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THE ARRANGEMENT

Of Ideas in the Mind—Different Theories By Different Authors—Some Liken Them to Flour in a Sack—Others Like Shoes in a Store.

When reading works treating of the mind teachers, no doubt, have observed that different men have very different theories in regard to mental opportunities. Sometimes it happens that it is hard to tell just what theory the author has. Among the different theories apparently maintained by writers on the subject may be enumerated the following three:

1. That the ideas or concepts or whatever any one may be pleased to call them are packed in the head like flour in a sack.

2. That the ideas are arranged in the brain like shoes in the merchant's drawer, number threes at one end and number elevens at the other, with the other numbers between. Some extend this theory so as to include the arrangement of ideas in the brain, like goods on the shelves in a store, dry goods in one part, notions in another and hardware in a third.

3. That the ideas are not in the brain at all but reside on the surface like grasshoppers and other insects on a newly mown meadow.

In regard to these theories it is very likely that the first is the oldest. Those teachers who work in accordance with its underlying principles usually do a great deal of pounding and shaking, like a miller who shakes and pounds the sack in his endeavor to get the full ninety-eight pounds of flour in it. The heads of the children are pounded and shaken so that they may be filled with ideas. In many instances the theory has seemed to work well, but after having been subjected to trial for a long time it is found to be attended with one danger. The sack may burst and spill the contents.

Those who teach in accordance with the principles involved in the second theory are very particular to have each idea laid away in its proper place. According to this theory when the mind wants an idea, it runs around in the brains hunting for the one wanted like the clerk who runs around hunting for some article called for by a customer. It is natural that those who advocate this theory should be afflicted with mental weariness after a day of active business. The mind having had to run here and there incessantly during the day naturally becomes tired and demands rest.

One of the worst features connected with this theory is that the mind very often takes up the wrong idea, and what is still worse is very frequently unable to find just what it is looking for. Of course with those who limit the arrangement of the ideas in the brain to that of shoes in the drawer, have a much more simple task in finding what they want, the only danger here being that the wrong number may be thrown out, a number seven probably when a number ten is wanted, in which case it is evident that there happens a misfit. It will be noticed that according to this theory the ideas are not in the mind at all but are laid away in the brain like goods on the shelves in a store.

In addition to the dangers already mentioned there is another connected with storing ideas according to

this theory. If the foundation is not very substantial the mind may be thrown off its balance by having the weight unequally distributed. Teachers who adhere to this theory should be very particular in their attention to this fact, and not put more ideas on the one side of the brain than on the other.

The third theory which probably is the most modern of the three seems to be adhered to quite commonly by a certain class of writers and authors.

The teacher working by this theory endeavors to scare up an idea here and an idea there like scaring up grasshoppers on a meadow, as stated in the enunciation of the theory. He shoes in one direction and a little grasshopper jumps up. He shoes in another direction, and a big grasshopper jumps up. He scolds here and a little idea hops out. He scolds there and a big one hops out.

The teacher who adheres to this theory should have good eyesight and be able to distinguish objects at a long distance for there are many other things on a meadow than grasshoppers in consequence of which there is great danger of mistaking a cricket or frog for a grasshopper, that is of mistaking an idea for one thing when it really stands for another.

It being evident that the business of the teacher according to this theory is to scare up ideas that are on the surface of the brain, and inasmuch as there is a particular kind of shoe for scaring up each particular kind of idea, the teacher who wants to be successful must be well trained in shoeing, in order that he may not commit the blunder of scaring up a cricket when he intended to shoe up a grasshopper.

H T J LUDWIG.

Mr. Daniel Barrier Dead.

For the last four or five years, Mr. Daniel Barrier, a man of about 46 years of age, son of Mrs. Polly Barrier, who lives on the Cabarrus and Stanly line, has been in very bad health. On last Saturday evening his body ceased to suffer. Mr. Barrier was a single man and had always stayed at home with his mother. The remains were interred at Bethel Reformed church, Rev. Paul Barringer, of Mt. Pleasant, having preached the funeral.

He Denies the Charges.

Mr. John Lady, who lives near Concord, and who, it is stated, received some eggs from some persons a few nights ago, and who also came near having a difficulty at Rocky River on election day, denies both charges against him. He says if there were any eggs thrown at him he did not know it. We can bring our proof to the one but will not to the other, so take the case, gentlemen.

Look Out for the Meteors.

Last night and tonight were set in astronomical prediction for meteoric showers.

It was cloudy and misty last night which is of course unfavorable for observation. Should it clear away this evening those who do not throw themselves too impulsively into the arms of Morpheus would do well to take some upward glances and catch the phenomenon at its trick or the astronomer at his "Democracy."

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Photographer Moose is here today on business.

—Capt. Jonas Cook, of Mt. Pleasant, spent this morning here.

—Mr. W A Stone, of Albemarle, was here this morning.

—Mr. Will Goldeton came home from Bessemer Saturday night to spend Sunday.

—Messrs. C L Smith and Charles Wadsworth, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here.

—Mr. Prae White, freight clerk at the depot, spent Sunday at his home in Greenville, S. C.

—Mr. J N Holding, of Raleigh, who spent a number of weeks here some time ago, has returned to our city.

—Miss Susie Capps, of Salisbury, who attended the meeting of the Luther League, returned home this morning.

—Rev. J E Thompson left this morning for Greensboro. Tonight he goes to Winston to attend the meeting of the Methodist conference.

—Mr. Victor Smith, of Birmingham, Ala., surprised his relatives this morning by paying them a visit. He will be here probably a day or two.

—Miss Carrie Cruse, of Rowan, accompanied by Conductor Klutz, of the Western, passed through here this morning on their way to Mt. Pleasant. Miss Cruse is a student at Mont Amœna.

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Mr. and Mrs. W A Stone came up from Albemarle last Saturday in response to a message to the effect that Mrs. S H Stone was quite sick.

Superintendent Coble andquire Hislop have returned from a business trip to Bessemer.

Mr. Chas. Barrett, one of the clerks in the company store, has gone to his home at Sumter, S. C., to spend a few days with relatives.

He—"If I stole 50 kisses from you what kind of larceny would it be?"

She—"I should call it grand."—Yonkers Statesman.

Raleigh is to have a big jollification tomorrow night. An immense torch-light parade with tar barrel fires and extensive fire-works are to make it lively.

Mallaby—Bragleigh boasts that no living man could forge his name successfully to a check and get it cashed. Has he such a very peculiar signature?

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