

**FAMOUS DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION.**



**PE-RU-NA**  
FOR  
**DYSPEPSIA**  
CATARRH OF STOMACH

**COMPULSORY EDUCATION**

State Furnishes Facilities and Parents Should Be Compelled to Send Children to School.

Charity and Children.  
Parents who are too avaricious or prejudiced to send their children to school where free tuition is offered ought to be compelled to do so by the strong arm of the law. In almost every community, and especially in those where child labor is in demand, households may be found where the children are growing up in stark ignorance. We have a pitiful case in mind as we write, of a family of bright and beautiful children, not one of whom can either read or write and they are within a ten minutes walk of a splendid school where thorough instruction is offered without money or price. In this case it is the mother who stands in the way. She seems to have a morbid and foolish fear that a knowledge of the three R's will in some way lift her children out of their natural sphere and separate them from the society in which they were born. Reason will not teach this mother. Nothing else will except law and it is a great misfortune for her children that it cannot be invoked.

A few days ago the writer fell in with a very bright chap of eight years who was smoking a cigarette, and asked him if he attended school. "No, by Ned," was the answer. "I haven't got time for no school." On further inquiry it was learned that the lad was employed to do chores about a mica mine, and was bringing in a pittance for the family. What can be done with stupid parents who cannot be persuaded to discharge their obligations to their children? Only one thing and that is to clothe the sheriff with power to save the little ones from their sinning fathers and mothers. Of course proper facilities must be furnished for the education of the children, but when this is done the officers of the law ought to go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.

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**GREEN MANURING**

Value of Green Straw Compared with Fertilizer and Cow Manure.

Travelling through the piedmont section it is not unusual to see large stacks two or more years old rotting to the ground. As the farmers do not need it for bedding for their live stock, and find it very poor roughage, they are content to let it lie in the field or around the barn lot as worthless "straw", good for nothing but to be burned or rot where it lies.

A ten acre field of wheat that yields 200 bushels will produce 10 tons of straw and chaff. This straw has about 12 lbs. of nitrogen, 4.4 lbs. of phosphate, and 12.6 lbs. of potash per ton. These amounts were necessarily taken out of the soil and should be returned together with the very large amount of organic matter contained in a ton of straw.

Should the straw from this 10 acre field be put back into the land the soil would receive an application of 120 lbs. of nitrogen, 44 lbs. of phosphate, and 126 lbs. of potash. This is as much nitrogen as can be gotten from three tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or 17 tons of fresh cow manure. The potash made available in the amount of straw is equal to that in three tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or in 17 tons of fresh cow manure.

Wheat straw, old hay, dead weeds cut when cleaning fence rows, ditch banks, etc. should be spread evenly over the poor places in the field during the fall and allowed to weather and rot during the winter. In the spring this rough material may be easily cut to pieces with a disc harrow and plowed under.

Last year a good farmer in Davidson county spread a lot of rag weeds, coarse grasses, etc. cut from around his tobacco barns and cow stables, over a very poor land in the fall on which he had sown rye. He did this to get the "stuff" out of the way and with no thought of its possible fertilizing value. I saw the rye in the spring just before it was cut, and the result was astonishing. The crop was as thick on the ground as it could stand, well filled, and about 5 ft. high. Just a few steps away where no mulch of any kind was used the rye made but an indifferent growth and was thin on the land. Another farmer in Randolph county last year thoughtlessly spread some old straw, weeds, and coarse, dirty grass over a gall spot in his wheat field, and in the spring and at harvest time was surprised to find his crop looking as though he had spread tons of stable manure over the land. Instances may be multiplied.

In the future do not let your old hay, old straw, flooded grass, mixed weeds and coarse grass, lie around and rot in the fence corners and gullies, but spread them evenly over the poor spots in the wheat or oat fields just after the crop is sown. When the crop is harvested, run a sharp disc harrow over this mass of half rotten vegetation once or twice and plow it under prior to seeding the field to soy beans or cowpeas to be plowed under if the land is poor or cut and fed to live stock if the land is not in need of fertility. We had intended to discuss corn as a green manuring crop this time but find our space all occupied with the above discussion and we will have to defer this crop for next week.

J. L. BURGESS,  
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture.

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**THE WALL STREET GAME.**

Advice to Those Who Would Buy and Sell on Margin.

"A broker once told me that there was one rule which he would give if he dared to his customers to guide them in selecting stocks for trading purposes. Take a piece of chewing gum; reduce it to an adhesive condition, mold it into a form convenient for throwing; throw it at the board. Buy or sell the stock indicated by the spot on the board to which it adheres. Go to Europe for three months. By following this advice, he said, the customer would have a chance—not much of a chance, it is true, but some chance. If however he reads the financial page of the newspaper and listens to the gossip in the brokers' offices, he has not even the gambler's chance, since he will be doing exactly what the powers back of the market want him to do in order that they may as quickly as possible get his principal before it is exhausted by the constant nibbling of the broker.

"A well to do man showed his ingenue bride a check for \$1,800. 'Do you see this check? Now with this I'm going to buy sugar. Sugar is going up, and I'll give you the profits.' Sugar went down, and he lost his \$1,800. The lady asked for an accounting. 'My dear, sugar went down. The money is lost.' 'And you haven't even any sugar?' she asked plaintively. 'Not even any sugar?'

"As a means of making money speculating on margin is worthless; as a means to loss and ruin it has no rivals. With the large number of sound investments constantly offered by banking houses to the public on terms which offer a reasonable chance of increasing value, together with security of principal and income, it should no longer be necessary for men and women to put their savings into margins."—Edward Sherwood Meade in Lippincott's.

**JUVENILE PRODIGES.**

Master Betty at the Age of Twelve Played Richard III.

Of all juvenile prodigies was there ever one to compare with Master Betty, the infant Roscius? The press of the day voted him "a very extraordinary phenomenon." \* \* \* playing marbles in a morning and Richard III. in the evening; \* \* \* an inspired being; \* \* \* of exquisite judgment and sensibility. \* \* \* the energy of whose delivery was such as to leave all description at a distance. \* \* \* The intelligence of manner, the eloquence of the eye when speech was denied, the rapid yet judicious transitions from prostrate affliction to dignified resentment, are qualities which a Garrick might display." The Edinburgh manager was in fear that the young actor's voice would not fill the house. "My dear sir," said the twelve-year-old genius, "I beg you will be under no apprehensions upon that score, for if my voice does not fill your house my playing will."

Writing for the stage seems always to have attracted the prodigy. Douglas Jerrold wrote his successful farce, "More Frightened Than Hurt," before he was fifteen, and Lope de Vega, the famous Spaniard, was not fourteen when his first play was produced. And William Ireland produced his Shakespearean forgeries, which were good enough to deceive the learned, when he was about fifteen.—London Chronicle.

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