

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Rev. E. E. Hale Proposes Remedies for the Cure of Existing Evils.

An interesting and instructive article on the management of public schools is contributed to the November number of The North American Review by Rev. Edward Everett Hale. It is fair to presume that it will not be read with pleasure by the professional pedagogues or the ordinary city school superintendent.

Mr. Hale is obviously of the opinion that the present generation of boys and girls in New England, where he is best acquainted, are not as well educated as their fathers and mothers were at the same period of life.

One of the remedies proposed by Mr. Hale for the cure of existing evils is to go back to the old plan of conducting schools that prevailed before the educational machine was put up and set to grinding.

Besides the saving in expense, there would be a positive gain. Parents would have an opportunity of getting acquainted with their own children. They would direct their education in the practical duties of life.

How Heine Was Lost.

[San Francisco Argonaut.] "Here in France," wrote Heinrich Heine, "my German name Heinrich was, immediately on my arrival in Paris, translated into Henri. I had to submit to it, and was finally obliged to call myself so, because the word Heinrich does not suit a French ear, and because the French make everything as comfortable to themselves as possible.

Primitive Jews.

[Exchange.] Between Damascus and Jerusalem is said to be a tribe of about 3,000 Israelites, who have probably been there since the beginning of the Christian era.

Dime Museum Hates.

"Double-tailed rats" are making their appearance in the dime museums. The curiosity is produced, not by nature, but by surgery. The tail of a healthy rat is cut off and inserted in a small cut in the nose of another.

Light-Complexioned Indians.

The Mayas, a race of Indians who still inhabit southern Sonora, have blue eyes, fair skin and light hair, and are said to be a moral, industrious and frugal race of people, who have a written language and know something of mathematics.

At 21 years of age Abraham Lincoln was without trade, profession, or manual skill of any kind.

FARMING IN GERMANY.

The Germans as an Agricultural People—Estates—Crops—Labor.

Although carried out upon an old-fashioned plan, farming in Germany is really superior in its development to that of any other section of the continent of Europe. The sterling industry, intelligence and skill of the Germans as an agricultural people is shown by the prominent position they occupy among the farmers of the New World.

While the grains grow best in northern Germany, the central districts are most prolific of hemp and flax, madder, wood, safflower, and similar products, which they export in enormous quantities.

Standing next to Great Britain in the care and success with which its great agricultural possibilities have been cultivated, Germany is in many senses better circumstanced than that country, as far as its agriculturists are concerned.

Many of the great German land-owners cultivate their enormous estates personally, and live lives of an almost patriarchal character, devoted to the improvement of their farming acres, and of the people who populate and work them.

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A Human Sky Terrier.

Theodor Jo Jo, a boy of 16, well known among the curiosity folks as the human sky terrier, arrived in New York by a recent steamer. His face is covered by a long wavy mass of silken hair, which in color is between light red and silver gray.

Spooning Coconuts.

I send out a boy every morning to come back with a basketful of the nuts, from which we drink the pure, cold water, sometimes scrape the film of white "jelly" from the interior with spoons, and throw the rest away.

Steyn W. Paul's.

An American visitor says that St. Paul's cathedral, London, is as dirty a state as it can possibly be, and that the smallest village church in Italy is kept better than this second grandest cathedral of Christendom.

A Japanese Dwelling.

(Boston Herald.)

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Stealing the Proclamation.

There are some very thrilling events in the make-up of local history, but which are yet not without a certain degree of importance. It is possible that the first public reading of President Abraham Lincoln's emancipation proclamation in Boston may rank itself in this category, and the following is the history of the fact.

He begged the loan of them for a quarter of an hour, but this was refused, as being against all rule. The judge then seized them, and ran with all speed from the editorial room, followed by the night editor in pursuit, but was not caught.

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