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#### Attendance at School.

It is a crying evil over this State, that of chilexpect that their children will miss a great part of enter their children after this fashion. "I will send some times six or eight, but you (to the teacher) may set me down three regular scholars."faulty one, of entering "fractions," of scholars, half, and so on.

Common School Advocate, are worthy an attentive perusal :- ED. HOR. NEST.

"It is plain that in order to carry out the system of education which was contemplated in the formation of our Common Schools, some measures ought to be taken to secure the attendance of the children. It would be of no avail to provide a repast for those who could not partake of child which cannot or will not go to it. For the State to pretend to provide schools for the children within its limits and at the same time neith. metropolis of the Union .- N. Y. Herald. er know nor care whether the schools are attended or not, or whether or not it is in the power of the children to attend, manifests about as much liberality as was shown by the fox who invited the at the city of Grenada, Lake Nicaragua, on the crane to dine with him and had for dinner soup Sth ult. served up in a shallow dish.

giving him credit with all days on which he was have escaped. at school. He thus found that in a school of five due to the school only after his first appearance | would take place on that day-the 8th ult. there, if this was as late as the middle of the ses. The experience of Munos and the superior disery day from the beginning of the term.

In no part of the world are schools managed Horace Mann, they have a word for which we enced more or less by English agents. have no equivalent, neither in language nor in idea. It signifies due to the school, and is used in reference to children. When the legal age for sixteen to fifty years of age, to arms :going to school arrives, the right of the school to the child's attendance attaches just as with us the moso. right of a creditor to the payment of a note or if after arriving at the legal age, he is not sent of England in the name of the Mosquito King." there by his parents a notice in due form is sent | It is apparent that England means to frighten

here is a great source of complaint. The chapter | zens of the United States. on non-attendance is always a sad chapter. How impart life and uniformity to the educational of June, in a British brig of war. movement. As well might it be expected that an hundred hands, with no director, each moving his own way, should go to work and rear a building as grand and beautiful as the Parthenon, as that our Common School System should become what it ought to be, while every county and district is allowed to pursue its present helter-skelter course.

## The Presidential Tour-Summer Excur-

sions and Winter Prospects. tendants-no extensive retinue-no showy pagean- be realized by shipping many articles back to N. over the Northern States, and driven of 'em up broke down at Castle Garden. I sent the whole try, accompanies the President of this great re- York at the sale prices of San Francisco. The and headin of 'em all as fast as he can towards account of it to my old Portland friend. Well, the least display, or pomp, or ceremony, just as dictory. While some state that, with some pa- houn in the Southern States is whistlin round his lished his first original letter in a New York pathe humblest citizen would travel on a journey in tience, a share of physical endurance, and a good springy ratan, making the hair and skin fly, and per, giving an account of the ducking at Castle the republic. It affords a striking contrast to some two thirds for his living, others again insist that his long whip all over the Western country and ment, although my "vile imitations" of it had been presidential progresses that we have seen, and ap- there is gold enough in the valley of Sacramento headin 'em all across the prayries towards Ma- going on and published almost every week for pears to be quite a tame and lowly affair when to satisfy the cravings of at least fifty thousand compared with the famous triumphant tour which persons, and that he who avoids the gaming table ral Cass stands, you know, where he always has cause 'twas proved by scripture and poetry both. General Cass made after his profitless nomination and dissipation, by using some discretion in his stood, on Mason and Dixon's side of Salt River, For the Bible says, "the first shall be last, and and an intelligent generation to represent us in the at Baltimore.

is not wanting in all that constitutes true grandeur. possession of a comfortable subsistence, while ma- see we have every thing to encourage us. Things about the country for more than two years before the annals of poverty and crime we will find that Everywhere, General Taylor is received with the ny, again, have only to lament and wail over their looks bright ahead. It won't be long before all the original event got along. I hope your head many cases are to be traced to intemperance as unbought enthusiasm of honest hearts. There disappointed expectations. Upon the whole, the the scattered flocks and heards of our party will will get settled again, so you can see through their first incentive and their prime cause. We in its head.

dren not going regularly to school. Many of excited, at every stage of his tour, in the breasts much spirit into the hearts of the persons now in them lose one half the days that they are nomi- of his countrymen, who crowd around him and this town. nally at school; others lose more than that pro- shout their cordial welcome. It is not the homage portion. In fact, so common is it for parents to of party which the President receives. No whippers in of factions have got up the receptions which the time, that it is an every day thing to see them | have greeted him; no fierce partizanship has swelled the grateful chorus of popular applause. Men of all parties unite in honoring not merely the President, but the man. The conduct of Gen. Tay-From this fashion arose that other bad, extremely | lor himself is in keeping with the manner in which he is received. Frank, manly, and sincere, he as half a scholar, scholar and a half, two and a acknowledges in a becoming spirit the honor which is done him, and shuns all those opportunities of The following remarks on this subject from the gratifying mere personal vanity which weaker or more ambitious men would so eagerly embrace.-We have reason to be proud of all this. A great lesson is thus conveyed to European nations .-The sound sense, the sober indgment, the high civilization, the true republicanism of our people, are thus exhibited in a most striking manner.-When General Taylor reaches New York, we shall see with what unbounded and spontaneous enthuit, and a school can be of but little benefit to the siasm he will be greeted. In no portion of the Union are the heroic virtues and sterling qualities of the President more appreciated than in the great

> Important from Nicagarua. We have received some important intelligence from Nicaragua. It comes to us in letters, dated

According to these letters, Somoso, at the head Those who have made no inquiry in reference of four thousand men, had assaulted the city of to this matter, have no idea of the great loss which | Nicaragua, destroyed it by fire, and sacrificed the is now sustained by the children failing to attend lives of its inhabitants. Somoso did not obtain the schools. We have examined the register of much wealth by this assault; a small amount onone of our Common School teachers which was ly of gold, silver, and jewelry, fell into his hands; kept with great care. The teacher noted the day | but the total amount of property destroyed exceedon which each pupil entered the school and from ed two millions. It is not possible that all the inthat time charged him with the remaining days, habitants of the city were sacrificed; some must

This terrible affair had aroused Munos, who had month's duration there were lost by the pupils gathered a force of seven hundred and fifty regumore than 4000 days. But in reality this falls lars, with whom he was advancing to meet Somoshort of the truth. The child was considered as so, and it was expected that a battle between them,

sion or even later, whereas to present the case in cipline of his troops, give those acquainted with the its true light, the child should be charged with ev- country and the people, reason to believe that he will triumph over Somoso.

It is stated to be the general impression in Ni with more care than in Prussia, and there, says caragua, that the movements of Somoso are influ-

On the 9th of June, the Nicaragua governmen issued a proclamation, calling all citizens, from

1st. To quell the anarchical movements of So-

2d. To maintain the territorial rights of Nicabond attaches on the day of its maturity. If a ragua over San Juan and its dependencies, or in child after being once enrolled absent himself, or the language of the proclamation, "the usurpation

to apprise them of their delinquency. If the child the Nicaraugans out of their rights on the San Juis pot forth-coming a summons follows. The pa- an, and it will be necessary for the American govrent is cited before the Court and if he has no ex- ernment to take a decided stand in the matter .cuse and refuses compliance, the child is taken The morality of her course, in inciting the demifrom him and sent to school, the father to prison. | savages under Somoso to act against the civilzed Even in States where the Common Schools are classes of the State of Nicarauga, was only equalmanaged with a decree of energy sufficient to led by her actions in our own history, when she put to shame those who act as feebly as we do, induced the savages to murder the unarmed citi-

The above intelligence is from one source. We much more sorrowful then must be the situation learn, from another source, that England refuses of this matter in our State which unlike almost to continue her subsidy to the Mosquito King; and every other, has no Superintendent of Public In- that the English Consul, Mr. Christy, left San Justruction, no authoritative and responsible head to an, or what is now called Grey Town on, the 25th

What is now on the tapis? - Ibid.

Nrom the New York Herald. Our Panama Correspondence. PANAMA, July 23, 1849.

The Pacific mail steamer Oregon arrived here on the 20th, in a passage of nineteen days from San Francisco, including stoppages at Acapulco,

can be no doubt as to the genuineness of those e- encouragement given by the passengers of the motions of admiration and regard which have been Panama and Oregon is not calculated to infuse

> Politeness at Home .- Always speak with the Union of last Thursday, and I'm amazingly utmost politeness and deference to your parents and friends. Some children are polite and civil everywhere except at home: but there are coarse and rude enough. I trust you will never be one

Titles of respect, too, should not be forgotten .-'Yes, sir," and "No, sir"-"Yes, ma'am," and 'No, ma'am," sound much better, as well as much more refined and well bred, than the blunt "Yes," and "No," which very many children in these days from me?" I feel bad now about writing my last old friend. are accustomed to use.

Nothing sits so gracefully upon children, and nothing makes them so lovely, as habitual respect and dutiful deportment towards their parents and superiors. It makes the plainest face beautiful, and gives to every common action a nameless but fightin, and you go right out into the country and peculiar charm.

## Political.

#### ing. Mason and Dixon's side of Salt River.

My DEAR MR. RICHIE :-- You don't know how glad I be to see how you have spunked up since my last letter to you. You are raly giving it to the "corrupt and imbecile Administration" pellto 'em right and left about right. Uncle Joshua ful for you to forget me now, that is, if you was late to attempt to prove. This fact is universally which he well knew must soon terminate his life. can whip anybody the Feds can bring into the the same Jack Downing, that was born and brought though it may be beautifully and appropriately il- the skill of a successful physician to give him any ring. But now I begin to feel uneasy for fear up in Downingville, away down east in the State lustrated, does not need any species of proof. It relief. The physician was so much alarmed that you'll overdo yourself and breakdown, and then of Maine, and that drove down to Portland in Jin- is not our design in this brief article, either to as- he told him he hoped he should never see him we shan t have nobody to take care of us. Don't nerwary, 1830, with a load of axe-handles and sail or defend the principles of associations and have a similar paroxysm, and then repeated his ef. you remember the story of the tame elephant that bean-poles, and found the Legislater in a dreadful orders which have been regularly organized with forts to dissuade him from his destructive indulwas used to help launch vessels? One time they sharl, all tied and tangled, and see-sawin up and a view to suppress the evils of intemperance. gence. But it was all in vain. Whilst he was put him to launch a vessel that was too heavy for down a whole fortnight, and could'nt choose their Each and every citizen should feel at liberty to in this situation we paid him the second and last him. After he tried once or twice and could'nt officers. I found my axe-handles and bean-poles give or withhold his name from the catalogue of visit. We found him reclining on his couch and start it, the keeper called out, "take away this would'nt sell, so I took to polytix and went to wri- the Sons of Temperance. We regard it as a vol- almost destitute of mind. He would frequently lazy beast and bring another." At that the poor tin letters. The Legislater fout and fout all the untary society, invested with full authority to set- say, "I've lost my way, I've lost my way;" for elephant roused up and put his head to the vessel winter; but I kept writin, and at last I got 'em the its terms of union and to form its own consti- he was once a deacon of the church. He said he again, and pushed and strained himself so hard straitened out. I kept on writin for a whole year, tution. None join its ranks, unless they choose had made his will and pointed out the place where that he fell down and died. Now I don't want and got the polytix of Maine pretty well settled. to do so. If any, therefore, should be constrain- he wished to be buried, and yet these things proyou to do so. When I writ that letter to you two Then I see Gineral Jackson was getting into trou- ed, from motives which we have no right to conor three weeks ago to rouse you up a little, I did- ble, and I footed it on to Washington to give him demn, to withhold their names from the list, they of Adrian the infidel and heathen, and once or nt mean to make you so furious that you should a lift. And you know I always stuck by him af- should neither be ridiculed nor censured by othrun your head agin the Administration so hard as | wards as long as he lived. I helped him fight the ers. For our own part, we believe that the cause to break your neck, or strain yourself so much as battles with Biddle's monster Bank till we killed of temperance is not dependent either for its existo make you fall down dead. Nor I didnt mean it off. I helped him put down nullification and tence or success on the formation of other societhat you should kill off the Administration, smack showed exactly how it would work if it got the up- ties, than those which have hitherto existed. It ancholy picture? This is no fancy sketch. It is smooth, as dead as herrings, in two months. I per hand, in my letter about carrying the raft of may be said that "union is streugth." This, a fact of which there are witnesses now living; meant to give you two or three years to do it in. logs across Sebago Pond, when Bill Johnson got | we admit, is true in every department of life, pro-Any time before the next election would do. It mad and swore he'd have all his log to himself, vided the moral power of the Association increasyou should kill 'em all right off before we have and so he cut the lashings and paddled off on his es in proportion to its numbers; but it seems to us time to choose any body to take their places, you log alone; and then his log begun to roll and he though we may be mistaken, that every advantage would have all the Government on your own shoulders, and I'm afraid it would be too much for over heels half a dozen times, and come pesky Sons of Temperance, can be as effectually securyou. So I think you had better try to cool down near being drown'd. And that was'nt all I did to ed to the community by an additional number of a little; it ain't prudence to keep so hot all the keep off nullification and help put it down. I societies, based on the common plan which has time. That is, I mean on your own account, for brought on my old company of Dowingville ma- been hitherto in successful operation. We do not fear you should overdo yourself and break down. litia to Washington, under the command of cousin wish to be understood as opposing innovations And then again there is such a thing as drawing Sargeant Joel, and kept 'em there with their guns merely because they are such; but we simply detoo long a bow to hit the thing you shoot at. Ma- all loaded till the danger was all over. And I sire to defend the principles of temperance without jor Longbow used to be quite unlucky in that I used to go up top of the Congress house, every regard to difference in organizations or to peculiway. You can make folks believe a middlin si- day, and keep watch, and listen off towards South arities of systems. One remark, however, we zed fish story, if you tell it well; but if you try | Carolina, so as to be ready, the first moment nul- must make on an error in the minds of some memto back it up with a tarnal great cock-and-bull lification burst up there, to order Sargeant Joel to bers of a temperance society in this county. We ing the island. He immediately commanded them story, they'll go right back again and swear they march and fire. The Gineral always said the were surprised to hear a sentiment, so opposed to to fill their ears with wax, and bind themselves to don't believe the fish story. It's dangerous load- spunk I showed was what cowed nullification the spirit of liberty, uttered by a minister of the the mast of the vessel. They complied with his in guns so heavy, for then there's no knowing down so quick; and he always felt very grateful gospel. He spoke at length in defence of the rewhich will get the worst of it, him that stands be- to me for it. Well, I stuck by the Gineral all solution that we should not vote for any candidate destined port. fore the muzzle or him that stands behind the weathers; and I kept writin letters from Wash- however well qualified he may be, who indulges britch. So I hope you'll try to cool down a little ington to my old friend, the editor of the Portland in the practice of treating at elections. On the ten themselves to a temperance ship, and disrefor I'm satisfied, since my last letter, you are fir- Courier, and kept old Hickory's popularity alive supposition that both or all the candidates treated ing away your ammunition too fast. And, be- among the people, and did'nt let nobody meddle in order to gain votes, we would be bound by this "life's stormy sea" in safety. sides, I don't think it's right for you at your time with his Administration to hurt it. Well, then' resolution to give up our civil rights and not vote of life to be fightin hard. Nor I don't think it's vou know, the Gineral, in the summer of 1832, at all. We are happy to know that the resolution necessary nuther; for things is brightnin up all started off on his grand tower down East, and I did not pass. There are various other modes in over the country. Our party is all coming togeth- went with him. You remember, when we got to which intemperance may be suppressed besides er again, and going to carry all afore 'em. It's Philadelphy, the people swarming around him so the ultra and self-sacrificing manner indicated in The Oregon brings sixty passengers from San true the flocks and herds of our party has been thick they almost smothered him to death; and this resolution. So soon as temperance societies The President has commenced his promised Francisco, and about \$600,000 dollars in specie dreadfully broken up and scattered about. The the Gineral got so tired shakin hands that he overstep their proper bounds, and interfere with our Northern tour. He has penetrated into the inte- and gold dust. The verbal reports of the mines oxen did'nt know their owners, and the sheeps could'nt give another shake, and come pretty near rights and privileges as freemen, they may deliv rior of the good old State of Pennsylvania. On and business, generally, are so conflicting, that had'nt no shepards, and the Taylor wolves has faintin away; and then I put my hand round un- er their farewell address to the public and retire Saturday he arrived in Harrisburgh; from the stage of usefulness. If they cannot conhe will proceed to Pittsburgh, and then direct his California. One thing is very certain, and in great many of 'em. But from what I hear all er, and so we made out to get through. I sent sistently permit their membes to use the intoxicafootsteps to the great capitals of the North-New which all agree, that almost every branch of mer- over the country now, I am satisfied they are all the whole account of it to my old friend of the ting beverage except as a medicine, they should York and Philadelphia. The progress of the chief cantile business has reached a panic. Goods and comin together again, and on a new platform; and Portland Courier. Well, then we jogged along to certainly allow us the privilege of voting for our magistrate has been as unostentatious and modest merchandise of every description are daily sacri- that platform is Mason and Dixon's side of Salt New York; and there you remember we come as it could possibly be. No numerous band of at- ficed; and it has been asserted that a profit could River. Mr. John Van Buren is shoo-shooin all pesky near getting a ducking when the bridge public on this summer tour. He travels without accounts from the mines are even more contra- Mason and Dixon's side of Salt River. Mr. Cal- the next day, the "original" Major Downing pub- by no means conclusive evidence of the weakness pursuit of business or pleasure. All this is char- deal of perseverance, a man may possibly dig the headin 'em all up towards Mason and Dixon's Garden. Nobody could'nt dispute but what this acteristic of the man, and redounds to the honor of sum of six dollars per day, out of which he pays side of Salt River. And Col. Benton is cracking was the true genuine "original" Downing docuson and Dixon's side of Salt River. And Gine- two years. I say nobody could'nt dispute it, beliving, must inevitably meet with success. Many with a handful of salt in one hand and a nub of the last first;" and poetry says, "coming events councils of the nation, and to fill the other offices But if the journey of President Taylor be devoid of those persons who have passed through this corn in 'tother, and looking all round and calling cast their shadows before them." So the sha- which, by the division of labor, are so important of ceremonious observance and grand display, it place, on their way home, return satisfied in the of 'em to come to him and he'll feed 'em. So you dows, the "vile imitations," had been flying to our welfare and happiness. When we look at

be got together on this new platform on Mason these things and understand 'em, and know me will discover many instances similar to the followhave things all our own way, and Gineral Tay- not knowing me, and thinking I'm "fictitious." lor and the Wilmot proviso may go to grass.

Postscript .-- My dear old friend: I've jest got

struck up, and my feelins is badly hurt, to see

that you've got so bewildered that you seemingly

don't know me. It's a melancholy sign when old

folks get so bewildered that they mistake their of him which side he was coming out on. oldest and best friends one for 'tother. Why, your head is turned right round. How could you sav that I was "a fictitious Major Jack Downing?" and that my last letter to you was a " trashy letter to you; for I'm afraid you took it too hard and have strained yourself so hard agin the administration that it's turned your head. I beg of you now, my dear friend, to let all drop right where 'tis; leave Mr. Burke to do the burkin and the put yourself under the "cold water cure" somewhere, and see if your head won't come right again. I "fictitious," and you "strip the mask from me!" Why, my dear friend, if you could onthe mask off of my face one minute, you'd know could'nt keep it steady, and he got ducked head that can possibly be derived from the order of the

and Dixon's side of Salt River; and then we'll jest as you used to. I can't bear the idea of your ing, which we know to be true, and part of which

I stood by you and and Mr. Polk, and helped you renjoyed the advantages of a good education. Bealong through the Mexican war; and how I carried out dispatches from Mr. Polk to Mr. Trist in the life of the company and circle in which he mov-Mexico, and how I carried a private message ed. His pleasing manners and fascinating adfrom you to Gineral Taylor to try to coax it out dress, won golden opinions from the female sex.

hear from you you will be recovered and in your the affections of a young lady, who was as much right mind, so as to know me and see that I ain't | beloved for modesty and virtue as she was admir-"fictitious;" for you havn't got a truer friend on ed for intelligence and beauty. Many happy forgery;" and that you would "strip the mask Mason and Dixon's side of Salt River than your months passed away and all went well with them

MAJOR JACK DOWNING.

#### Cemperance.

" If men would shun swoln fortune's ruinous blasts, Let them use temperance: nothing violent lasts."

### Original.

#### Temperance.

candidates whether they treat the people or not Over this subject they can never exercise any control. But the errors and imperfections which sometimes attend institutions of this character, are and injustice of the cause itself, if it is a high and noble cause. It aims at reforming the drunkard, restoring peace and plenty to the family circle, and rendering him who was once on a level with the brute, a respectable and honored citizen. It aims also at preventing the young men from becoming drunkards, so that when the old race of them shall have departed, we may have a sober

occurred within our own observation. Mr. L. was Du try to refresh your mind a little; think how a young man of more than ordinary talents and ing remarkable for his wit and pleasantry, he was They delighted in his company, because he was Good bye, my dear friend; I hope next time I always pleasant and agreeable. He soon gained yet. The affectionate wife did not suspect any danger would ensue from the occasional visits made by her husband to the place of hilarity and mirth: for he always returned in a sober but cheerful mood. The truth must be told. He had already contracted a fondness for the intoxicating bowl. Instead of going occasionally into gay and drinking company, he brings the poison to his own house and drinks from day to day. His business is neglected; his children are as afraid of him as It is a source of unfeigned pleasure to every pa- of death. His wife is broken hearted. His friends ly be up here five minutes on our new platform, on triot and genuine philanthropist to be apprized of perceived the change, and finding all their efforts Another letter from Major Down- Mason and Dixon's side of Salt River, and jest lift the success of any cause which is calculated to vain, requested their minister to talk with and promote the peace, prosperity and happiness of prevail on him to abandon his evil ways. We me jest as easy as the little boy knew his daddy. individuals and families. Especially it is gratify- told him of his neglected business, and his depen-Your head could'nt be so turned but what you'd ing that gentlemen of respectability, talents and dent children, of his distressed and broken-heartknow me; for you'd seed then the very same old influence, have consented to lend their aid in ad- ed wife, and above all of his own immortal soul, friend that stood by you and Gineral Jackson fit- vancing objects so noble in themselves and so wor- which would be inevitably ruined, unless he would teen, sixteen, and eighteen years ago; the same thy of public patronage. That the cause of tem- abstain and repent. He replied, "I am resolved mell. I should think every "dolt," and every old friend that coaxed up Gineral Jackson and perance has accomplished much, and is fully com- to quit, and I have quit it." He did indeed ab-"butcher," and every "Nero" among 'em must made him forgive you for calling him such hard petent to accomplish still more in promoting the stain for a time, but alas! his appetite was too have a bung'd eye by this time. You do give it names before he was elected. It's very ungrate- the welfare and happiness of men, it is now too strong. He could not suppress his thirst for that says you are the Tom Hyer of our party, and in your right mind. For I'm the same old friend, conceded. It is an axiom in morals which The delirium tremens came on, and it required duced no effect on his mind. He adopted the creed twice remarked, that he knew he was going to die, vet did not know whither he was going. He appeared to have neither feeling of remorse nor fear of death. In this condition he died. What a melfor the gentleman lived and died in this county. If there is anything to incite us to form temperance associations, it is such cases as the one described, which is but a specimen of a thousand, + Let all moderate drinkers, then, take warning and

> prescribed by a physician, as a medicine. It is recorded on the pages of ancient poesy that Ulysses, famous in Grecian history, devised an expedient for the safety of his crew when in danger. They were obliged to sail near a beautiful island, on which there were many nymphs who sang very sweetly. As soon as they got opposite to it. Ulysses perceived that his men, instead of pursuing the proper course, were approachjustructions and soon they safely arrived at their

in time abstain from intoxicating liquors unless

We would advise all our young friends to fasgarding the voice of the syren, they will sail over

S. C. P.

YANKEE GALLANTRY. A "notion" seller was offering Yankee clocks, finely varnished and colored, and with a lookingglass in front, to a certain lady not remarkable

for personal beauty. "Why, it's beautiful," said the vender. "Beautiful, indeed !- a look at it almost fright-

ens me !" said the lady "Then marm," replied Johnathan, "I guess you'd better buy one that han't got no lookin'-

The following is a Yorkshire courtship in leap

Molly .- "Whoy doesn't thee spake, John ?" John .- "Whov, what shud I say, Molly ?" Molly,-"Whoy doesn't thee zay as thee do

love me, John?" John .- "Zo I does."

Molly,-"Whoy doesn't thee kiss me then?" John,-"Zo I wool straight, Molly," There is a man in Wetumpka, Alabama, so po-

lite that he never passes a petticoat hanging on a clothes line, that he don't bow to it.

A gentleman observed upon an indifferent pleader at the bar, that he was the most affecting orator he ever heard-for he never attempted to speak but he excited general sympathy.

Why is a mushroom like a dandy? Because it is rapid in its growth, slim in its trink, and thick