more than our proportion of dry goods during this time. It means that we must sell to all our own customers. It means that we must sell to the customers of other stores. It means that in order to do this

WE MUST FORGET PROFITS ENTIRELY

It means many serious losses on dependable, desirable dry goods. It means that our store must be crowded with buyers from morning till night, from the very first day of May 25th until the closing of June 13th. It means above everything else that dry goods were never sold so cheap before.

Everything included in this Price Cutting, from Buttons to Ladies' Suits.

PRICE QUOTING WILL BE VERY BRIEF—We touch the high places only—

Fine White Pearl Buttons sizes 14 to 18, one penny per dozen01	Misses' fine Lace trimmed Corset Cover	10c
20 Silk Waists, each,50	10 doz. Ladies' Corset Covers,	5c
50 Ladies' Jackets, each,50	Fine white Shirt Waists, see window	85c
20 Ladies' Silk Jackets, each,	\$3.50	Fine white embroidery trimmed Waists	75c
50 Ladies' All Wool Skirts, each,	\$2.00	Yard wide guaranteed black Taffeta,	68c
25 Ladies' \$10.00 fine Voile Skirts, at	\$6.00	Yard wide guaranteed black Peau De Soie,	68c
100 Ladies' All Wool \$6 and \$7 fine Walking Skirts, all at	\$4.00	Colored Taffeta Silks,	24c
25 Ladies' Wool Black long Skirts worth \$5 at	\$2.85	All silk Crepe De Chene, all shades,	38c
SEE WINDOWS FOR THESE			
Remainder of 50c and 75c waisting silks	25c	WASH GOODS.	
Dollar quality figured Pongee silks, champaign color	50c	Yard wide fine Batiste	50c
Fine satin striped challies	21c	Yard wide 25c silk striped Mulls	12c
		20c Knicker Suitings,	12c
		15c fine Ginghams,	7c
		Embroidered white Stand and Dresser Scarfs	10c
		Fine Initial Door Panels,	27c
		No. 40 all silk Sash and Neck Ribbons,	4c

\$2.50 quality silk umbrellas	\$1.40
Best \$1.25 black mercerized petticoats	75c
All silk taffeta petticoats	\$3.75
2 1/2 and 3 yard lace curtains at, each	22c

These are an inkling—see the reality. Remember \$10,000 to be sold in 15 days. That's our Task. Beginning Wednesday, May 25th, continues until June 13th

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