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VICE VERSA.

In Teaching the Pupil Its Mind Advances From Clearness to Obscurity and Then From Obscurity to Clearness.

Written for the Standard.
The teacher who lives in a real world instead of an imaginary world possesses one mental condition favorable for teaching. To him the world is a real world. The children before him are real and not imaginary children. He thinks of the one as it is, and sees the others as they are. He forms his theory of teaching on facts—facts as they exist, on the one hand, in the world around him, and as they are delineated and displayed, on the other hand, in the countenances and minds of the children before him. The opinions of others, as well as his own, are valuable to him so far only as they conform to the realities he has to deal with. He is conscious of the fact that he has real children to teach, and that his work must be adapted to the living realities placed in his care. He must be a living enthusiastic teacher.

The teacher qualified as described above will be likely to proceed with his work with an understanding of what he wants to do, and will be likely to know how to do it. He will work intelligently and will hardly fail to experience the pleasure attending success.

There is danger, however, that the teacher may think that he sees his pupils as they are when he really does not. His knowledge may be obscure and not clear. If that be the case he must remove the obscurity by careful observation and study. In so serious a matter as teaching a child, the teacher should not commit an error.

To help the teacher it may be well to examine the way children learn. That may help him to see how to teach. It is well known that when children come to school they have many concepts or ideas, but the ideas may be obscurely known or are not known with any system or in any order. The ideas the children have are all they have to work with.

Now it is commonly said that in educating a child we conduct it from the known to the unknown. That is a very simple way to state it, but is it true without qualification? When learning, do we not really pass from the known to the obscurely known, then from the obscurely known to the clearly known? As the circle of our thoughts becomes larger does not the number of obscurely known concepts increase? Do we not advance from clearness to obscurity, and then from obscurity to clearness of thought.

When we begin the study of a subject we have many thoughts, some clear, others obscure. By the help of those that are clear we remove the obscurity from the others. But by removing the obscurity from those we had, we find that others obscurely known have come into the enlarged circle of our thoughts. We now have an

increased number of clear concepts to aid us in removing the obscurity from the new ones that have presented themselves. We proceed as before, and at every step it is found that a new stock of obscure concepts present themselves as the number of clearly known concepts is increased. The teacher applies this principle when he advances his pupils intelligently.

H. T. J. LUDWIG.

AN ADDRESS

By Prof. Coler on "Horace Mann" Before the Ladies of Mont Amcena—Other Exercises—A Collection for the Electric Clock.

In the Seminary hall at Mont Amcena Seminary at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, there will be an entertainment to which the public is most cordially invited. The exercises will consist of music and elocution by members of the Seminary introductory to the principal feature of the evening, an address by Prof. C. S. Coler, superintendent of the public schools at this place, his subject being "Horace Mann." The exercises promise to be interesting and very instructive. A silver collection will be taken for the benefit of the electric program clock.

Goes to Rowan.

Mr. N. M. Barnhardt, the late keeper of the county home, having rented his farm for the next year, will leave our county for a year's sojourn in Rowan, near Ogan church. We regret that Mr. Barnhardt will be away even for a year but hope he will then return to his beautifully situated homestead to enter upon a new era of prosperity.

PENSION WARRANTS.

The Wounded Soldiers and the Poor Widows of Our County to Receive Their Annual Pensions Before Christmas.

The pension warrants for the disabled and wounded soldiers, and for the widows of those whose death came by their defense of their country, arrived here Saturday to be handed out by Register Johnson.

The warrants are divided into classes. Of the first class, where one is in exceptionally bad circumstances physically—there is only one, this being Mr. S. W. Tarlton, of No. 3 township, who receives \$72. Of the second class, where an arm was lost, there is four, whose amounts are \$56. Thirty-six dollars is paid to each of the third class, where a leg was lost. There are nine so crippled. Of the fourth class, where they bear wounds which partly incapacitate them for work and cause them some suffering—there are twenty-seven, each drawing \$18. The widows of soldiers who either died on the battlefield or afterwards died from the war, are ranked in the fourth class, drawing \$18 apiece.

There are then seventy-four persons in our county who draw pensions each year, and the whole amount of the pension list is \$1,692, which is paid out by the sheriff on presentation of the warrants.

Last Notice.

All claims due Dr. L. M. Archey unsettled on the first of January, next, will be sued at once.
W. G. MEANS, Att'y.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. John Leslie and wife returned to Charlotte Saturday night.

—Mr. Chas. Cook, of Bessemer, spent Sunday here with his friends.

—Mr. T. L. Ross, of China Grove, spent yesterday here.

—Rev. N. I. Bakke, of Charlotte, came over this morning.

—Mr. E. I. Johnson, who now lives at Rock Hill, is here today on business. He will return tonight.

—Mr. Clarence Call, of Wilkesboro, spent last Saturday night here.

—Mr. Sam White, of China Grove, was seen on the streets here this morning.

—Messrs. J. Lee Everitt, of Rockingham, and Osmond Barringer, Chase Brenizer and Wm. J. Harty, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here.

—Miss Margaret McCall returned this morning to visit Miss Janie Ervin, after spending several days in Charlotte.

—Misses Julia Stewart and Bessie Wharey, of Mooresville, who have been so delightfully entertained at the homes of Messrs. P. B. Fetzer and W. W. Stuart for a week or more, will return home Wednesday.

FRENCH PEAS,

KORNLET

and

ITALIAN PASTE

at

Ervin & Morrison
GROCERS

A Lunatic Freak.

Joseph W. Pearson, a printer, went into insanity and hurled bricks, etc., into the British embassy Wednesday night and struck Miss Pononcefot, inflicting some injury, and broke about \$700 worth of plate glass before he could be arrested.

Baron Rothschild Dead.

A London Dispatch of the 17th says that Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild is dead. His death was not anticipated, as he was thought to be only suffering from a cold.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the last will and testament of W. O. Boyd, deceased, hereby gives notice that all persons indebted to the estate of said testator must make prompt payment, and all persons holding claims against said estate must present same for payment on or before the 20th day of December, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This, Dec. 19th, 1898.
JULIA BOYD, Executrix.

Nasal Catarrh quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. To test it, a trial size for 10 cents or the large, for 50 cents, is mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. Druggists keep it. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific.

Every woman needs Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

For Married Ladies

There is the little fellow 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 years old. Christmas is almost here and you haven't gotten him anything yet. Mercy! What will I get for the child? His sister or his cousin or his aunt will give him toys, toys, toys, without end.

I would be needless for you to add to his stock of these things, which will already cover the floor so thick you can't get around in the room. Let us suggest a good and sensible way out of the difficulty. Here it is: Buy one of our beautiful Vester Suits for him—very fine, good and handsomely trimmed. Take a look at these suits anyway. Bought just for Christmas presents. They are finer than you usually buy for the boy, but Christmas calls for extra nice things. Give anything at all give something nice.

Cannon & Fetzer
Company.

WHAT TO GIVE CHRISTMAS.

Desirable gifts for a lady. When you think of Yuletide gifts think of this store. Sensible gifts for sensible people. We are showing a line of house slippers for ladies, also some fleecelined shoes with cloth tops and flexible soles which would make a very sensible Yuletide gift for the grandma or mother. Any lady and all ladies appreciate a real nice pair of gloves at any time. Large line of Neckwear, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, etc.

H. L. PARKS & CO.

WHY - NOT - BE - HAPPY

GET INTO THE SWIM—THE ELECTION IS OVER—THANKSGIVING IS PAST AND IN A FEW MORE DAYS WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

PRESENTS! Oh, Yes! You must have presents for Christmas times. We don't know of any better place in the State of North Carolina to buy a useful as well as an ornamental PRESENT than the

FURNITURE HOUSE OF BELL HARRIS & CO.

SEE. Run over the list and see if we are not correct. One Hundred Bed Room Suits in all the fancy woods. Parlor good, medium and best. Wardrobes, Side Boards, China Closets, Office Desks, Book Cases, Hall Racks, Rocking Chairs, Dining Chairs and all kinds of children Chairs, Bissels Carpet Sweepers, Cook Stoves, Mattress and Spring Baby Tenders, Boy Wagons, Go Carts, Coasters, Tricycles, Velocipeds, etc.

Our line of Pictures and Frames, Mirrors, Lamps, etc., must be seen to be appreciated. We have bought largely. We have bought at right prices. We have bought to sell if you will favor us with a call we will convince you that we mean just what we say. Come and see us. With best wishes for a merry Christmas we are

Yours

Bell, Harris & Company.