### THE SCHOOL POPULATION.

In all the schools of the United The House Finally Passes the Bill for the States, public and private, elementary, secondary, and higher, there were enolled in the year 1894 about fifteen and one-half millions of pupils. This umber includes all who attended at anytime in the year for any period, nowever short. But the actual average attendaace for each pupil did not exceed ninety days, although the average length of the school session was 137. Sixty nine pupils were ention between the ages of five and eighteen years. At this rate of attend. ance the entire population is receiving on an average a little less than four and one-half years' schooling of 200 days each. In some States this average falls as low as two years, and in others it rises to nearly seven years (as in Massachusetts).

Out of this entire number deduct the private and parochial schools of all kinds, elementary, secondary, higher, and schools for art, industry, and business, for defective classes and Indians, and there remain over thirteen and one-half, millions for the public school enrolment, or nearly 88 per cent. of the whole. In the twenty-four years since 1870 the attendance on the public schools has increased from less than seven millions to thirteen and one half millions. The expenditures have increased somewhat more, namely, from sixty-three millions to one hundred and sixtythree millions of dollars per annum, an increase from \$1.64 per capita to \$2.47. To account for this pro rata increase of 50 per cent. in the cost of the common schools one must allow for a slight increase in the average length of the school term, and for the increase of enrolment from less than 17 to more than 20 per cent. of the population. But the chief items of increase are to be found in teachers' wages and the cost of expert supervision. These account for more than two-thirds of the 50 per cent, while the remaining one-sixth is due to hetter apparatus and more commodious school buildings.

The transformation of an illiterate population into a population that reads the daily newspaper, and per force thinks on national and interna- any disease of cancerous growth tional interests, is the great good ac- could never be cured. The surgeon's mind that the enrolment in school of ing nearly 22 per cent. of their total seeds of disease are expelled and lost population, colored and white, and health restored. A notable case of the South Atlantic 20.70, while the the efficacy of Dr. David Kennedy's North Atlantic and the Western, Favorite Remedy is that of the Rev. Mountain, and Pacific divisions enroll I. W. Hill of this town. Some years 18 per cent., having a much smaller ago he was suffering with a cancer of tatio of children of school age. In a long standing, on his lip, and finally from becoming too wide for party so- the operation performed, I purchased lution. When one section cannot any Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and longer accredit the other with honest continued taking it for some time and patriotic motives, war is only a after the cancer was removed. Ten question of time. That this general long years have passed since then prevalence of elementary education is and no trace of the ugly thing has reaccompanied by a comparative neglect | turned. I speak with knowledge in of the secondary and higher courses of the highest terms of Dr. Kennedy's of the number of pupils enrolled more cure the troubles for which it is pre than ninety-six in every hundred are pared." pursuing elementary studies ; less than and other institutions; only one in a as a nerve and blood food, and to my hundred is in a college or school for knowledge it has made many perwith the whole population, is no larger in the nations of Europe, although in some particulars the instruction may be superior to our own.—From "Re-cent Progress in the Public Schools." where other treatments have failed. For headaches, constipation and the run down condition, one often suffers with, there is nothing else so good." 2t. cent Progress in the Public Schools," W. T. HARRIS, United States Com missioner of Education. in Harper's Magazine for April.

## BLOW AT SWEAT SHOPS.

The Baker act passed by the Senate to regulate the employment and provide for the safety of persons employ ed in tenement houses and shops where clothing, cigarettes, cigars and certain other articles are made, and to provide for the appointment of inspectors to enforce the law came up on third reading and final passage on Thursday. On the question of pass ing it on third reading there was con siderable opposition when a vive voce vote was taken, but it carried by a small majority.

that it had been indorsed by all the leading labor organizations in the State and that it was the only bill now before the Legislature directly in the stand what they were doing when they struck at this bill.

of the bill in the interest of common shops in our large cities, which will be this new law, and stated that although warmth and light of a lamp and you it would cost something to accomplish will be surprised at the rapidty with this end it would be well worth the which they expand. These bulbs can cost to wipe out this blot on humanity. be grown in water, but the result is Mr. Dambly, of Montgomery, de- never so satisfactory. fended the bill at length, and compared the small number of Deputy Factory Inspectors we have in this State with those of New York and Ohio. In New York, he said, the increase of Deputy Inspector had to protect curselves.

voting in the negative.

REV. I. W. HILL.

Pastor Methodist Church. Accord. N. Y .. says cancerous diseases can be cured.

ACCORD, N. Y .- Under the old school method it was believed that system thus far. It must be borne in trouble was sure to break out again. The coal will be of pea size, worth 50 North, the Gulf States, in fact, enroll- trace of poison in the blood, the thousands out of it. reading population one section under concluded to have it removed. In stands the motives of the other, and speaking of his case Pastor Hill said :

#### Growing Tulips and Hyacinths.

## The most successful growers of tu-

ips and hyacinths advise the following treatment : If bulbs are wished to flower at Christmas, plant in September, writes Nancy Mann Waddle in an exquisitely illustrated article on "The First Flowers," in the April Ladies' Home Journal. They thrive best in a light, thoroughly drained and rich soil, and in pots not too large. Give plenty of water. Tulips should be planted about two inches below the surface of the soil, but hyacinths should be covered with earth about half the depth of the pot. After planting set the pots in a dark, cool place, from four to six weeks. When the Mr. Focht, suspecting that the bill was in danger, informed the House plants to the light, but keep them in a cool temperature. Too much forcing will cause the leaves to grow too rankly, and the stock to bend and droop, weakening the bloom as well. The interest of the laboring classes. He blossoms will last much longer, also, hoped that those present would under- if not subjeated to too much heat. If the hyacinth begins to bloom imperfectly, before the stalk has pushed up Mr. Bliss pleaded for the passage well from the base of the leaver, put a paper cap over it. Should it burst humanity. He referred to the sweat into bloom on one side, while the bells on the other side remain tightly closeradicated under the operations of ed, expose the closed bells to the

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## A Centralia Festival-

The Daughters of Rebekah, of Centralia, will hold a Quaker festival on April 13th and 15th, and the novel affair promises to be quite a success. The ladies comprising the organization have shown themselves to be energetic this prevents political differences "About three weeks previous to having workers and their efforts to help along the new lodge should meet with the

#### A WONDERFUL GOBBLER. The Poultryman Expected Bim to Keep

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Growing Alter Death. "Talkin' about turkeys," observed the farmer to the produce man recently, "we raised one a year ago that probably never had his equal in size and weight in the history of the

world. The produce man looked incredulous, but the farmer went on without noticing it:

"When that turkey was hatched he was no bigger than the rest of the brood, but two days later he weighed five pounds, and was sprouting tail feathers. The end of the first week out of the shell saw him a full-fiedged bird of a triffe more than ten pounda and still he grew." The produce man smiled indulgent-

ly, echoing the farmer's words: "And still he grew."

"Yes, sirree; I never saw anything like it. He was two weeks old to the day when he tipped the beam at thirty-five pounds, and he only seem-

activity or seeming' to mind it in the least. He picked up his corn as live-ly as ever, and still he grew." There was a sickly smile on the pro-

duce man's face, but he made no remark.

"We began to wonder where it was goin' to stop," went on the farmer, "for about this time his appetite, which had always been extraordinary, began to pick up at an alarmin' rate, and we knew he'd just about got his second wind, which meant puttin' on weight more rapidly than ever. It took him just ten days to put up another twenty-five pounds." "That makes seventy-five," gasped

the produce man. "Kerrect, and still he grew." "And still he grew." sighed the pro-

duce man. "I suppose he was something like eight weeks old when he reached the 100-pound mark, and quit walking about," continued the farmer.

"But he still grew?" anxiously put in the produce man.

in the produce man. "Never let up for a minute," was the assuring reply. "We became a little anxious about him at this time, on account of the henhouse, which we could see would soon be too small for him to stand up in. Finally, we de-cided to transfer him to the barn, but we had been a little slow in comin' to a decision, for when we went to remove him he had grown too big to go through the henhouse door, and we had to take out the whole front of the building to accommodate his size."

"And still he grew," ventured the produce man in a weak voice, and with a very painful attempt at a smile.

"Yes, he had more room to spread out in the barn, and went on growin' faster than ever. Very soon it became a question as to how long the barn would last him, and then we de-cided to kill him. That, as you'll easily guess, was no small task, but we did it—jest felled him with a pole-ax as you would an ox, and we man-aged to give him his death-blow at the third stroke."

'And still he grew," absent-mindedly murmured the produce man. "Grew nothin'," retorted the farmer, indignantly. "Did you expect him to go on growin' forever?"

"Oh, I didn't know," answered the other, somewhat recovering his spirits; "stranger things than that happened to the turkey, if I have not been



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#### A False Diagnosis.

La Grippe is confounded by many persons with a severe attack of catarrh, which in some respects resembles the former. These individuals suffer severely with pain about the forchead, eyes and ears, with soreness in throat and stoppage of the nasal passages, and in fact, are incapacitated for work of any kind for days at a time. These are catarrhal sufferers. Ely's Cream Balm has been used with the best results in such cases. The remedy will give instant relief.

approval of their friends.

The papers say that the Illinois Legislature is considering a bill to tax bachelors. The measure proposes to tax heavily all unmarried male persons show they have proposed marriage three times and been rejected. By a curious omission, however, the bill fails to provide any penalty for the unmarried females who have done the rejecting.

## An Easter Magazine.

Probably no two words in the English language are more misused and abused than "The Burning and Sarah Orne Jewett. Question of Domestic Service" is treated intelligently and interestingly by the Countess of Aberdeen. Jessie Bartlett Davis, the well-known contraito of the "Bostonians, contributes a valuable article on the "Uses son speaks of the deportment of " The Well-Bred Girl Abroad," and her travel requirepages of a magazine, is represented by a page of April children, whose histories are delightfully told in rhyme by Laura E. Richards. "The Story of a Vivacious Girl" is the title of a new, bright novelette John Kendrick Bangs is irresistibly funny in "The Paradise Ciub," and Josiah Allen's Wife is pathetically humorous in her new two part story called "The Earthquake of Granted " and "Frittering Away Our Time." "The Personality of a Charming Writer," who is Kate Douglas Wiggin, most charmingly pictured and described by Emma B. Kaufman. Easter brides, Easter iostesses and Easter students are remember ed by Isabel A. Mallon, Mrs. W. F. Peck and Jane Searle. A beautiful page, "A Revival of Spangle Work," is daintily illustrated. "Laying Out a Small Country Place" is the attractive title of a very practical article by Elisabeth Bisland. The cover of this April "Journal" is a repro-duction of two of C. D. Gibson's most stylish and charming girls, and all through the issue is the freshness and daintiness of springtime and Easter days. This idea magazine is sold for ten cents a number and one dollar a year by The Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia.

Children Ory for Pitcher's Castoria.

dreaming."-New York Herald.

#### Her Little Mistake.

She had attended the ambulance classes and obtained the certificate. The street accident she had earnestly prayed for took place. A man had broken his leg. She confiscated the walking stick of a passer-by and broke it in three pieces for splints. She tore up her skirt for bandages. When all was completed she summoned a cab and took her patient to the hospital.

"Who bandaged this limb so creditably?" inquired the surgeon. "I did," she blushingly replied.

"Well, it is most beautifully-most beautifully done; but you have made, I find, one little mistake. You have bandaged the wrong leg."-San Francisco Argonaut.

#### Who Was the Goose.

If, before beginning a sentence, people would stop to see just how they are coming out, they would often put what they have to say into different

words. A lady had been looking for a friend a long time without success. Finally she came upon her at an unexpected place

Well," she exclaimed, "I've been on a perfect wild goose chase all day long; but thank goodness, I've found you at last."

#### One Thing Learned.

"The hardest thing to acquire, miss," said the dramatic teacher, "is the art of laughing naturally without apparent effort."

"Oh, I've got that down fine," said the would-be soubrette. "I typewrote for three years for a man who was always telling me funny stories about his little boy."-Indianapolis Journal.

#### Timely Foresight.

"Lobelia!" shouted Mr. McSwat, at the foot of the stairway, "it is time we were off!" "I'll be down in a moment," answer-

ed Mrs. McSwat. "I happened to re-member I had only one handkerchief and went back for two more. They were going to hear Clara Mor-

ris .- Chicago Tribune.

#### When Torment Begins.

Snodgrass-There is no getting along with my wife when it is going to rain, for then her corns begin to hurt her. Snively-Then you realize the truth

of the poet's words, I suppose. "What words?" "Hell hath no fury like a woman's

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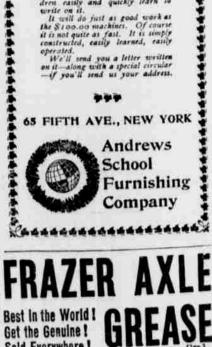
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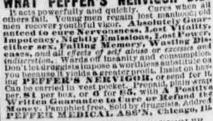
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