

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

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SELECTION FOR RECITATION.

Here is a sonnet, graceful and well-turned. It is taken from "The Praise of Morning," a book of verse by Henry Coyle:

A CHANGELESS FRIEND.

I am thy friend through good report and ill,
Through loss of fortune, trouble, grief and pain;
Through days of sunshine and its storm and rain,
Thy joy shall be my joy; my heart shall thrill
With sadness for thy wee; my eyes shall fill
With tears to soothe thy grief; oh I would fain
All thy perplexing cares unravel plain;
Success or failure, I am thy friend still.
If thou through human weariness err, if shame
Be thy portion, fickle fortune frown,
The world forsake thee, be not thou cast down,
For come what will I still shall be the same;
As changeless as the sea unto the end,
Through all eternity—I am thy friend

TO TEST BACKWARD SCHOOL CHILDREN

A piece of apparatus is being tried in the schools of Chicago, with a view to ascertaining, if possible, something of the causes that retard the progress of children in their studies. The venture proceeds on the assumption that there is a physical examination for the backwardness, and that some clue to the same can be obtained in the manner mentioned. This is a conclusion that many observers will not accept wholesale, although it may be applicable in certain cases. The tests in Chicago, however, are designed to show how far the scheme itself is practicable, and its indications are not to be regarded as decisive in all cases. The mechanism to be employed works on a theory: If the general condition of a child's nerves is poor, as a result of sickness, fatigue or other cause, the fact will be revealed by testing the evenness of action and endurance of a certain set of muscles. The child's arm is strapped into a frame, and the fingers are made alternately to bend and straighten. A

pen is so arranged that it will record these oscillations upon a moving strip of paper in the form of saw teeth. The regularity of the stroke, the straightness of the edges of the teeth and the number of alternations, or teeth, registered are expected to tell the story. The instrument here described is the invention of Prof Fredk W Sunday, of the University of Chicago, and Victor Campbell, principal of a night school. It is called the "ergograph." It is the belief of its authors that when, by means of this apparatus, it is found that a child is in poor physical condition large allowances should be made in respect to work required. And when the student is found to be all right shirking of tasks is to be looked upon as inexcusable.

FACTS ABOUT TREES FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

1. Cutting down trees spoils the beauty of the landscape. I should not like to live where there were no trees.
2. There are few birds where there are no trees. They have no place to make their homes.
3. Taking away the trees takes away the protection from our tender fruit trees.
4. Where there are no trees the snow melts and goes off too rapidly; the moisture that should sink into the soil is carried away into floods.
5. Because our forests are taken away we have severe droughts every year.
6. The trees give us lumber, fuel, wood pulp for newspaper, cork, bark for tanning, wild fruits, nuts, resin, turpentine, oils and various products for medicine.
7. One full grown elm tree gives out fifteen tons of moisture in twenty-four hours. A large sunflower plant gives off three pints of water in one day.
8. We should have greater extremes of heat and cold if it were not for our forests.
9. The leaves of trees catch the rain and hold it a little while; then they drop the water a little at a time; this is better for the ground.
10. The old leaves make a deep sponge carpet in the woods, and this keeps the ground from freezing. If the earth does not freeze it takes up the rain better.
11. We might have dangerous floods if we did not have trees. The trunks and roots of trees stop the water that comes pouring down the hillsides.
12. I will be very careful not to

hurt any tree, but will call every tree my friend.—Primary Education.

EMPIRE DAY SONG.

Raise the Flag, our glorious banner,
O'er this fair Canadian land,
From the stern Atlantic Ocean
To the far Pacific strand—

Chorus—
Raise the Flag with shouts of gladness,
'Tis the banner of the free!
Brightly gleaming, proudly streaming,
'Tis the Flag of Liberty.

Raise the Flag o'er hill and valley,
Let it wave from sea to sea;
Flag of Canada and Britain,
Flag of Right and Liberty.

Raise the Flag, and with the banner
Shouts of triumph let us raise;
Sons of Canada will guard it,
And her daughters sing its praise.

HURRY IN SCHOOL WORK.

The first sermon in the world was preached at the Creation. It was a Divine protest against Hurry. It was a divine objection to perfect law, perfect plan, perfect order, perfect method. Six days of work carefully planned, scheduled and completed were followed by—rest. Whether we accept the story as literal or as figurative, as the account of successive days or ages comprising millions of years, matters little if we but learn the lesson.

The educational system of to-day is a monumental mistake dedicated to Hurry. The children are forced to go through a series of studies that sweep the circle of all human wisdom. They are given everything that the ambitious ignorance of the age can force into their minds, they are taught everything but the essentials—how to use their senses and how to think. Their minds become congested by a great mass of undigested facts; and still the cruel, laborious forcing goes on. You watch it until it seems you cannot stand it a moment longer, and you instinctively put out your hand and say: "Stop! This modern slaughter of the innocents must not go on!" Education smiles suavely, waves her hand complacently toward her thousands of knowledge—prisons over the country, and says: "Who are you that dares speak a word against our sacred school system?" Education is in a hurry. Because she fails in fifteen years to do what half the time should accomplish by better methods, she should not be too boastful. Incompetence is not always a reason for pride. And they

hurry the children into a hundred text-book, then into ill-health, then into the colleges, then into a diploma, then into life—with a dazed mind untrained and unfitted for the duties of living.—Prof. Wm. G. Jordan, in Saturday Evening Post.

PRICELESSNESS OF CHARACTER.

Boys, and even young men, do not appreciate high value of character, though they think they do. It is only when one gets further along in life that its priceless nature is perceived. It brings immediate respect, honor and prosperity. The boy who is known to be truthful, known to be faithful, and trustworthy in every place is looked upon with warm friendship and admiration by people whom he does not suspect of such sentiments toward him. He holds the key to the homes and to the business homes of the best people. He is in the line of first promotion wherever he is. A cigar will place him under distrust; a glass of beer will condemn him as a counterfeiter. So will a lie. So will disrespectful conduct toward his parents. Any of these is a fatal mark of discredit. Nothing is so admirable nor anything so much admired and prized as a pure, honest, honorable boy or young man. Character is the most precious thing in the world—Exchange.

A SPELLING LESSON.

Icebergs, icicles, idiocy, illegal, illegible, illness, illusion, impair, impartial, immense, immersion, imminent, implacable, improvise, impugn, impunity, inaugural, incessant, incision, indictment, induce, industry, indolence, influential, influenza ingenious, ingenuous, initial, injury, innocence, inquiry, insoluble, insolvent, instalment, instinct, insurrection, intercede, interdict, intrigues, invasion, inveigled, irreparable, island, isthmus.

SCRAP-BOOKS FOR TEACHERS.

Teachers will find scrap books very helpful in their work. Many useful hints &c can be clipped from periodicals and pasted into scrap books. In one part of the book can be pasted examination papers, in another busy work hints, in another memory gems, in another poetry suitable for recitation, in another hints on teaching and methods and so on. In this way the scrap book can be made and ever ready helpmate. I notice that some of the most progressive teachers follow this plan.

EDUCATIONAL PAPERS.

The Canadian Teacher says: No

live teacher can afford to be without one or two educational papers. The teacher more than any other needs to constantly keep in touch with the world about him. Reading enlarges the teacher's ideas, brings his work into comparison with that of others, inspires him with a greater zeal for his work, it short, puts new life into the work of the school-room. The men who read, study, think, are the growing men of our day. Are you among that number?

A QUEBEC CONTEST.

Lumbago Driven Out Promptly by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

QUEBEC, Nov. 19.—Although Quebec is called "the Gibraltar of America," and well deserves the name, it is by no means impregnable against the assaults of Kidney Disease. Fortunately the inhabitants have an ally in Dodd's Kidney Pills that succeeds in driving the enemy out, every time it gains an entry.

Some time ago Mr. John Ball, of No. 57 Little Champlain Street, was attacked by Lumbago. He suffered for two years without getting relief from any of the medicines he used. Then he tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and the first box he used helped him. He used only three boxes, and is now well and strong in every way.

Towson—Is your daughter a finished musician?
Yorkrode—Not yet, but the neighbors are making threats.

An Old Theory Exploded

The old-fashioned theory of tearing down disease was entirely changed by the advent of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food, which cures by creating new rich blood and nerve tissue. Through the medium of the circulation and the nervous system they strengthen and invigorate every organ in the human body.

Stenographers might be said to be among the fastest men of the city.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Prince Ching—Why doesn't the Emperor bow to the inevitable?
Li Hung Chang—I think he has lumbago.

An Enormous Sale.

To all who have felt the evil effects of deranged kidneys, it is interesting to know that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are meeting with enormous sale and unparalleled success in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents box at all dealers.

The City Council of Brantford, Ont., is acquiring lands in the west end of the city for park purposes.

Mother's Favorite.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds and sore throat. It has by far the largest sale of any remedy for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to the taste, prompt in action and is an absolute safeguard against consumption and pneumonia. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

The more delusion some people have the more happiness they enjoy.

Minard's Liniment

Cures Distemper.

The widow of Jesse James, the famous bandit, died at Kansas City recently.

Minard's Liniment

Cures Diptheria.

It is semi-officially announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Ireland in April.

Itching, Bleeding Piles

Mr. W. G. Phyll, proprietor Bodega Hotel, 36 Wellington Street East, Toronto, says: "While living in Chicago I was in a terrible state with itching and bleeding piles. I tried several of the best physicians and was burnt and tortured in various ways by their treatments to no avail, besides spending a mint of money to no purpose. Since coming to Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointment, I used but one box and have not been troubled with piles in any shape or form since."

Lord Salisbury's re-organized Cabinet will consist of twenty members, the largest British Cabinet ever formed.

Asthma

Mrs. Geo. Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says: "I felt it my duty to recommend Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as I had the asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it, and it proved successful. I tried it and it cured me. I am thankful today to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy. 25c a bottle. Family size 60c."

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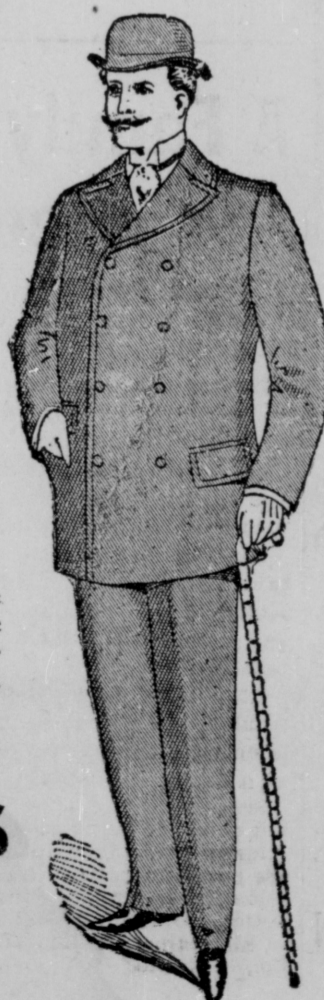
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