

EDUCATION COLUMN.  
FOR  
The School Teachers, School  
Committeemen, Patrons and  
Friends of the Public Schools.  
Conducted by  
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Phonics Again.

Last week I described a recitation I saw conducted. The teacher required the pupils to print the capital letters. She did it doubtless because the capitals are more easily printed than the small letters. I am assured by teachers using this method that the children have little trouble in learning the small letters after they have learned to print the capitals.

This week I saw a part of the same class that I heard spell last week on recitation again. The class is divided into two sections in reading and I heard the advanced section read. This class had been taught several weeks and could read well for little folks. The first child read easily without having to sound out a single word. The second child called on was at the opposite end of the class from the first. She sounded out several words in each sentence but got them out for herself. The teacher did not help her. She sounded the words out aloud not silently. Mr. Moses says let the children do this until they tire of it and stop it themselves and he claims they will soon tire of it. All the children read. Now, each child read as many as four lines or sentences at one standing. This is better than having each child read just one sentence. This class had seven children in it and was on recitation about fifteen minutes—about two minutes for each child. How much better it is to take the whole class together for fifteen minutes than to take each one by himself for two minutes!

This class was reading in lesson number twelve in the Moses Primer. I did not hear the second section read as I was anxious to hear these same pupils in number lessons. The teacher, however, told me that the second section of her class does not read so well as the first section. She seemed a little glad that I did not call for that class to read. I mention this to show the new teachers of this method that all the pupils do not learn to read quickly. Be not discouraged.

NUMBER WORK.  
I hope each teacher will find some time for number work with these little six-year old children. Use wooden tooth picks or shoe pegs or grains of red corn. I think tooth-picks are best of these. First teach the children to count these tooth picks, pegs, or grains of corn. Then teach them to draw the tooth picks on the board putting them in groups of one, two, three, &c. up to twenty. That is, let them know what one is by seeing one tooth pick, then make one vertical mark on the board to represent it. Then take two tooth picks and let the children draw two vertical marks; then three, then four, and so on up to twenty.

After the children can do this, let them be taught the figures, one, two, three, &c. letting these figures be made under the group of marks each represents. That is, let the figure one be written under the one mark, the figure two under the two marks, and so on.

The children can be set to doing this work as soon as they enter school. These tooth picks will help to keep them quiet. Making these marks and figures on their slates will interest them. I will talk more about number work next week, and will continue the talk about phonics.

I start this week to see the teachers teach. I am hoping and trusting to see better work doing for the little folks. I am glad to hear from several who are trying the phonic method. Teachers, it will work.

I hope next week to be able to tell about some good work done in the schools I shall see this week. I intend to make short visits and try to see every school at least twice during this term.

If I see good work I shall tell it in this column. If I see poor work I shall tell about it too.

Those who wish to see me on business can find me in my office every Saturday. I must be out among the schools from now on.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Tuesday, November 15.

The supreme court of the United States has adjourned for two weeks to permit the preparation of decisions.

Fire at Knoxville, Tenn., destroyed the public library and three other buildings, entailing a loss of over \$100,000.

The congressional committee appointed to inspect the Panama canal sailed from New York on the transport Sumner for Colon.

Exports of domestic products from the United States during October aggregated \$93,381,113, a decrease of \$9,836,315 from October, 1903.

The New Brunswick (N. J.) Presbytery, at its Trenton session, voted against the union of the Presbyterian Church of the United States with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, November 16.

Ellias Carver, the oldest Old Fellow in Pennsylvania, died at Doylestown, aged 87 years.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Thursday, November 19.

William Wright, colored, who shot Policeman Hall at Danville, Va., last August, was arrested at Roanoke, Va. There was a reward of \$1250 for his arrest.

A shifting engine on the Pittsburg and Charleston railroad ran into an open switch at Brownsville, Pa., and was derailed, killing the engineer and fatally injuring the fireman.

Thursday, November 17.

Rear Admiral Chadwick will be relieved of command of the South Atlantic squadron at his own request.

One man was killed and several injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler on the Southern Railroad at St. Louis.

Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, returned to Washington from California, where he went to vote.

Neill Sellers and Dave Brown, negroes, were hanged on a double gallows at Elizabethtown, N. C., for the murder of Mrs. George Parker.

Friday, November 18.

John Radcliffe, a prominent citizen of Millville, N. J., committed suicide by taking poison.

The Eastern Bar Iron Association ordered an advance of \$2 per ton in the price of its products.

Burglars wrecked the safe in W. H. Hillard's store, at North Stonington, Conn., and secured nearly \$6000.

Secretary of War Taft left Washington for New Orleans on his way to Panama as the special representative of President Roosevelt.

While filling a lighted gas stove, which exploded, Mrs. Jacob Devereaux, of Bridgeton, N. J., was terribly burned on the face, arms and body.

Saturday, November 19.

Charlemagne Tower, United States ambassador to Germany, called on President Roosevelt at the White House.

The pier of the Warner Steamship line at Boston, filled with highly inflammable materials, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$600,000.

A fire which threatened to wipe out the entire business section of Bristol, N. H., destroyed eight buildings, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Two hundred and thirty-two Chinese, who have been connected with the St. Louis World's Fair, have left for San Francisco to sail for China.

Mary Dunn, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing her sister-in-law, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a Philadelphia judge.

Noah Bailey, a merchant, was shot and killed on the street at Panther, W. Va., by Roscoe Henderson in a dispute over politics. Henderson escaped.

Monday, November 21.

James H. Worden, of Harrisburg, has been reinstated as Pennsylvania game warden.

A parcels post convention between the United States and Belgium was signed in Washington.

Hugh S. Webster, of Camden, N. J., committed suicide by shooting in a hotel at Newport News, Va.

Carelessly setting their cell bedding on fire, Reuben Loree and his son Fred were burned to death at Columbiaville, Mich.

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, will contribute \$15,000 to the Railroad Y. M. C. A. to erect a building at Richmond, Va.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$3.75@4; Penna. roller, clear, \$5.15@5.30; city mills, fancy, \$6.40@6.60. Rye flour firm; per barrel, \$4.40. Wheat steady; No. 2 Penna. red, new, \$1.12@1.12½. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 64½@65c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 36½@37c. lower grades, 34c. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$14@15. Pork firm; family, \$17. Beef steady; beef hams, \$23@24. Live poultry firm; hens, 12c.; old roosters, 7½c. Dressed poultry firm; choice fowls, 12c.; old roosters, 9c. Butter steady; creamery, 28c. Eggs firm; New York and Penna. 28c.; per dozen. Potatoes steady; new, per bushel, 55@60c.

Baltimore—Wheat dull; spot contract, \$1.12½@1.12¾; steamer No. 2 red, \$1.04½@1.05; southern, by sample, \$1@1.10; southern, on grade, \$1.02@1.13. Corn firm; spot, new, 54½@54¾c.; year, 53½@54c.; steamer mixed, 52½@53½c.; new southern white corn, 49½@54¾c.; new southern yellow corn, 49½@54¾c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 35½@36c.; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c. Rye dull; No. 2 western, 90c. Butter firm; fancy imitation, 18@20c.; fancy creamery, 26@27c.; fancy ladie, 16@17c.; store packed, 13@15c. Eggs firm; per dozen, 27c.

Live Stock Markets.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg—Cattle slow; choice, \$5.50@5.75; prime, \$5.15@5.40; fair, \$3.25@4. Hogs active; prime heavies, \$6@6.50; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$4.90@4.95; light Yorkers, \$4.70@4.80; pigs, \$4.50@4.60; roughs, \$4@4.50. Sheep steady; prime wethers, \$4.30@4.50; common sheep, \$1@2; spring lambs, \$4@6 veal calves, \$7@7.50 per 100 pounds.

To Hear An Old Man Swear.

People are more and more coming to regard profanity as rude and inexcusable, and the man who swears is generally regarded as undesirable company while he is swearing. Recently we heard one of the circuit Judges of the State remark upon the foolish and ugly habit of swearing and he mentioned a well-known lawyer who frequently renders his conversation unpleasant by reason of his profanity. All will agree that swearing is useless and ugly and that it is to be deplored in any and all who indulge in it. It is bad in any one, but somehow to hear a man whose head is "blossoming for the grave" under the white frost of many years, indulge in profanity is more shocking than in men of younger years. They seem not to have learned with the passing years neither the proper respect for other people nor any regard for the Creator, on whose goodness the life of all depends. Young men ought not to swear, for it begets a habit of which their best friends are ashamed; strong men should not swear for it shows that they learned to give way to the foolish habit at a time of life when they should have resisted; old men should not swear, for it shows that they are growing weaker in the matter of morals and manners when they should be growing stronger. The best motto for all should be: "Swear not at all."—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. Arthur Chapman writing from Durban, Natal, South Africa, says: "As a proof that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a cure suitable for old and young, I pen you the following. A neighbor of mine had a child just over two months old. It had a very bad cough and the parents did not know what to give it. I suggested that if they would get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and put some upon the dummy teat the baby was sucking it would no doubt cure the child. This they did and brought about a quick relief and cured the baby." This remedy is for sale by A. H. Boyett, Smithfield; Selma Drug Co., J. W. Benson.

The Companion Informs and Entertains.

The Youth's Companion uses entertainment as a means rather than an end, conveying always in its fiction and its articles some convincing truth or some contribution to the useful knowledge of its readers.

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