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Southern Education Notes

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY.

One Good School Better than Five Poor Ones.

Our public school system needs more remedy in one respect surely. The number of schools are too large for the attendance. It is surprising to note that of 6,056 county schools for whites, 2,638 of them fall below the legal, required average attendance of 20 pupils to the school. Quality not quantity is what we want in our public school system. I would rather have one good school five miles from my door than five indifferent schools within 100 yards.—Gov. A. J. Montague, of Virginia.

GOOD SCHOOLS AND GOOD ROADS IN GOOD WEATHER.

In his message to the Virginia assembly Gov. A. J. Montague brought together the advocacy of two important undertakings closely related to each other which, if carried to completion, says the Southern Farm Magazine, will solve more than one weighty southern problem. He alluded to the impairment of the efficiency of rural schools through the tendency to multiply them. He said that stronger schools, with longer terms were needed; that they would command better teachers, and would admit of the classification necessary to insure the best results from the money spent for educational purposes. Quality rather than quantity was needed in education, he said, and he argued that the State could better afford to transmit its children to one good school than to place an indifferent school near the home of every pupil.

Further on in his message he made an earnest plea for the improvement of the public highways, Virginia is spending about \$500,000 annually upon its roads without any appreciable improvement of them, he said, and he expressed the conviction that the desired end was to be reached through construction of roads in accordance with improved methods and under responsible capable and scientific supervision.

"If his suggestion as to the transportation of children to school is to be adopted," says the same authority, "good roads are an absolute prerequisite, for while it is cheaper to transport children to good schools than to build poor schools within reach of all the children, it would still be a waste of money to build a good school as long as the condition of public highways forbade transportation. Good schools and good roads are necessary for good results from taxation for public education."

This is well said and for a majority of the countries of the South it is true. But why should not many of the counties adopt the plan used in Buncombe county, North Carolina? The schools there are open in the late spring, summer and fall for the small children and the attendance is splendid. The roads are always good in good weather.

BOY POWER GOING TO WASTE.

Recently the Nashville American insisted that the State Democratic platform should declare for better schools and more school days for country children; county high schools in counties where the revenue will permit; manual training and agricultural education in the public schools and those supported by public funds.

Here is a platform in seven lines that has more horse sense in it to the square inch than any State or national platform ever written. Such an idea adopted and carried out in the South would prove to be a dynamo that would utilize all the boy-power and girl-power now going to waste.

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The Trees' Party.

Our orchard gave a concert and a party for the trees; The trees brought all the birds and the blossoms brought the bees; The birds did the singing, while the bees just hummed a tune, And the froggies in a little brook came in with their bassoon.

Old Mother Nature gave the trees new gowns both rich and gay, Of most becoming shades of green with posies applique; It was as gay a gathering as one would wish to see—

Bright colors flaunting gorgeously on peach and apple tree. The concert was a swell affair, the orchestra was fine, breezes whispered to the branches and the branches kept the time; But I've some shocking tales to tell—I'm blushing, I declare—

Bees boldly kissed the blossoms and the blossoms didn't care. A giddy robin redbreast flirted scandalously with a wren. She simpered and looked modest, but she flirted back again;

And then a saucy blue-bird, spick and span in brand-new clothes, Thrilled out the sweetest notes of love to other birdies' beaux.

The leaves were green with envy as the love notes flew around; Some grew so agitated that they fluttered to the ground; Just here a gruff old bull-frog in discordant tones of bass

Said to a little tad-pole that she had a pretty face. At this the tad-pole wiggled and the gossips it is said, Are sure the silly creature has a bad case of "big-head."

The revelry waxed wilder as the shades of night grew deep, And then the whole creation went a-snooring fast asleep.

TO MY FRIENDS.

It is with joy I tell you what Kodol did for me. I was troubled with my stomach for several months. Upon being advised to use Kodol, I did so, and words cannot tell the good it has done me. A neighbor had dyspepsia so that he had tried most everything. I told him to use Kodol. Words of gratitude have come to me from him because I recommended it.—Geo. W. Fry, Viola, Iowa. Health and strength, of mind and body, depend on the stomach, and normal activity of the digestive organs. Kodol the great reconstructive tonic, cures all stomach and bowel troubles, indigestion, dyspepsia. Kodol digests any good food you eat. Take a dose after meals. S. R. Biggs.

Changes in Bridal Costumes.

Continental brides, says the London Graphic, are so conservative in their bridal attire and customs that it is somewhat strange that two new departures at weddings should have been noticed within the past few weeks, and in different countries. In Spain—of all lands most slow to take in new ideas—the daughter of a grandee was attended by eight bridesmaids, quite after the English fashion. As a rule, bridesmaids are non-existent in France and Spain, the bride being only attended by one or two maids of honor, each dressed differently. In this last of Spanish weddings, however, the bevy of maids were all in white, and walked up the church after the bride. The second innovation was observed at a smart Paris wedding. The bride wore, instead of the orthodox white silk or satin, in white velvet gowns, and instead of orange blossoms or myrtle bouquets of white camellias, both on her corsage and catching up her lace veil, so arranged as to form a packed-up and very becoming collure.

HIS SIGHT THREATENED.

"While picnicking last month my 11-year-old boy was poisoned by some weed or plant," says W. H. Dibble, of Sioux City, Ia. "He rubbed the poison off his hands into his eyes and for awhile we were afraid he would lose his sight. Finally a neighbor recommended DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The first application helped him and in a few days he was as well as ever." For skin diseases, cuts, burns, scalds, wounds, insect bites, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is sure cure. Relieves piles at once. Beware of counterfeits. S. R. Biggs.

Madam—Mary, I do not approve of your entertaining your sweet-heart in the kitchen. Mary—Well, ma'am, it's very kind of you; but he's too shy to come into the drawing-room.—Tit-Bits.

Dairy Department

How to Determine the Quality of Butter.

American Farmer. A very expensive, instructive and interesting experiment is now being conducted by the Department of Agriculture through the dairy division. It consists in the testing of various grades and manufacture of butter with a view to determining their quality and ability of keeping under varied conditions.

"Early in the spring," said Major Henry E. Alvord, the chief of the dairy division, "we sent letters to the leading butter makers of the country, asking them to agree to send us a tub of butter on demand, each month for use in this test. About 500 have offered to give us this butter and last month 487 tubs were obtained. Each tub was scored and marked by our Chicago inspector of export butter, while at the same time an officer of the National Creamery Butter Makers' Association with which we are co-operating, made a very careful examination, writing a minute criticism of the contents. This criticism is sent to the maker who can thus profit thereby in sending butter on the next call, which is, by the way, either by telegraph, telephone or postal card, if nearby places are wanted."

"We endeavor to make the call in time to enable the shipper to place the 20-pound tub on the refrigerator car, which is scheduled to leave his factory at a particular time. The maker is instructed to send us butter which will represent his daily output—not a special brand for this particular purpose. "These tubs of butter are placed in cold storage and frequently scored and tested to determine the keeping qualities. We will allow the experiment to spread out over a period of six months so that we can obtain samples from not only the best months, but also from the worst. June and September butter is known to be excellent, May and August, fair to medium. During the period of change of feed there is a considerable variation in butters and these our tests will determine."

"We will have an exact history to every tub of butter so tested so that we can trace the effect back to the cause. If a tub of butter keeps well, we can find out why it did so, under what conditions it was made and how so manufactured. If it does not keep well, we shall also know why this happened. "At the close of the test the National Creamery Butter Makers' Association will award a championship cup to the butter maker whose six scores average highest. "We will not only be benefitted by this test, but the butter makers will be able to profit by the criticism of the officers of the association, so that they, by a little effort, can turn out a very excellent product."

Milk of different temperatures should never be mixed. A cow should never be allowed to skip milking, as the retention of a large quantity of milk in the udder is injurious. A regular supply of sufficient feed and salt will do away with much of the difficulty in getting the butter to come.

The worry in milking kicking cows, those hard to milk, or with faulty teats, is not, as a general thing, worth the trouble. A good thermometer and the knowledge of its use will generally overcome the difficulty of the butter refusing to come.

In nearly all cases the cows in the flush of milk flow requires a larger amount of food than when only giving a limited quantity. Too much salt may be ground into butter by mechanical means, but it will not absorb any more than it needs.

Yarns from Erin.

Here are a few samples of the absurdities arising out of the extreme simplicity of some Irish folks:

A young man came to confess to an Irish priest in London whose experiences of the humors of his fellow countrymen would fill a book—"Well, my man," said the priest, "and how do you earn your living?" "I'm an acrobat, your reverence." The priest was nonplussed. "I'll show you what I mean in a brace of shakes," said the penitent, and in a moment was turning himself inside out in the most approved acrobatic fashion in and out of the pews.

An old woman who had followed him to confession looked on horrified. When it comes to my turn, father," she gasped, "for the love of God don't put a penance on me like that. It 'ud be the death of me!" I think it was the same good father who, observing the regular attendance at a Lent mission had done nothing to reform one of his parishioners, told him so and asked him the reason of it. "Ah, father," he replied, "I can manage the faith right enough, but the morals bate me."

On another occasion this priest was called upon to marry a man of whom he knew nothing to a girl of his congregation. On investigation he found the would-be bridegroom's knowledge of the Catholic faith very limited.

"Have you ever been baptized?" he asked. "Well, father, I can't trust me memory to that." "Are your parents living?" "The mother is." "Let's have her address." This was given and a telegram dispatched to the old lady on the spot, reply paid. The answer came in due course, "Vaccinated, but not baptized."—A Kerry Man in London Spectator.

IT NEEDS A TONIC.

There are times when your liver needs a tonic. Don't give purgatives that gripe and weaken. DeWitt's Little Early Risers expel all poison from the system and act as tonic to the liver. W. Scott, 531 Highland Ave., Milton, Pa., says: "I have carried DeWitt's Little Early Risers with me for several years and would not be without them." Small and easy to take. Purely vegetable. They never gripe or distress. S. R. Biggs.

Licking Thumbs to Bind a Contract.

Goths and Iberians completed an agreement by licking and joining their thumbs, and Scotsmen once did and Moors, still do, and rustic lovers once betrothed themselves by licking their respective master fingers and then pressing them together as they vowed to remain faithful to each other forever and a day. Even now an Ulster man signifies his assent to a proposition with, "We may lick thooms up' that?" if he does not suit the action to the world like the lieutenant who in 1642, on being challenged to mortal combat by his own sergeant, accepted the duel by licking his thumb saying, "There is my parole for it."—Chambers' Journal.

JUST LOOK AT HER.

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We quote an exchange which says: A certain young dude with narrow striped pants, colored shoes, and smoking a cigarette, thus addressed a young lady whose society he graced: If you was me and I was you what would you do? Her reply came on the instant: "I would take off that hideous tie, put that cigarette in the stove, part my hair on the side, and pray God for some brains."

HATTERS ALL RECORD.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala., paid a vast sum to doctors to cure a severe case of piles, causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve soon cured him. Subdues inflammation, conquers Aches, kills Pains. Best salve in the world. 25c at any drug store.

Farm, Agriculture and Poultry.

Progress in Plant and Animal Breeding.

American Farmer.

Professor Willet M. Hays, of the Minnesota Agricultural College, who has long been recognized as an authority on the breeding of plants, contributes a very interesting and instructive article on "Progress in Plant and Animal Breeding" to the forthcoming Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.

"The ten leading field crops in the United States," he writes, "annually yield nearly two billion dollars worth of plant products. Experiments have demonstrated that by breeding alone these crops may be so improved in their inherited tendencies as to yield 5 per cent. more, even with the cultivation remaining unimproved. Those who have earnestly and intelligently undertaken the improvement of any plant for a period of ten or twenty years, are unanimous in their belief that 10 per cent. additional can be secured in twenty years by a further improvement through plant and animal breeding alone. This would result in ten years in a total increase, equal to the value of all the crops grown in one year."

"There is no reason why Americans may not develop as remarkable ability in originating valuable new varieties of plants and superior new breeds of animals, as they have already displayed in inventing machinery and processes of manufacture."

Professor Hays cites the increase resultant of breeding of plants and animals throughout the world; the sugar in sugar beets in Germany has been increased more than 100 per cent. in the last century by means of rigid selection. The farmers of America unknowingly have carried on one of the most extensive breeding operations in the world by their selection of the largest ears in husking time, for use in plant and animal breeding. This has resulted in probably a 20 per cent. increase in the yield.

Among other things he mentions the remarkable results which we have already obtained in animal breeding among the hogs, cattle, poultry and pet stock, horses and sheep, but Professor Hays believes there can be still a greater improvement by selection and breeding by private owners and under government supervision.

In concluding, he plays on the patriotic feelings of all Americans by saying, "Who would favor our returning to the time of securing most of our machinery and methods of manufacture from the old world? Shall we continue to grow crops and flowers and breeds of animals bred for a climate and condition like ours, thereby losing hundreds of millions annually, or shall we breed in America for American conditions?"

Worth Knowing About Eggs.

An expert in the breeding of fowls says an egg in the process of hatching is remarkable sensitive to the vibration. According to the same authority half the failures that amateurs encounter in hatching out chicks by the incubator method are due to lack of precaution in providing against the effect of vibration on eggs. The rumble of a train or the passage of a wagon along the street will destroy a whole incubator full of eggs if the faintest vibratory wave reaches the apparatus. Even such a little thing as the banging of a door in some other part of the house will destroy the chances of hatching out a brood where care has not been taken to place the incubator beyond the reach of such disturbances. A thunderstorm always gives breeders a scare, as thousands of eggs may be spoiled by a sudden heavy thunder clap. To sneeze or cough in the vicinity of the incubator will sometimes work a disastrous result. It is avoiding such apparently trifling things as these that mark the scientific breeder and distinguish him from his more careless brother.

Transplanted by a Storm.

Will Stephenson, residing near Atchison, Kan., grows onion sets for a large seed house under a contract, and he planted twenty acres this spring. When the high winds blew recently nearly all the onion sets were actually blown out of the ground and into an adjoining corn-field. The wind continued to blow and blew dirt around the roots, and Stephenson now has about ten acres of perfectly planted onions from a quarter of a mile to a mile from the spot where they were originally planted. They have since sprouted and are doing nicely.—Chicago Chronicle.

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CROSS ROADS TOWNSHIP. Augustus Clark, Cornelius James, Jos. B. Leggett, Jr., Mc. G. Wynn. SECOND WEEK.

Jamesville—C. J. Askew. Williams—R. B. Roberson. Griffins—Geo. W. Griffin. Williamston—Henry D. Cook. A. F. Taylor, W. J. Whitaker, K. M. G. White.

Cross Roads—John B. Burroughs, J. H. D. Peel. Robersonville—Henry T. Brown, J. H. Whitfield. Poplar Point—W. T. Ambrose. Redding—Knox.

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A Razor-back Hog Story.

In one of the rural districts in Virginia, during the periodical county fairs in the fall of the year, there is a "razor-back" hog about as lean and swift of foot as a greyhound which invariably attracts much attention. Last fall, according to Representative Swanson, a gentleman from Pennsylvania, exhibited some very excellent, fat, sleek Berkshire hogs. They excited the attention of a Virginia "moonshiner," who asked the exhibitor: "What kind of hogs are them there, pard?" "Berkshires," was the reply. "Well, Berkshires, or mo Berkshires, I ain't much of a judge of hogs, but down in this here country a hog that can't run no faster than a nigger ain't worth a d—n."

"Is your French cook a success?" "Yes, we can't either of us tell him when things don't suit us."—Chicago Record.

Teacher—What is an island? Johnny Teller—A holy of land entirely surrounded by war ships, ma'am.—Judge.

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