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# **A TEACHER'S EXPERIENCE**

PURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE CITY GIRL IN A COUNTRY SCHOOL

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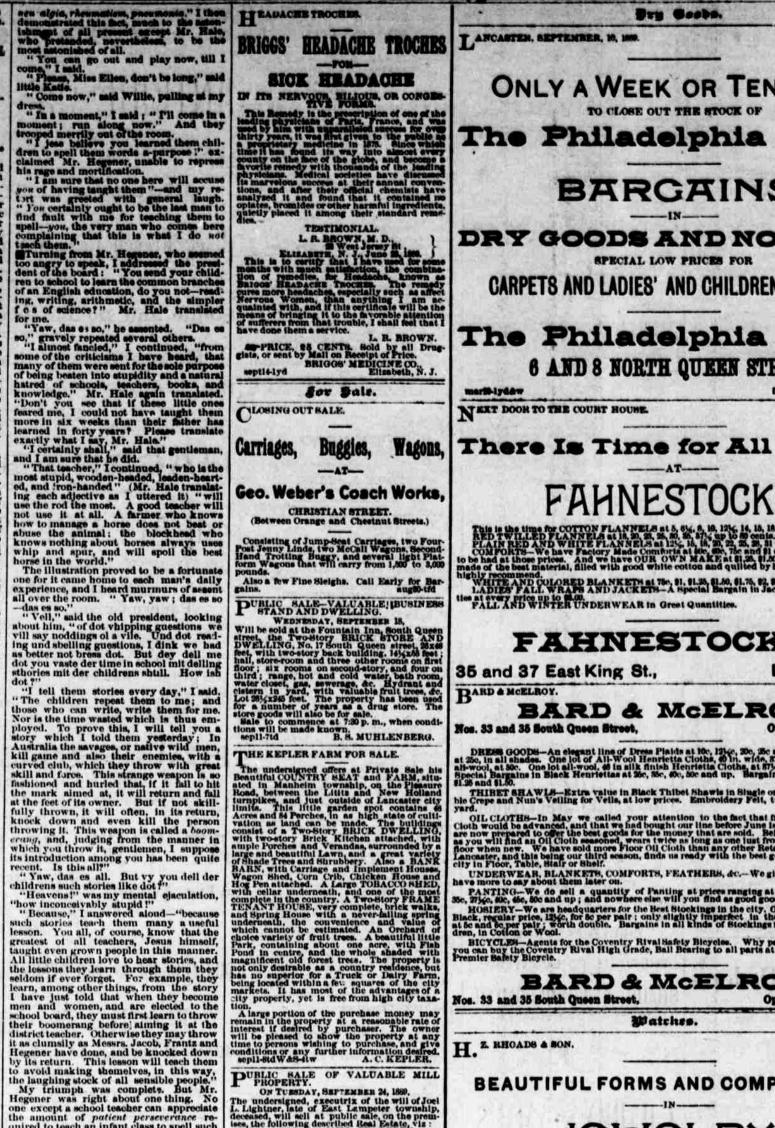
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Wass sagst du, Yacub? (What say you, Jacob?) "Yaw, das es so" (Yos, that is true), re-plied the ge tieman thus appealed to, gravely nodding his head. "Wass sagst du, Frantz?" "Das es so, das es so," assented Frantz. She deach all der kleina (little) childrens to read before she deach dem to spell; und have not vhip mine poy vunst--not vunst in six veek." "All this is perfectly true," I said. "I do not whip them, and I teach them to read simple sentences of short words first, and afterwards teach them to spell the words. In this way, even the smallest children are at once interested in their lessons, and they learn both to read and to spell much more rapidly than by the old method. To teach them to spell first is to teach backward. Mr. Hale translated this into the native dialect for the benefit of those present who

dialect for the benefit of those present who could not understand English. The board stared at me in blank amazement. This open confession of stupidity astounded them.

them. "Why it's ag'in' natur' !" exclaimed one member. This man was a chronic fault-finder. He made trouble for every teacher the board had ever employed, with every the board had ever employed, with every minister his church had ever called, and always had a quarrel on hand in every lodge that admitted him to membership. He had been bitterly opposed to me from the outset. "Its flyin" in the face o'na-tur?!" he cried indigmantly. "Is she grazy (erazy), or what? How can they grazy (erazy), or what? How can the grazy (erazy), or what? How can they grazy (erazy), or what? How can inister his church had ever called, and diseases : Pneumonia, neuralgia, chronic rheumatism and various malarial affec-"Now Mr. Hegener," I said, " you have "Now Mr. Hegener," I said, "you have read this paragraph without any trouble, and if what you say is true, you can, of course, spell every word in it. Let us be-gin with some of the easiest ones. Spell pit(ful." Mr. Hegener turned very red in the face and then very pale. He looked exceed-ingly awkward and foolish, but there was no way out of it for him. I gave pencil and paper to a young man who was pres-ent-a clerk in one of the stores of the vilent-a cterk in one of the stores of the vil-lage-and requested him to write down the words just as Mr. Hegener spelled them. He began "P-i-t-y, pity, f-u-double l, full, pityfull." "Very well, Mr. Hegener," I said; "spell soldiers." Fortunately the clerk did not smile, Mr.





Fortunately the clerk did not smile, Mr. Hale's face was as expressionless as an oyster's and all the others looked on as sol-emply as owls. The gentleman thinking, therefore, that he had spelled the word cor-rectly, possessed a little more confidence. Then followed "soljers" for soldiers. "crouded" for crowded, "desesses" for dis-eases, "sufferin" for suffering, and "cronick" for chronic. I gave these same words to some of the other members, who also proved their originalty in this branch of learning. The fact that I gave them te the others, however, was proof conclusive to the mind of Mr. Hegener that I had failed to entrap him-that he, at least, had come out successfully from the test. He was in a very triumphant mood indeed. come out successfully from the test. He was in a very triumphant mood indeed. "I tole you," he said, glancing proudly about him, " that you can't read lessen you know how to spell first. You can't do b."

it." I said nothing; but rising, went to the window, and called in some of the little children who were playing in the yard. I had managed to get them there by offering to go to the woods with them for ferns and flowers, after the meeting of the board. The children came in, thronging happily were and meeting the work of the source of the source of the woods with the for the source of the sou The children came in, thronging happily around me—the youngest about five years of age, the oldest about seven. I had printed the following sentences, each dif-ferently arranged, upon separate slips of paper—five in all—thus: "The crowded room, full of soldiers, suffering from chronic diseases, was pitiful"; and thus: "It was pitiful—the chronic diseases of the soldiers, who were suffering in the crowded room," and so on. "Now, gentlemen," I said, as I handed each child one of these printed slips, "these little ones never went to school before they came to me. I am their first teacher, and

in the ones never went to school before they came to me. I am their first teacher, and have taught but six weeks. Now, you say that you were all taught to spell before you were taught to read, yet not one word which I have given you have you spelled correctly-not one word. Let us see if my method is not a better one than yours correctly--not one word. Let us see if my method is not a better one than yours. Willie Hegener." I continued, addressing the six-year-old son of the fault-finding director, "have you ever seen this slip of paper before? Have any of you ever seen these slips before?" "No, ma'am," they answered. " Now, Willie, please read yours." The little fellow read it, and remarkably well too.

The little fellow read it, and remarkably well, too. "And here is Katie-let us see if she can read her's." After Willie, Katie, and the others had read their slips and handed them back to me, I asked them, one after the other, to spell the words upon which the supient directors had so ignominionsly stambled. They were all spelled correctly. "Now, gentlemen," I said, I gave you only the easiest words in the paragraph which Mr. Hegner read. But these chil dren can spell the most difficult as well;

Hegener was right about one thing. No one except a school teacher can appreciate the amount of patient persecurance re-quired to teach an infant class to spell such words as chronic, rheumatism and pneu-monia. Nevertheloss, I felt amply rewarded for my extra labor. But what puzzled everybody except my Quaker friend was the fact that the presi-dent had summoned me only the evening before to appear at this special meeting of the board. How, then, thought they, could she have taught them to spell these words? "Is it that she's a witch, or what?" asked one mystified member. Of course, Mr. Hale gave them no clue, nor did any one suspect him, for he had not himself been officially notified until that very morning. It was altogether by accident that he had learned a week before that such a meeting was to be held. He at once wrote to me, but we kept our own counsel and nobody was the wiser. I am well aware that most people, who have never had any personal dealings with men such as I am describing, will consider my language to the board exceedingly harsh, disrespectful, and perhaps even un-indylike. But I might as well have ex-pected the members of that body (Mr. Hale always excepted) to appreciate Tennyson's " Morte d'Arthur" as to have expected them to understand polite and refined explaymisms. Indeed, it required much serious cogitation for many of them to comprehend even the baldest knock-down speech I could make. I am sure that to this day some of them do not understand speech I could make. I am sure that to this day some of them do not understand what on earth I meant to convey by the [To be continued.]

GOLDEN-ROD.

For the INTELLIGENCER. When I cut the bushes 'round the fence A month er so ago, I seen a shoot uv golden-rod End left it stand t' grow. It looked like sothin' but a weed,

A thing us farmers scold, But since it's growed end growed till now It's just a bunch uv gold.

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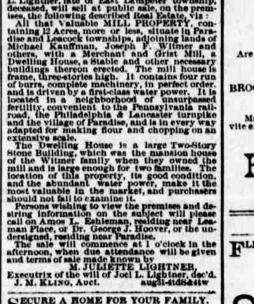
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