

METHODS OF PRIMARY READING. XIV.

The Rational Method. BY WILLIAM NOETLING.

The author of this the latest method of reading is Edward G. Ward, Associate Superintendent of Public Instruction Brooklyn, N. Y.

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"The aims of the rational are: 1. 'To make the child not only independent in his reading, but generally self-reliant.'

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a, all, am, an, and, any, apple, are, at, boy, bread, can, come, cow, do, does, dog, drink, eat, egg, for, fruit, full, girl, give, go, good, has, have, he, her, here, him, I, ill, in, is, it, Jack, let, like, look, make, me, milk, much, no, not, of, old, out, play, see, shall, she, some, take, tell, that, the, them, there, they, to, too, us, want, water, we, well, what, where, will, with, yes, you.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

d, (as terminal), d, (t, sound), ed, e, (as s), u, and un (short u), sh, and ish, v.

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That this is a natural, easy, and rational method is unquestionable. It imposes no useless burden upon teacher or pupils. The wonderful success of the method in the numerous schools that are using it, plainly points to it as the method of the future.

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Now that the trout fishing season has opened it might be well to inform those of our readers, who are given to that sport, as to a few legal points relating to the catching of trout. In the first place the speckled beauties dare be taken with a rod and line only. No nets or snares are allowed in their catching and anyone who uses the latter is amenable to the law. Then it is illegal to catch trout for sale, and the fisherman who thought they would defeat this aim of the law by hiring to fish by the day will find themselves met with the prohibition of that also, as no one is allowed to hire another to fish for him. It is also illegal for common carriers to transport trout. Thus it will be seen that there is to be a stop put to fishing for profit. If you want a mess of trout the law allows you to catch them, but if you offer any for barter or for sale it will mete prompt punishment for the offence. The law is a good one and we hope every sportsman in this vicinity will take an interest in having it enforced.—Ee.

Sons of America.

Nominations Made in the National Session at Pottsville.

The national session of the commandery general of the Sons of America convened on the 23rd ult. in Sheeandoah. Delegates were present from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York, Colorado, and Louisiana. The sessions were presided over by Commander General J. Harry Hughes of Philadelphia.

The following officers were placed in nomination: Commander General J. A. Bier, Port Carbon; senior vice commanders, S. Lincoln Brown, Shenandoah; James Hobb, Philadelphia; junior vice commander, C. E. Frantz, Lebanon; recorder, F. E. Steer, Philadelphia; treasurer, H. G. Snieler, Shamokin; chaplain, S. M. Helms, Reading; inspector, Reuben Smith, Catawissa; guards, John G. Eckert, Reading and Elmer Becker, St. Clair; picket, H. K. Strouse, Catawissa; financiers, E. K. Bailey, J. H. Stallnecker and E. H. Kleck, Shenandoah; G. H. Elvator, Renovo, and J. H. Shelley, Hazleton.

A Skeleton in the Closet.

How often do we hear of this in domestic life at this day. But what is more appalling than the living body made repulsive with skin and scalp diseases, salt-rheum, tetter, eczema and scrofulous sores and swellings. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the positive cure for all of these diseases. If taken in time, it also cures Lung-scrofula, commonly known as Pulmonary Consumption. By druggists.

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Yours respectfully, HARVEY M. HOLLEMAN, Agt. for Seaboard Air Line.

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THE REVIEW OF TRADE.

DUN & CO. SAY THE STEADY GAIN IN INDUSTRIES AND THE RISE IN SPECULATIVE MARKETS HAVE NOT CEASED.

ALL GAINING WITH SAFETY.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Neither the rise in speculative markets nor the steady gain in industries has ceased, and it is wholesome that there are fewer signs of hesitation in the productive industries than in speculative prices. Wage strikes grow more numerous and cause some trouble, and retail demand lags behind wholesale sales and jobbing purchases behind production in some branches, but through many conflicting reports the fact shines out that the industries are gaining not with a rush and a whirl, but with safety.

It is less clear that railroads are increasing their earnings, or that the production of cotton will be increased by the advance of one and three-eighths cents in price, or that cornering short sellers of wheat will help to market the large surplus. But revival of activity in all these directions, it possibly excessive in some respects helps confidence to take the throne so long held by distrust. Recovery is not often mathematically quotable. When the load of depression is lifted and men find that better things have come to stay, there must be many contradictory changes.

Quite a number of works have advanced wages during the week, but strikes to compel an advance, possible for some but not for others, have grown much more numerous. Some shops are closing for want of orders, but a larger number are resuming work. Prices of shoes and cotton goods are rising. Wool and woolsens are lower. Iron production, stimulated because ore, coke and oil were to be dearer, is retarded by shrinking demand for products, for on the whole new business is said to be smaller than in February or March. The structural demand for buildings throughout the country was never larger. The frenzy in oil has started a large demand for pipes, and sheets have slightly advanced. Rails are stagnant, though a shade better at Chicago. Wire for fencing, for rails and wire rods is so dull as to be scarcely quoted, and bar, though lifted a shade, meets no increased demand. Bessemer pig is lower, and sales of Southern pig in Northern markets have been large at twenty-five cents advance. Finished products are nearly all at their lowest prices. London bought about \$6,000,000 worth of stocks and bonds here this week. But the coal roads again failed to agree and the lowest prices of the year prevail for that product. The aggregate of all roads reporting in April is but 16 per cent better than last year and 13.4 per cent less than in 1893.

Failures of the week have been 230 in the United States, against 179 last year, and thirty-seven in Canada, against twenty-six last year.

Division of a Fraction by a Fraction.

Editor COLUMBIAN.

Dear Sir: This subject seems to attract some attention. X. Y. Z. said in your last paper, "The example given is, divide $\frac{2}{3}$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ and the answer is eight ninths." "The assertion that follows that the value of the fraction is increased is an error." There are always at least three terms in division, divisor, dividend and quotient. It is generally understood that the quotient is less numerically, or in value than the dividend. How is it in the example, "divide $\frac{2}{3}$ by $\frac{1}{2}$?" being the dividend and $\frac{1}{2}$ the divisor, the quotient is eight-ninths. Now $\frac{2}{3}$ —twentyfour thirty-sixths, $\frac{1}{2}$ —twentyseven thirty-sixths and the quotient, eight ninths—thirtytwo thirty-sixths. In this example the quotient is greater than either of the terms of the dividend, or divisor. Will X. Y. Z. explain how it is that the value of the fraction is not increased?

No one disputes with X. Y. Z. that "2 is contained in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ times," neither that, "3 is contained in 9—3 times," and that there is no increase in value in either case, but a decrease of value. He further asserts, "If you take fractions of the same denominator you can divide without any inversion $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{2} = 1$." In this last example the quotient 1 is greater than either the dividend or divisor, which is $\frac{2}{3}$. Will X. Y. Z. explain why the quotient in division of a fraction by a fraction is greater than either of the terms of the dividend or divisor. There must be some principle that will admit of an intelligent explanation, why there is an addition to the quotient in excess of the dividend in division of a fraction by a fraction. A. B.

A Minister's Experience With Heart Disease.

Rev. L. W. Showers, Elderton, Pa.: "For many years my greatest enemy has been organic heart disease. From uneasiness about the heart, with palpitation, it had developed into thumping, fluttering, and choking sensations. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave instant relief. A few bottles have rid me of almost every symptom of heart disease. It is a wonder-worker." Sold by Wm. S. Rishton. 6-15-17.

A Building And Loan Bill.

Senator Mitchell, of Jefferson, amended his bill relating to building and loan associations in such a way as to effectually prevent such associations organized or incorporated outside of the state from doing business within it, should the bill become a law. As introduced the measure made it unlawful for any building and loan associations to establish and maintain offices or employ agents to solicit or receive subscriptions in counties other than that wherein their principal office is located under a penalty of a fine of \$1,000 and an imprisonment not to exceed three years.

As amended the measure makes it unlawful for foreign building and loan associations to establish or maintain offices for the transaction of business in this state or to employ, authorize or pay any person or persons to solicit or receive subscriptions to the capital stock of such associations. The bill further provides that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to receive such subscriptions and the penalty for a violation of its provisions is fixed at a fine not to exceed \$500 and an imprisonment not to exceed two years.

VALUED ENDORSEMENT.

SCHAGHTICOKE, N. Y.—It is ignorance rather than anything else that makes life miserable, but ignorance of the value of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy does not exist in Schaghticoke to day, as a blood medicine and nerve tonic it stands supreme. One of the principal reasons for its popularity comes from the great benefit our fellow townsman, Andrew Sipperly derived from its use. Mr. Sipperly has suffered for years past, with a chronic kidney trouble, frequent bilious attacks, and at intervals with violent neuralgia in the head and face. Up to last fall he rarely knew a well day. At that time his wife who had learned of the good Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy had accomplished, determined to have him use it. In writing about his sickness, Mr. Sipperly says:

"For several years I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble and gravel, which was attempted with most exasperating pain, but since I began the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy I have had no serious trouble, and my general health is greatly improved. I know of a great many people about here who have used Favorite Remedy, and in every instance benefit has followed. One of the officers of the Albany N. Y. Hospital recently said, in speaking of Favorite Remedy: "I know of its great medical value, and to my knowledge it cures the diseases for which it is prepared."

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YOUNG SKATERS PERISH.

The Mystery of Months Cleared By A Dreadful Discovery.

There was a sad sequel on the 24th ult. to a happy incident that occurred on January 7 last at Wilkes Barre. Upon that day Joseph Hill, aged 15, and Adeline Pettebone, aged 14, went gayly skating over the ice bound Susquehanna River. They became separated from their companions, who waited in vain for their return. No trace of them could be found. At first it was thought they had gone away together, but this the parents would not believe. All doubts were set aside by the finding of young Hill's body at a point in the river opposite Plymouth. The skates were still on his feet. The two young skaters must have fallen through an air-hole in the ice.

Shooting Wild Ducks Unlawful.

According to an act of May 17, 1883, it is unlawful to kill wild ducks or any other kind of web-footed fowl, except on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and then only from September 1st to January 1st. The penalty for violating the act is \$25. As there have been a number of hunters killing wild ducks at all seasons of the year, this law against the practice will be news to many such violators.

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