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The Schoolmaster Abroad.

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RECITATION.

No. 6. The Topical Method is the second of the three general methods mentioned in a former article. It differs from the Interrogative Method by not proceeding in the form of question and answer. Instead of asking: certain part of a lesson, which the pupil is to recite without further aid or remark. For instance, suppose the lesson to be nouns. By either form of the Interfogative Method, questions would suggest themselves some-thing like these: What is a noun? what is a common noun? a proper noun? What are persons? what is the first person? the secoud? the third? and so on, through numbers, genders and cases. By the Topical Method all these questions are answered by the pupil, but none of them are specially ask the teacher: he simply says, "classes of nouns," and the pupil names and de-fines them; "persons," and the pupil tells all about persons; "genders," and the puanother, numbers; and another, declensions. The application of the method to other

fixelf without examples.

This method is not suitable for young pupils: only advanced classes can use it to advantage. It requires a power of concentration, classification, and connected thought, seldom found in beginners, or even in the best classes of many of our public schools. We have already said that no one method can suit every age and capacity; but that methods must be chosen with careful reference to these. The remark is especially true of the one now under discussion. If applied to students equal to its difficulties, it , in our opinion, the very best method described by any writer; but if ignorant and stupid teachers try to use it with all grades of pupils, it is the very worst that can be con-

There is much more suggested to the pupil, by asking the questions, in detail, as in the several varieties of the Interrogative Method, than by simply assigning a topic as in this: consequently, pupils who make a very good recitation by the former, might, at the same time, make a very bad one by the latter. Hence a good topical recitation should always be taken as evidence of more thorough preparation than a recitation, equally good, in which the questions are asked in detail. They are not capable of such thoroughness, thoughtful, he will not go far wrong; if he be not, no special directions can save him from ruinous mistakes.

It is often a good plan, for one or more of the class, to write an analysis of the lesson Not only here, but elsewhere, are negroes supporon the black board, in neat and formal oron the black board, in neat and formal order; which may then be followed in the recitation. Some object to this on the ground
that it aids the pupil, and that many who that it aids the pupil, and that many who make a fair recitation, with such aid, would utterly fail without it. It is true that every kind of analysis, or diagram, has a tendency to bring down this to the ease of the Interrogative Method, by suggesting much that the pupil would not otherwise think of. can enter them without such papers. He dsk-But it is often advisable to somewhat soften ed, was it the purpose of the majority here too that the pupil would not otherwise think of. its rigor, even with the best of classes; and the plan here suggested is perhaps as good as any other. The teacher should not forget, however, that he will often owe a good get, however, that he will often owe a good

difficulties; to fix the lesson more indelibly of that State opposed to secession he has these objects. In a more general sense, we may say they are valuable just in propormay say they are valuable just in propor-

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particular, is very observable; and, in our opinion, very important. For instance, the Interrogative Method has a tendency, to in-duce a style of thought which may be called fragmentary: - the pupil looks too much at single facts, and not enough at their relation to, or dependence on, other parts of the subject. The Topical Method corrects this: from its very nature it compels the pupil to keep in mind the whole subject; and the relation of its several parts to one another. These are examples; and it may be safe to say that the tyle of thought is always affected more or less by different methods of recitation. this view be correct, the importance of the a question, the teacher assigns a topic, or subject cannot be over-estimated. Mind, like water, runs, most smoothly in beaten channels. That particular kind of mental activity with which we are most familiar, will usually be most easy and agreeable.-Hence the pupil, if trained to correct habits of thought, is not likely to abandon them; nor is he more likely to shake off bad habits when once contracted. Much, we think,

> We print herewith the program for the semi-annual meeting of our County Teacher's Association. An interesting and profitable time is expected. Every teacher should be present. Business of importance will

can be done to correct wrong and to culti-vate right habits by the judicious selection

of methods of recitation.

ent during the sessions of the Association, and deliver a lecture on Friday evening.

The following persons will read reports:—
Rev. Geo. Signfoos, on "the necessity of a uniform of Text Books".

formity of Text Books."

Prof. J. W. Dickerson, on "Irregular Attendance—its evils, its causes and its remedies." branches is equally simple, and will suggest ance—its evils, its causes and as remained.
C. Geyer, on "The County Superintendency."
Essays will be read by Miss Mollie A. Wil-

Miss Mattie A. Allison, on ———.
A good attendance of the members of the sociation, and of teachers generally, is soli-

N. B .- The Business Committee will meet or Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The following questions are suggested for

discussion: What degree of scholarship should entitle

eacher to a professional certificate? Should pupils be required to study out of

school?

The best method of school organization and classification?

J. GILBERT FISHER, Chairman Bus. Com.

ARMING THE SLAVES.

Upon this question, Mr. Richardson, of the House of Representatives, spoke as follows, a few days ago.

Speech of Mr. Richardson on the Negro Question

ed in detail. And this is precisely why beginners cannot recite by the Topical Method.

uniformed, and placed on an equality with the
whites. The legislation of Congress is almost exclusively with regard to the negro. They have abolished slavery here, and to the contraand earnot be, until they have slowly gain-and the requisite strength of mind. What this requisite strength may be, we shall not pretend exactly to define. It is, perhaps, impossible to do so. The circumstances of cach particular case, must guide the judgment of the teacher. If he be carnest and upon them. They were employing negro team-sters, and issuing supplies to negroes, paying in this district for them alone more than would support the state government of Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire or New Jersey. duly accredited ministers. He repeated, Congress legislated almost exclusively for the negro: atively nothing. White men are required to procure passes to enter our lines, while negroes out of a crab-apple, nor a number of a pole cat. You see, its clar agin nature to expect to make the nigger anything but a nigger. You can't get a peach out of a crab-apple, nor a number out of a crab-apple, nor a number of the numb get, however, that he will often owe a good recitation to this expedient, instead of to that careful preparation which he has a right to expect.

We have already said the chief objects of recitation are: to enable the teacher to learn how well pupils have prepared the lesson; to afford him an opportunity to explain difficulties; to fix the lesson more indelibly of that State opposed to secession he has been adhalin team you never did see. It almost that he will have to be discussed before the people d in the pupil's mind; and to cultivate the powers of expression: and that methods will be because you have been constantly exciting their apprehension that you intend to violate the Constitution and strip the people of all their rights,

Letter From Major Jack Downing.

Washington, April 29th, 1862. Subs:—We are all on the qui vivers here for war node: Linkin gets up sometimes in the middul of the nite to here a despatch received by Sakratary Stantin, and as much of it as is thought good for the health of the pepil is sent to the papers. The other nite Linkin called que. This was very unushul for him, for he ginerally tells me in the mornin at the breckfast tabel, and axes my opinion, but he sent former than tite. and axes my opinion, but he sent forme that nite and said that I must get up and read the noose. and said that I must get up and read the noose. So I went down and he showed me the despatch that General Mitchell got of Bowregards. "Now," ses the Kernal, "you see, Major, we've got the raskils in a korner. They've got to fite or run, and if they fite they're licked, and if they run they're licked. We shall soon have Memfus, and that jest pens up Jeff. Davis in Virginny. You see, Major, Bowregard ses he ain't got but 35,000 troops." Ses I, "Kernel, let me take a look at the despatch." I put on my spees and read it over twice or three times very kerfully, and then ses I "Kernel, I don't think you orter put grate faith in that. As Elder Doolittle used to say, it may be a bee and then agin it may be a wasp.' That Bowand then agin it may be a wasp.' That Bow-regard is a grate feller at stratagy, and it night be another dodge of his. And then agin, Kernel, that was afore you signed the bill abolushin slavery in the District of Columby. As sure as your born that will be worth a hundred thousan sojers to Jeff. Davis." "Wall," ses Linkin, "let it, who cares? The truth is, Ma-jer, we Republicans have been talkin about the all about persons; "genders," and the pupil does the same of genders; and so on through numbers and cases. These examples are given as illustrations. Of course the topics may be long or short, to suit the lesson, the capacity of the class, or the wishes of the teacher. In a review of the definitions of Etymology the teacher may say:
"articles," and require the pupil to recite all of articles; "nouns," and require the pupil to recite all to do the same of nouns. Or, if he prefer it, he may divide the noun into six topics; giving one pupil classes of nouns; another, persons; another, genders; another, cases; another, numbers; and another, declensions.

The application of the method to other wonderful inquirin sort of a chap, allers and forever pryin into things. If he bought a clock he'd take it all apart with his jack nife jest to see how it went together. So about the time the telegraph was started and an offis was set up in our town, Zenas was cenamost puzzled to deth to set the hang of the criter as he called it. One day he went to the ones and axed me feller to show him about it. The chap was very perlite, and explained to him the grate principle on which it worked, but Zenas didn't exact-

nas sed he would, of course. "Wal," ses he, "then you jest take hold of the brass nobs and stick to 'em tight." So Zerns grabbed hold of then like all possessed, but he hadn't more than fairly got hold before he lay sprawlin on the floor. The 'principle' had knocked him clean over. Now Zerns was a terribul feller to over. Now, Zenas was a terribul feller to smoke, and allers carried his pocket full of lusifer matches to lite his pipe with. It so hap-pened that he had a hull box full in his coat tail pocket as he keeled over on the floor, and as he fell they scratched agin one another so strong that they all got afire. It warnt but a little while before Zenas's coat tail was all a blaze, and before it could be put out had burnt an awful big hole in the seat of his trowsers, and scorched him thereabout amazinly. Zenas yelled and hollered awful, and sed he didn't want to know enything more about applyin the principle. "Now," ses I, "Kernel, I hope you won't hev as bad luck as Zenas did, but depend on't, this applyin principles you don't exactly understand, is dangerous business. If you don't get

done. He might have made only one kind of man at fust, and then altered their constitushius, and complexions, and brains afterwards. You see everything is possibul to the Creator. Or the nigger may have come from Ham, who was cussed for his sins, but then I don't see that it is enything agin the scriptoors to believe that it is enything agin the scriptoors to believe the constitution of the United States was that it is enything agin the scriptoors to constitute that it is enything agin the scriptoors to constitute that all the kinds of men were made at the beginnin jest as they are now. But it don't make by Democratic States.

The Fugitive Slave Law was enacted in 1793,

The Fugitive Slave Law was enacted in 1793, out of a crab-apple, nor a pumpkin out of a watermelon, nor eagles out of duck's eggs.
You can't raise chickens from egg-plants, or produce goslins from gooseberries. You see, the country from the Gulf of Mexico to the You can't raise chickens from egg. You see, the country from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean.

Kernel, everything in nature must go according great lakes of the North, and from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean. like a white man, and the very fact that he ain't made so, is proof positive that he warn't intended to be put in a white reason along the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration which have a long to the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration which have a long to the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration which have a long to the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration which have a long to the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration which have a long to the maturalization laws enacted during Washington's administration laws enacted during Washington's administration laws enacted during washington and the maturalization laws enacted during washing the maturalization laws enacted during washington and the maturalization and the maturalization laws enacted during washington and the maturalization and the maturalization and the maturalization and the maturalization and the maturaliz ded to be put in a white man's place. Tryin to make a nigger act like a white man is just like old Sol Hopkins, one year harnessing his off ox and his horse together to plow corn. The ox killed both. Ye ou see it was workin agin natur. It was tryin to make a hoss an ox, and an ox a hoss, neither of which things can be did. You see, Kernel, everything in natur must go accor-

may say they are valuable just in proportion as they culfivate correct and vigorous habits of thought. Their difference, in this lates of thought. Their difference, in this lates of thought. Their difference, in this lates of thought.

ly black, and if he lacks in mind and capacity, it is all owin to slavery, and they won't believe eny other way until they see for themselves. I tell you, Majer, the principle has got to be applied, no matter how many coat tails or how many trowsers are burnt."

Ten, another Democrat, the present sub-treasury system was instituted.

The Mexican war was favored and fought by Democrats and opposed by the opponents of Democracy.

During the Democratic administration of

many trowsers are burnt."

But," ses I, "Kernal, can't they see how the thing has worked in places where nigger equality has been tried?"

"That don't settle the question Majer. Pepil are just like hogs in that respect. Did you ever see a lot of hot swill put in atrough, and every single hog in the pen would go and stick in his snout and get it burned? Not one would larn from the others. After we've tried nigger equality, we'll know what it is, and how we like it. We must apply the principle, and in some way, you may depend upon it, Majer, all the niggers down South will be sot free."

"Wal?" see I. "Kernal, I guess that these "The country was its rise progress, and myes."

"Wal," ses I, "Kernel, I guess that there are other folks who think jest as you do for somebody has sent me some verses in relashin to the grate emancipation ball which is to come off, cut from some noospaper. I will read'em

THE EMANCIPATION BALL. GIVEN TO FOUR MILLIONS OF NEGROES BY THE

GREAT REPUBLICAN P-A-R-T-Y. Anodder Great Ball is soon to be. De like of which you nebber did see, De bids is out, I's seen a few, De guests I know, and so do you.
Lubly Rosa! Sambo come,
Don't you here de banjo?
Tum! Tum! Tum!

Ole Uncle Ned, fro down dat hoe! And Dinah drap dat kitchen dough! All Dixie's free, wid noffin to do But to dance all night, and all day too, Lubly Rosa! Sambo come! Don't you here de banjo ? Tum! Tum! Tum

De white trash dev have noffin to say, But to work! work! and de taxes to While de bressed darkies dance dere Let de white trash foot de fiddler's bill. Lubly Rosa! Sambo come! Don't you here de banjo? Tum! Tum! Tum!

Linkin laughed at it when I got thru, and sed it done very well for some sorchead Dim-mycrat, but that Whittour could write one on 'tother side that this would not be a primin to. I told him Whittour might mak be as much start to it doubted whether there would

Linkin says he wants me to study up the finances for him. He ses the debt is gettin fear-ful, and as I am good at cyferin he ses I must by see through it and kept axin questions and botherin the feller till he got clean out of pashins. Finally ses he to Zenas, "Perhaps you would like to see me apply the principle." Zenas sed he would, of course. "Wal," ses he, long.

Your friend, MAJOR JACK DOWNING.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Every true friend of the Union will hereafter act with the Democratic party. The evidence now before us is sufficient to convince any reasonable man that no other party can successfully administer the affairs of the government. From the reign of the first old Federalist, John Adans, down to the present time, every anti-Democratic administration has proved a failure. No opponent of the Democratic party has occupied the Presidential chair two terms.

stand, is dangerous business. If you don't get burnt somewhere it will be a wonder."

"Wal," ses Linkin, "Majer, you are a cute chap in telling a story, but now tell me, do you think the nigger and the white man didn't come from the same parent?"

"Now," ses L. Ker-live and the white man didn't come from the same parent?"

"Now," ses L. Ker-live and the world from the same parent?"

"Now," ses L. Ker-live and the world from upon me, it would be, a persons having the good of the country at heart, the same parent?"

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"Now," ses L. Ker-live and the world from upon me, it would be, a persons having the good of the country at heart, the same parent?" think the nigger and the white man dant teeme from the same parent?" 'Now," ses I, Kernel, that's axin a deep question. You see its onpossibul to tell what the Creator may have done. He might have made only one kind of indebted to it for its existence, its growth, and

made by a Democratic Convention and adopted

"Father of his Country" the present naturalization laws were passed.

war of 1812 was favored by the Demo crats and opposed by the Federalists.

Our foreign policy was inaugurated by James Ionroe, a Democratic President. During the Democratic administration of An-

drew Jackson the deposits were removed from maker who at times efficiated as preacher. He the United States Bank, and our finances taken

Democracy.

Democratic administration of During the Democratic administration of Tayos. Utah, New

The country owes its rise, progress, and pros perity, its free institutions and its glory to the Democratic party. By the defeat of that party the country is now trembling on the verge of de struction, and if the people would have peace the country prosperity and freedom again restored, they must return to that only party that can successfully administer the affairs of our Government.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

Martin Van Buren is the only man who held the office of President, Vice President, Minister to England, Governor of his own State, and

member of both Houses of Congress.

Thomas H. Benton is the only man who has held a seat in the United States Senate for

thirty consecutive years.

The only instance of father and son in the United States Senate at the same time, is that of Hon. Henry Dodge, Senator from Wisconsin, and his son, Augustus C. Dodge, Senator from Iowa.

from Iowa.

Gen. Jas. Shields is the only man who ever represented two States in the United States Senate. At one time he was Senator from Illinois, and subsequently Senator from Minne-

John Quincy Adams hell position under the Government during every administration from that of Washington to that of Polk—during which he died. He had been Minister to Eng-land, member of both Houses of Congress, Secretary of State, and President of the United States. He died while a member of the House of Representatives.

The only instance where three brothers oc cupied seats in the lower House at the same time, was when Elihu B. Washburne represen-ted the First District in Illinois, Israel Wash-Cadwallader Washburne the Third District in Maine, and

READING.

Of all the amusements that can possibly be imagined for a hard working man, after his dai-ly toil, or in its intervals, there is nothing like reading an interesting book, supposing him to have the book to read.—It calls for no bodily exertion, of which he has already had enough, or perhaps, too much. It relieves his home of its dullness and sameness. It transports him into a livelier, and gayer, and more diversified into a livelier, and gayer, and more diversined and interesting scene; and while he enjoys himself there, he may forget the evils of the present moment, fully as much as if he were ever so drunk, with the great advantage of finding himself the next day with his money in his pocket, or at least, laid out in real necessaries and comforts for himself and family—and without a headache. Nay, it accompanies him to his next day's work; and if the book he has been reading the anything above the very idlest. the Presidential chair two terms. Every measure ever originated by the enemies of the Democratic party has been repudiated by the people, while the principles and measures of the Democratic party have been adopted as the policy of the country. It is a truth that the history of the Democratic party is but a history of the Democratic party is but a history of the country.

63 A GOOD JOKE.—General McClellan was recently riding along the lines of his army, ex-amining the condition of the men. A young Pennsylvanian was on guard when the General rode up. He demanded the countersign. "I am the Commander-in-chief, George B. McClellan," was the answer. "Well, Commander-in-chief, George B. McClellan, get down from your horse and give the countersign, or I will see what kind of a hole the muskets which J. K ginnin jest as they are now. But it don't make eny difference how they cum so, so long as they are different. You can't eny more make a white man out of a nigger now than you can breed a lion out of a pole cat. You see, its

Morehead procured for us will make in the body of the Commander-in-chief, George B. MClel-during the Democratic administration of George Washington.

During the Democratic administration of the and told him whenever he wanted a favor to let

A Quaker lately popped the question to s fair Quakeress thus:—

'Ilum—yea, verily, Penelope, the Spirit urgeth and moveth me wonderfully to be seech thee to cleave unto me, flesh of my flesh, and

bone of my bone.' 'Hum, truly, Obadiah, that thou hast wise the naturalization laws enacted during Wash-ington's administration, which had been repealed man to be alone, I will sojourn with thee.'

No earthly possessions-no dowments, can supply the place of religion, be cause that alone brings salvation to man.

Experience in religion is beyond notion

and expressions. A sanctified heart is better than a silver tongue.

The town of T-, there was a shoot the United States Bank, and our finances taken out of the hands of bankers.

During the same patriotic administration the nullification in South Carolina was checked.

During the administration of Martin Van Bundary who at times official as preacher. He always wrote the notices himself, in order to save the expense of printing. Here is one of them: "There will be preaching in the pines Sunday afternoon on the subject, 'All who do not believe will be damed at three o'clock." Rates of Advertising

One Square, each additional insertion less

The space occupied by ten lines of this stype counts one square. All fractions of a under five lines will be measured as a half square; and all over five lines as a foll square. All legal advertisements will be charged to the person handing them in.

Salmagundi.

"Look out for paint," as the girl said when

Amany a man who is proud to be quarter-nester, has a wife at home who is whole mas-

er In this world no good is unalloyed, and here is little evil that has not in it some seed of what is good.

Some women take such delight in scolding that it would be cruel not to give them oc-

A number of cases of hydrophobia are eported to have occurred, recently, in Crawford county.

er-Why is a man paying his note of hand like a father going to see his children? Because he meets his responsibilaties.

The power of sympathy on children is awful. No one can do anything with them, who does not know how to awaken it.

The fellow who kissed the face of Nature, says it didn't tast half as well as the lips of his lady friend.

EFTo pray together, in whatever tongue or ritual, is the most tender brotherhood of hope and sympathy that men can contract in this

Thagination should be modest and retiring; like the heart, emotions extorted from it are always less forcible than those that spring

ex-Ladies, prepare an extreme change of habit! for the Paris correspondent says the ladies are coming out without hoops, bustles, wadding,

or anything else! A gentleman who had a scolding wife, in answer to an inquiry after her health, said she was pretty well, only subject at times, toa" break-ing out at the mouth."

The United States Government is feeding at least twenty-five thousand negroes daily, at a cost of about ten thousand dollars per day.—
Letters from Hilton Head.

The farmers in some parts of this state are entering extensively into the culture of the Chinese Sugar Cane. It is said to pay twice the profits of wheat.

**TConsolatory—"I am afraid you will come to want," said an old lady to a young gentle-

"Tve come to want, already," he replied, "I

want your daughter."

1. Tartington says "It is a triumvirate and confederate shame for the Cabinet people at Washington to permit our men of war on the Pertumic to hug that Mary Land Shore so

ss Are you near sighted, Miss?" said an impertinent fellow to a young lady that did not choose to recognize him. "Yes at this distance I can hardly tell whether you are a pig or a puppy."

erIn literature, as in morals, there are a ertain taste and grace, which confer dignity on moderate acquirements; and there are a negligence an grossness that disgust, even when accompanied with incontestable superiority

tured by the Federal soldiers at Fort Donelson was a rifle worth \$1,000. Its breach is inlaid with the finest gold. It belonged to a hotel keeper in Memphis, and was won by him at a horse race."

& An Irish girl called at the post office the other day and inquired for a letters. After asking the name, the clerk proceeded to look for her letter, but not being successful in finding it, was on t letters. "No faith," answered she; "but I know it's 'there, for I put it in more than a week ago and now I want to take it out to add something to it, sure."

A fast man undertook the task of teasng an eccentric preacher.
"Do you believe the story of the fatted

calf ?" "Yes, said the preacher.
"Well, then was it a male or female calf that

"A female," replied the divine,

"How do you know that?"
"Because, (looking the interrogator in the face,) I see that the male is still alive and kick-

Why is it my son, that when you drop your bread and butter it is always the butter side down?

down?

If don't know. It hadn't orter, had it?—
The strongest side ought to be up, and this is
the strongest butter I have ever seen.'

'Hush up; it is some of your aunt's churn-

'Did she churn it? the great lazy thing."

'What, your aunt?'
'No, this here butter.' To make the poor old coman churn it, when it is strong enough to

'Hush, Zeb, I've eat a great deal worse in the

nost aristocratic houses.'

Well people of rank ought to cat it.'

Why people of rank?'

'Cause it's rank butter.'

'You varmint, you! what makes you talk so Cause the butter has taken the skin off my

'Zeb, don't lie! I can't throw away the but

ter.'
'Fil tell you what I would do with it.—Keep
it to draw blisters. You ought to see the flies
keel over as soon as they touch it.'

'Zeb don't aggregate; but here is a charter, go to the store and buy a pound of free