

...ing by the Eye. ... art of imparting ... have learned the value of education by the eye, they will have gone a long way on the high road to successful teaching.

All of the theory and rules in the world will never give to the mind an idea as correct as may be obtained from a single glance at many of the objects with which we are familiar. It is a waste of time to try to impress upon many children any understanding of the forms of certain things. They comprehend them only in the vague sort of a way when merely described in words, and give very little, if any, evidence of interest in the matter in hand; but show them a picture of the article itself, and there is something tangible upon which the mind can take hold. And indeed the same rule may apply with almost equal force to children of larger growth. It is only a well-trained mind, familiar with measurements, causes and effects, and skilled in applying the rules of science and art, that can grasp the meaning of an illustration confined merely to words.

The value of object lessons is only imperfectly understood. If parents and teachers would realize the importance of instruction by the eye, they would not only make their lessons more effective, but they would also save much of the time and expense now expended in the vain attempt to impart knowledge by the spoken word. The value of exhibits and displays of mechanical and other appliances cannot be overestimated in education. It is one of the important features of the training of the young. The country fair, the trade exhibition, the show of implements or machinery is almost sure to draw an admiring crowd of youngsters. A few hours in such a place will often develop a taste that will shape the boy's entire future career. The benefit of such a collection of objects of interest is one sees at the American Fair in New York city, or in a catalogue, and special arrangements should be made wherever such exhibitions are held. Exhibits should be arranged on a basis demanding a certain amount of attention to the training of public-school children. Talent is often latent and only needs some well directed handling to bring it out. Many parents do not realize the importance of sending their children to such places and therefore the State should look to it that its citizens are as well equipped for life as possible.

The boy who has a little mechanical genius may find himself an inventor after a few hours spent in the intelligent contemplation of high-class machinery. The simplest, and consequently the best devices in the world have been worked out by the people without education and training. They had seen the need of something better than that which existed, and in the clear and most direct way their thoughts went out toward supplying the lack. It goes without saying that if boys could be deeply interested in mechanical subjects they would have less thought and care for many of the things that are now only sources of injury and demoralization. The mind can hold but a certain amount, and it would seem unnecessary to impress upon the hearts of parents the important thought that if the child's interest is turned toward useful subjects, there would be less danger of his going astray and following after evil desires and devices. Invention is exhaustless and fascinating, and once a boy is started in this direction, he is quite sure to follow it more or less closely all the days of his life.

The State lost over \$1,000 worth of gems at the World's Fair. Of these were 150 rubies an 50 carats. They were in a gas bowl, and were very probably stolen by

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