

MILLIONS OF PUPILS.

Last Year's Attendance Placed at 17,299,230.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Education, just submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, shows that the grand total of pupils in schools, elementary, secondary and higher, both public and private, in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1901, was 17,299,230, an increase of 278,520 pupils over the previous year.

Of this number the enrollment of pupils in institutions supported by general and local taxes furnished by States and municipalities was 15,710,394, as against 15,443,462, the number reported for the previous year. Besides these there were certain special institutions, like city evening schools, business schools, schools for Indians, reform schools, schools connected with asylums, schools for cookery and other special trades and vocations which had nearly 500,000 pupils. Adding the enrollment in these special schools to that for general education, the aggregate is something more than 17,750,000 of the population that received education for a longer or shorter period during the year ended June 30, 1901.

The value of property used for public school purposes has risen to \$576,963,089 from \$130,380,008 in 1870, and the expenditures for the common schools (including elementary and secondary schools, but excluding all institutions for higher education) amounted to \$226,043,236, having risen to this sum from \$63,396,666 in 1870. In 1870 the expenditure for schools per capita of the population was \$1.64; the last year it was \$2.93 per capita of the population, the highest it has ever been. It was an increase of 10 cents to each man, woman and child over the year previous. The average attendance of each pupil for the entire number of enrolled was 99 days for the year, an increase of 24 days over the previous year.

The Best Prescription for Malaria,

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

BULLETS FOR THREE.

Defaulter Shoots Dead Two Accusers and Himself.

New York, Oct. 17.—Using a new automatic magazine pistol, William C. Turner, former president and treasurer of the Climax Bottling Company, to-day shot and killed W. J. Mallard, secretary and treasurer of the company, and Robert Hamilton, its president, and then killed himself with the same weapon. A second revolver, loaded in every chamber, was found in Turner's pocket, and it is believed he planned to take more lives than he did. The shooting was caused by a quarrel between the three men concerning an alleged shortage in Turner's accounts, for which he was threatened with criminal prosecution. The tragedy occurred in the offices of the law firm of Cantor, Adams & McIntyre, at 25 Broad street, in the heart of the Wall street district, during the busy noon hour. Turner, who was forty-five years of age and lived at Mount Vernon, N. Y., a suburb of this city, was a cousin of Gov. Odell, of this State. The head of the law firm in whose offices the shooting occurred is President Cantor, of the Borough of Manhattan. Soon after the shots rang out in the office building a wild rumor was started that the borough president had been killed.

The Worst Form.

Multitudes are singing the praises of Kodol, the new discovery which is making so many sick people well and weak strong by digesting what they eat, by cleansing and sweetening the stomach and by transforming their food into the kind of pure, rich, red blood that makes you feel good all over. Mrs. Cranfill, of Troy, I. T., writes: For a number of years I was troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia which grew into the worst form. Finally I was induced to use Kodol and after using four bottles I am entirely cured. I heartily recommend Kodol to all sufferers from indigestion and dyspepsia. Take a dose after meals. It digests what you eat. J. R. Ledbetter, Benson Drug Co. and Hood Bros.

\$200,000 BLAZE AT HAMLET.

Flames Which Broke Out at Noon Spread With Such Rapidity that the Watchman Barely Escaped With His Life.

Hamlet, Oct. 19.—Fire which broke out at the cotton compress here at noon to-day destroyed property valued at \$200,000 to \$225,000 and caused the death of Mr. J. M. Wilson, of Clarksville, Ga., book-keeper at the compress, and a nephew of Mr. Geo. E. Wilson, of Charlotte.

The cotton compress, which was the property of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and was leased by C. E. Johnson, of Raleigh, together with the ice plant, one of the largest in the State, and 2,400 bales of cotton, a vast quantity of burlaps and bagging, was entirely consumed.

The railroad authorities succeeded in saving the car-shed, a short distance away, with engines and a bucket brigade, and many cars on the side-tracks near the press were saved, but six empty cars alongside the press platform were burned.

When the fire started, from a cause as yet undetermined, Watchman Gibson, of Hamlet, was on duty in the middle of the building and says he threw on buckets of water, placed close by and all around the building for safety, while Mr. Wilson, the book-keeper, attached a hose and played on the fire, but so rapidly did the flames spread that the watchman cried: "We can do nothing; run for your life."

The fire was coming on so fast that the watchman ran through the office and jumped through a raised window, but Wilson was caught in the flames and burned beyond recognition. His body was found this afternoon about 5 o'clock within a few feet of a rear entrance to the building. His head, limbs and shoulders had been consumed and only a charred mass remained. He was identified by his watch, keys and his belt buckle.—Charlotte Observer.

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Through the blood by taking Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which makes the blood pure and rich, heals every sore, scab, scale, boil or eruption, and stops the itching of eczema. B. B. B. cures especially, the worst and most deep-seated cases. B. B. B. kills the humors in the blood. Druggists, \$1. Describe trouble and trial bottle sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.

An Unfortunate Guess.

"She broke the engagement, eh?" "Yes; she asked him to guess her age." "Well?" "He guessed it."—Ex.

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Hood Bros., Smithfield; Cavanaugh & Benson, Benson; Hare & Son, Selma.

A Difference.

Mrs. De Style—My husband is always in for a good time. Mrs. Gunbusta—Mine is always out for his.—Ex.

Old People Have Their Troubles.

Mr. Francis Little of Benton Harbor, Mich., is over eighty years of age. Since 1865 he has been troubled more or less with indigestion and constipation and has tried almost everything in use for those ailments. Last August he began using Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and was soon feeling much better. In a recent letter he says, "I have used three boxes of the Tablets and now think I am well." These Tablets improve the appetite and invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. For sale by Hood Bros., Cavanaugh & Benson, Hare & Son.

Where It Originated.

Robbins—I didn't think you had any idea of marrying the widow.

Newlywed—I didn't; it was an idea of hers.—Ex.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

If thou wouldst be happy, learn to please.—Prior.

COURAGE OF ANIMALS.

The Bravery Displayed by Some of Them When Necessary.

We often read how animals usually die a tragic death, but little is said of the mute suffering and wonderful fortitude which are so frequently displayed. With all the civilization of centuries behind us, this power of suffering acute physical pain without flinching or muttering is still considered one of our highest attributes.

One winter evening when the snow crackled under foot and the edges of the ponds and brooks showed a trace of ice I saw here and there the signs of traps which had been set for stray prowlers. Some were placed along paths which were used by coons and foxes under the overhanging cliffs. Others were cleverly hidden in the edge of the water for muskrats and mink.

Next morning as I passed along one of the paths I saw how a captured animal had shown his bravery, for in a trap in the water were a foot and part of a leg of a large muskrat. What courage it must have taken to deliberately gnaw off his foot and leg!

At first I thought that perhaps the trap had broken the bone and the animal had simply cut the flesh and tendons away, but on close inspection I saw that the bone had not been broken. I could shut my eyes and almost see the frightened little animal work and pull at the steel chain as the cool stars winked and blinked.

All night long probably he had worked about the place where the short chain was fastened, but it held fast. As the gray of the day showed faint in the east he knew he must do something desperate, so he went to work on his own flesh and bone. Can one think of anything more courageous than slowly cutting through one's own flesh with liberty the reward for the pain? Then, when the hard bone is reached and the animal is weak and spent with suffering, think what courage it must have taken for the final work!—Turf, Field and Farm.

A Night in a Haunted Room.

A contemporary tells a very amusing story of a well known man about town who was recently spending a week end in the country. The house being full, he was offered the "haunted room," and about midnight he retired to rest among the ghosts quite contentedly. But at breakfast next morning he was faint to confess that the spirits had shamefully misused him by removing all the bedclothes and leaving him uncovered at 2 a. m. But, most peculiar of all, the blankets had really vanished into thin air. Presently the son-in-law of the house put in an appearance and in reply to the question how he had slept made answer: "Very well, only it was so cold that, knowing you never put any one in the haunted room, I braved the ghosts in the small hours and trotted in there to gather up every blanket I could find. Truth to say, I hurried away, for I had no matches with me and could have sworn there was some one breathing in the room."

Contradictions.

We live amid contradictions. Our old men call each other boys and our youths are old fellows. Our girls like to be manly, and our men are often old women. A young lady likes to be called a kitten, but objects to being called a cat. A young man yearns to be reputed a gay dog, but dislikes being called a puppy. In the afternoon we go to see a morning performance at the theater, and at early morn we read our evening newspapers. Stilton cheese is nearly all made on the continent, French chalk is got here in America, Hungarian bands are comprised of English musicians, and many British flags are made in Germany.—Selected.

The Retreat.

The "fire devouring" colonel had been telling his small nephews terrible stories of battle and blood, and they had listened, spellbound, for an hour. Then said the youngest: "I s'pose, uncle, that you never ran away from anything, did you?" The old man thought a great deal before he answered slowly: "Ben, if you live long enough you'll find out that it's never well to run away from danger, no matter what; but you will probably meet with occasions when you'll see what a grand thing it is to right about face and charge in the opposite direction as fast as you can go."

A Misapprehension.

The practice of naming race horses after prominent personages sometimes leads to misapprehension. In one of the clubs the other day a message came over the tape announcing the death of Lord —. Much sympathy was expressed for the noble family in their supposititious bereavement, and much laughter was indulged in when it was found that Lord — was a horse.—London Tit-Bits.

TEARFUL OR CHEERFUL?

Whether a woman is tearful or cheerful depends not on what she has materially, but what she is physically. Many an indulgent husband is driven almost to despair by the tearful outburst of a wife who has "everything she wants." He wants to know what's the matter. But the wife can't tell. She only knows that she is depressed and despondent. Such a condition is usually related to some form of womanly disease. The mental depression has its corresponding womanly weakness.



Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription changes tearful women to cheerful women by curing the diseases which cause physical weakness and depression of spirits. It establishes regularity, dries unhealthy drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

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Has Anybody Seen This Shoat?

On our way to Portage to attend a congressional convention, our escort drew our attention to the following notice, posted on a board near Pigeon Grove:

"Straid Or Swiped. A young hog shoate with the left year crupt, an tale gone. Also blak spot on left hand hip, an hole in another year. Sed hoag, disappeared from premises of undercined cuner at nite, or thereabout, under circumstances pertaining to be stole. Said hoag shoat being a pet and not apt to go off on his one acord. Also, this hog shote answer to his name "Nellie" and he will eat off of hand an stan on his hind legs like a dog and is of a friendly nature. Anybody returning said shote, or letting me no where he is at, I will consider a benefit off a invalid whose pet shoat was."—Kingston, Wis., Spy.

Look Out For Fever.

Biliousness and liver disorders at this season may be prevented by cleansing the system with De Witt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills do not gripe. They move the bowels gently, but copiously, and by reason of the tonic properties, give tone and strength to the glands. J. R. Ledbetter, Hood Bros., Benson Drug Co.

Bloodless Surgery.

"Doctor, do you think an operation will be necessary?" said the anxious patient. "Yes, sir," replied the skillful surgeon. "But first bring me the mattress the boy sleeps on."

It was brought. The surgeon found a hole in it. He enlarged the hole, felt around inside the mattress, and presently brought forth a piece of jewelry.

"There sir," he said, "is the breastpin you thought your boy had swallowed."

"Then there won't be any operation necessary!" exclaimed the overjoyed parent.

"No other operation," rejoined the surgeon. "The bill will be \$10. * * * Thanks. The boy will get along all right now. Good afternoon."—Chicago Tribune.

IS YELLOW POISON

in your blood? Physicians call it Malarial Germ. It can be seen changing red blood yellow under microscope. It works day and night. First, it turns your complexion yellow. Chilly, aching sensations creep down your backbone. You feel weak and worthless.

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