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The Schools.

It is not enough that our children are clothed and sent regular to the school house, or that we try to give them time for study at home, yet many parents—especially fathers—regard this as the extent of their duty to their children. There are many things about the house and the grounds demanding—though seldom receiving—the attention of the parent, and without which attention, the children suffer more or less in many ways. Few men would entrust a valuable animal—a horse, or dog—to strange hands without looking after the conditions to which it would be consigned. There would always be solicitude for its welfare, and very often personal supervision, no matter how busy the men were. But the children! The little, dependent, human animals—that is another story. In large cities, great attention is being bestowed upon the condition of the buildings and grounds with regard to sanitation and the welfare and comfort of the young people. Ventilation, the proper size of the desks, the arrangement of the light, the position of the child when at study, the hours of recreation, the temperature of the room, cleanliness and freedom from smells or foulness of the grounds, purity of the water, and many other matters are subject of the gravest consideration. But the country schools are not so well cared for. Too often members of the school board, though fathers themselves, are indifferent, or thoughtless, and, so there is no flagrant complaint, things are allowed to jog along unhindered. The mothers seem to have little time to look after such things, and if they did, they do not seem to have the power to right the wrongs.

Do you know the conditions to which you consign the boys and girls? If not, don't you think it your duty to find them out by a personal inspection? Do you know anything about the teacher you hire, except what the certificate showed you? More than book learning should be required of a teacher, but in many cases, not even this is strictly insisted upon. Do look into the matter, dear fathers and mothers.

Don't Gin Cotton Too Soon.

The subject of cotton handling and grading is one now uppermost in the minds of all farmers, and is one that should receive unlimited attention and discussion.

The handling and grading of cotton should begin with picking. Cotton is often harvested wet and much of the early picking is green.

The farmer rushes this wet, green stuff to the gin, where the staple is ruined in the ginning. The proper way to do is to keep this wet, green cotton till it dries and matures.

Cotton will gain both in weight and quality by holding in the seed. It is an unquestioned fact that cotton held in the seed will gain about one-tenth in weight for the first three months after picking. At this rate, seed cotton that would yield five hundred pounds of lint ginned when it is picked will give five hundred and fifty pounds of lint, if kept for three months before ginning.

Cotton should not be ginned as picked. The loss will amount to at least \$5 per bale in weight alone if ginned immediately after picking. The damage to the staple will possibly amount to a loss of more than one cent a pound in price.

A bale of cotton that will bring \$50 ginned when picked will bring \$60 or more on a similar market if ginned three months after picking. The lint continues to grow in weight and quality after picking up to about three months.—G. M. Davis.

Information Wanted.

An anonymous correspondent enters a vigorous complaint and asks for advice. He has a son aged about nineteen, who is as large as the father. As a result of this similar size the son finds it easier to wear his father's shirts, collars, hose and neckties than to buy his own. The father wants to know what he should do about it. That's exactly what we would like to know. And about three mornings a week, after vainly hunting for a clean shirt or collar, or clean hose, and learning that our own grown boy has "sneaked" the last one, we are willing to pay handsomely for the information. Can any reader help us out?

Sand-Clay Roads.

A coating of sand on a clay road is a good thing, but the more this sand inclines to gravel the better. Good gravel would be far superior. The exact amount of sand to use will generally have to be determined by experiment in each locality. Apply the sand when the road is wet but not rutted. It will not be of much value till it becomes mixed with the clay and thus forms a sort of artificial hard pan. On the other hand, if sand is applied to hard dry clay it will be a positive nuisance until wet weather comes and allows it to become mixed with the clay. It is only suitable for roads of comparatively light traffic.

Clay on sand usually gives better results than sand on clay on account of the excellent natural drainage afforded by the sand foundation. It should be applied in a layer about six inches deep, well harrowed, smoothed off with a grader, and rolled till hard and smooth. After the rolling, from one to two inches of sand from the sides should be uniformly spread over the road by the use of a road grader. Clay thus applied will not have reached its best stage until mixed with the sand.

Neither sand on clay nor clay on sand should be applied till the bed has been properly graded and shaped for a permanent road.

Repairs to this class of road will consist in maintaining the drains and culverts in good condition and applying such material to the surface as was originally used to build the road. Care should be taken in applying this new material when filling ruts to see that it is properly levelled. If very much new material is added it is better to harrow and roll again.

Her Case Hopeless.

A reader singing himself "Victim" wants to know what he can do to persuade his wife not to make pickles and preserves of watermelon rinds. We are unable to help him. When a wife falls victim to the habit of pickling or preserving watermelon rinds her case is hopeless. The only thing to do is set watch and see that she does not pickle or preserve the potato peelings.

Good For Glenn.

The Governor of North Carolina is among those who have recently struck the right tone in handling the negro question. Congratulations. He declares that black and white alike shall be punished when they do wrong, encouraged when they do well. Colored people, he says, should be helped to make the best of themselves. Co-operation will do most. The sheriff in Booker Washington's community telephones to him when a crime is charged or suspected against a negro, and the guilty man is found and turned over to the officials. Several of the Governors are doing well—the Governor of Alabama among the number. And it is to be remembered, by those who too easily despair, that two-thirds of the lynchings of negroes have no relation to assault and that in twelve months, about two years ago, there were more actual or attempted criminal assaults in Chicago than there were by all the negroes in the United States. The negro problems are hard enough. It is better not to see them as more hopeless than they are.—Collier's Weekly.

The Watts Law Did It.

The preliminary report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the present fiscal year shows that the aggregate collections of internal revenue in North Carolina have decreased over three-quarters of a million dollars since the Watts law went into effect. To be exact, internal revenue collections in the State are \$938,588.32 less this year than they were in 1902, the year before the Watts law became operative. In that year the Federal government collected a total of \$5,618,958.50 for revenue purposes. Each succeeding year has shown a diminution of internal revenue receipt in Tar Heeldom. The collections last year were \$4,962,225.98, and this year they have fallen to \$4,899,061.18.

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Commissioners Adopt Resolutions.

At the last regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the following resolutions were adopted and spread upon the minutes: NASHVILLE, N. C., Sept. 2nd, 1907. The death of Hon. Benjamin H. Bunn, county attorney, having occurred since the last meeting of the board, to-wit: on August the 25th., 1007, and being now announced to the Board by the chairman, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st. That the death of this distinguished citizen of our county has caused profound regret and sorrow. 2nd. That he represented Nash County in the Constitutional Convention in 1875, was a member of the Legislature from this County in 1883, was thrice elected to Congress from this district, was for forty years the leader of the bar, and for many years was legal advisor of the Board of Commissioners, in all these positions discharging his duty with conspicuous ability and fidelity. 3rd. That he was a big-brained, big-hearted man, he made a bright record for himself and his county by his heroic service in the Civil War and since that war he has been the best loved and most prominent man of Nash County.

4th. That the board heartily endorses all that is said in praise of Mr. Bunn in the resolutions adopted last week by the bar of the county which resolutions will be found copied in the minute docket of the Superior Court. 5th. That the above resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this board and a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family.

Signed: W. E. JEFFREYS, S. A. BATCHELOR, W. D. FARMER, Z. V. JENKINS, Clerk to the Board.

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