

Educational Notes.

In the coming summer or fall, at times to suit the teachers, I intend to hold several teachers' institutes of one week each at different places in the county. My intention at present is to hold these institutes at public school houses in the county.

I wish to emphasize methods of teaching children—especially children just beginning. The method now used by so many of the teachers—the alphabet method—has been discarded by the best teachers all over this nation for a half century or longer.

I want our teachers to learn a better method. Also I want our teachers to learn more about teaching reading to second, third and fourth reader classes. We will study methods of teaching arithmetic and language to children also.

A. & M. COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS.

A proposition has been made by President Winston, of the A. & M. College, to take all of our more advanced teachers into the summer school for teachers at that college if the Board of Education of this county will make an appropriation for the school.

Now, it is needless to say that our board will make an appropriation if the teachers can not or will not attend. The summer school will open about July 4th and continue four weeks. Board will cost \$10.00 per month. This, I understand, will be the total cost.

The summer school will teach all the public school branches and especially agriculture. The little book on this subject adopted for use in the public schools will be taught by the authors and all the experiments made. This will be of great benefit to the teachers. The teachers can come and teach it in the schools and the whole county would be benefited. So many men make their living by farming that it seems to me highly important that agriculture should be taught in the schools.

Now, I want to know how many teachers would attend the summer school at Raleigh if arrangements were made for them. Please let me know when you fill out your special report.

If any teacher in the county does not get a special report blank this week you may know that it has gone wrong, and I want you to write me for another.

A Useful List of Books for Children.

A strong bond for holding a family together is the habit of reading aloud for an hour or two several evenings during the week. Information should not be the object of such reading, but culture in one of its finest forms will be gained if the best books are chosen. Boys and girls who have been studying the greater part of the day should either read or have read to them books interesting, amusing or pathetic. Books of travel, well written, biographies of interesting persons, historical and literary essays by men of letters all afford delightful reading. Among the best books for children are the following: "Gulliver's Travels," "Alice in Wonderland," "Hawthorne's 'Wonder Book,'" "Tanglewood Tales," "The Arabian Nights," "The Water Babies," "Tom Brown at Rugby," "The Jungle Book," "Aesop's Fables," "Uncle Remus," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Robinson Crusoe," "The Swiss Family Robinson," and the "Waverly Novels."—From an article on Reading for Children, by Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, in the March Delineator.

When a man has lost his grip, on the affairs of life, feels incapable of performing the ordinary duties that business requires. Body languid, brain dull. His liver is out of order. Rydals Liver Tablets are what he needs. One dose usually will, two always will restore normal condition of body and mind, and fit a man for the duties and pleasures of life again. Rydals Liver Tablets are easy to take, pleasant in effect, satisfactory in results, economical. 50 chocolate coated tablets in a convenient box, 25 cts. Hood Bros., J. N. Ledbetter, Princeton, N. C.

An Experiment in Road Making.

"There are only about 10 miles of good road in my country," said a man from southwest Missouri, "to about two hundred of bad, and when a road is bad in my country it is so bad that the recording angel blots out the word that must be used to say how bad it is. We have had the ten good miles for a year or so, now, and they are beginning to exert their influence. Already work is under way on the public highways and within a few years

we will have a very fair showing. It is all the result of good example, too. How? Well, I'll tell you. Six years ago my brother and I, with some money we inherited, went down into that part of the State and bought farms adjoining one that had been left to us by our father several years before. We had about a thousand acres in all lying for a mile along the county road, four miles from the county seat, our nearest shipping point. Our farm was a good one, as were the others about us, but the roads were something fearful. We began early to make a fight for improvement, but the old farmers had become accustomed to bad roads because they had never known what a good one was, and they wouldn't give up a cent for road making. I did everything I could to work up some enthusiasm, even going so far one year as to run for the legislature on a good roads ticket, and I was snowed under so deep that I retired from politics.

"My brother and I, finding politics and persuasion both useless, concluded to try another plan. Our land lying along the road was level, and we turned in on it and built a mile of road paralleling the county road only a fence width away from it. It wasn't the best piece of turnpike ever built, but it cost us fifteen hundred dollars and was hard and smooth. We made a good connection with the county road and set a tollgate at each end of our pike. Our gatekeepers were our farm-hands, their women folks looking after that part of it. When everything was ready we opened for business, making a general charge of one cent for anything the gates had to be opened for. We began in October, when the mud road was dry and good going, and all we got for our efforts was the laugh from every passer-by. We used our road but nobody else would. We said nothing. Along in November the bad weather began, and the mud roads everywhere began to get in their work, the stretch in front of our place being about the worst there was, as it was so level that the water wouldn't run off. The farmers tried it for awhile, and the more they went over it the worse it got. Then one day a farmer with an extra heavy load and a team of tired horses called up the gatekeeper and handed out one cent for passage. He passed two or three other teams stuck in the mud on the parallel road. They looked at him moving along so nicely, and they didn't give him the laugh. He grinned at them though. That evening those same chaps paid their coppers to get a mile of good road on their way home. That started the rest of them, and six months later that piece of county road looked like a last year's bird's nest, and we had made money on our investment, besides allowing the gatekeepers a percentage.

"The following summer they got together on good roads and built the three miles between the end of our piece and town, allowing us what ours had cost to build, though we got nothing for the land it was on. But we could spare it very well. The next year the farmers beyond us took the matter up and added three more miles, and next year the ten miles of good road in the county were completed. Now they are saying they don't see how they ever stood the bad roads, and the same feeling is growing all over the county. A farmer's life isn't the easiest, but it is a good deal easier when he has roads he can haul his stuff on and get around now and then for a change and company."—Comfort.

Apportionment of 2nd \$100,000.

The apportionment of the second \$100,000 of the public school loan fund has just been completed except for the counties of Chatham and Stokes. These counties have been delayed for further information. Fifty-eight counties get aid this year, and the total amount apportioned is \$93,000. The smallest apportionment to any county is \$232.29, and the greatest amount received by any county is \$4,100. These amounts seem large, but the facts show that the counties which have received this money, the cost per capita is less for this four months school than in those counties which have received no aid. In counties which have received this aid no teacher receives more than \$28.50 per month, though they possess first-class certificates, while the counties not receiving aid from this fund pay instructors more than this amount.—Raleigh Times.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.

There Are Ways and Ways of Advertising One's Business.

There was once an advertising agent who called on a business man to prove to him that advertising in a newspaper was more effective than advertising on billboards. The business man was skeptical on this point. He had been in the habit of distributing his business signs all over the face of the landscape, and he regarded this sort of exaggerated tattooing as no less wise than picturesque, as perhaps it was. His idea of the picturesque differed from that of the Barbizon school of painting.

The agent said, "I will prove to you that a sign painted on a dead wall is of very little practical value."

The business man said, "If you can I will advertise in your paper." The agent made out his contract. Then he said: "There is an advertisement seven feet by four painted in large letters on the wall of a seven story building which you pass on your way to your office every morning. Can you tell me what it is?"

The business man racked his memory in vain. He could remember that there was a sign there in white letters on a blue ground, but though he had seen it every morning for many years he could not remember anything more. Then the agent led him out and showed him that it was an advertisement of somebody's liver pills.

This story carries its own moral. When the first advertisement was painted on a wall for those to read who never read newspapers it doubtless did attract attention. But when a dozen brass bands are tooting at a time, it would puzzle an expert to tell what tune any of them is playing. In passing along the street the brain can only take in a certain number of impressions and instinctively rejects those not of immediate interest. In reading a newspaper the attention of the reader is given to the space before him for several minutes, perhaps half an hour. He sees things which he would not notice in an instant's survey. If he happens to want some particular kind of goods he cannot go out on the streets and scan the buildings for the sign of the dealer. He looks in the paper or in the directory. Any one who wishes to test the comparative value of the street sign and the newspaper need only make the experiment described in the story. The chances are that he cannot tell the names of three of the numerous firms whose goods he has seen advertised on walls and fences between his home and his place of business.—Washington Times.

A Matter of Teeth.

He was a Cornish miner, and he went to the local dentist to have a troublesome tooth drawn. "I want a tooth held out," he announced, with a fine air of unconcern, taking his seat in the chair of torture and opening his mouth for inspection. "Which one is it?" asked the dentist. "Thicky there, I reckon," he replied, pointing a coal grimed finger toward the one which seemed to him to be the seat of torment. There was brief silence, a long, sickening wrench, and out the supposed offender came. "Why, this isn't the one, man. It's perfectly sound," said the man with the forceps. The miner looked at the tooth gravely, returned it, leaned back in the chair composedly, gripped its arms ready for the fray and quietly remarked, "Well, I reckon ye'd better go straight on till ye come to us."

When She Waked.

Mildred was just three months old when we took her to a friend's to show her off. This lady's little boys, four and six years of age, were very much interested in the sleeping baby. They asked many questions, such as "Can she eat?" and "Can she walk?" etc. On discovering that she had no teeth, that she slept much of the time, that she could neither talk nor walk, Herbert, the younger boy, said somewhat pityingly, "Well, when will she be alive?"—Ohio State Journal.

Getting Along.

"I suppose a fellow ought to have a good deal of money saved up before he thinks of marrying?" "Nonsense! I didn't have a cent when I started, and I'm getting along fine now." "That so? Installment plan?" "Yes, and we've only been married and keeping house for a year, and I've got the engagement ring all paid for now."

Aunt Ann's Doubts.

"Sometimes," remarked Aunt Ann Peebles, "I almost doubt whether Sister Hinklesdy is even a Christian. She's so busy looking after the souls of other people an' gettin' donations for the poor an' helpin' all sorts of folks out of trouble that I don't believe she's ever stopped to see whether she's got her own soul saved or not."—Chicago Tribune.

RUSSIA'S MINISTER OF WAR.

The head of the czar's army is a veteran soldier and a master of the art of



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Count Lamsdorff, Russia's minister of foreign affairs, is a veteran diplomat



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Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

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