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KERL'S ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

MR. EDITOR—I want to offer a few words to the teachers' column upon Kerl's English Grammar.

It would be impossible for any man to write a grammar of our language which would meet the wishes of every person having the subject to study or to teach; but such a book ought to be written so as to meet the demands, both of the teacher and the scholar, but especially of the scholar, as nearly as possible.

Does this book answer these requirements as nearly as a grammar ought?

This book has now been before the teachers of our county so long that every person probably has some opinion upon it. There has been ample time to study all its good qualities, which we ought always to look for before the bad in anything, as I there has been ample time, also, to find out all the points in which it is deficient.

The book truly is commendable in many respects, but as a practical, comprehensive grammar, for our common schools, it is wanting in the following particulars:

1. In the arrangement of the matter. One of the features which the author calls special attention to in the Preface to be "the simple and scientific nature of the general plan, and the methodical arrangement of the matter throughout the book."

2. A rule all the matter upon the same subject should be placed together in logical order.

3. Where if two subjects have the same properties in many respects, it may be allowable to treat them together.

The arrangement Mr. KERL seems to have violated every rule of reason, and in stead of keeping matter upon the same subject under one heading, he has scattered the same matter through nearly the whole book, with the same headings repeated a number of times.

Let us take up the subject of the noun and see how he has treated that.

The subject is begun upon page second, where a definition of the noun is given. The same definition is given upon page seventy-first, and the subject is carried on to where it was left off on page second.

From page second to the tenth there are some introductory remarks given upon each of the other parts of speech. Then from page the tenth to the thirteenth, the properties of the noun and pronoun are begun. Again this subject is taken up on page eighty-one and in the pages following, the same definitions are given as in page ten and the subjects are continued from page eighty-one as they ought to have been from page ten.

The arrangement of one of the parts of speech in this book, has now been traced. There is the same general plan for all the other parts of speech, which any one will find to be one if he will take the trouble to examine carefully.

It does not seem possible that many can agree with the author in his statement in the preface, that the general plan is "simple and scientific," and that the arrangement is "methodical;" but upon examination these conclusions must be followed that the arrangement is very illogical; that there is needless repetition of the same things under the same headings in different parts of the book.

To the scholar this arrangement has proved to be perfectly confusing and to many teachers also, and the only way of doing anything with the book in the class room, is by a thorough and complete analysis of the whole work.

In the analysis of the sentence. If there is any part more than another, that should be stated in a very concise manner, it is the analysis of the sentence.

It might simply it becomes easy; made complicated it is a very difficult subject to understand.

A subject may be mystified by explaining too much; That is done in this part of the work, and it is much to be regretted that this is so, for analysis is so very necessary to a good understanding of language.

As a whole the matter in the book is too profuse. There is too much explanation throughout the whole work, and much of the practical importance to the average scholar, are introduced with so many a number of different headings ought to be condensed under a few, and in others be made much more comprehensible.

It is not possible that a grammar so difficult in its arrangement, in its system of analysis and in conciseness, can work the best results. Many of the teachers of our county can attest that they have found all these faults to exist in the book after a protected trial.

If this is true we ought to have a work that is more nearly suited to our needs; and who even doubts the truthfulness of the above statements, should examine carefully for himself and prove his own opinion.

Troy, Nov. 26th, 1877.

J. A. WILT, Esq.,—*Dear Sir:*—As your paper stands as Editor at the head of the Educational Column in the BRADFORD REPUBLICAN of Nov. 22d, inst., I make bold to call your attention to the orthography of two words, in the article entitled "Teaching," in that column, viz: the words "vocalize and "satellite—the former of which is spelled with an i and the latter with but one l. Both are errors according to Webster. Perhaps they are mere errors of the printer.

THE REPORTER being authority in local matters in our county, I deem it [illegible] that these matters be [illegible]

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[illegible] the other, although [illegible] appreciation to public [illegible] of the true [illegible] errors. [illegible] education [illegible] we will not pretend [illegible] mistake happened. It [illegible] corrected, however; and the [illegible] done it in such a mild way [illegible] you.

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[illegible] of teaching the elementary [illegible] of arithmetic were given by [illegible] at Towanda District Institute at [illegible] belonging, that would satisfy any [illegible] to teacher that such methods [illegible] be given at our Associations, and [illegible] directors and teachers should attend. It is perfect folly on the part of directors [illegible] teachers to make up such day. Many [illegible] from lack of the knowledge of [illegible] presented at such meeting [illegible] to teach in a while term what might be thoroughly taught in one week.

It is to be regretted that teachers have little or no opportunity to visit each others schools. We believe every teacher at the Troy Association felt an earnest desire to visit Prof. MCCOLLOM's school, and to learn the methods by which he achieves the success so gratifying to the patrons of the school. We shall off first opportunity visit this school, also Professor REASLEY, at Canton, LILLEY's, at Barclay, and THOMPSON's at Carbon Run; for much may be learned by observing successful teacher in school room.

THE Association at its last session made an excellent choice of President in electing J. ANDREW WILT. He is one of the directors of our county and an earnest friend of education. Few persons not already engaged in teaching give the subject more attention, We predict excellent results from his administration.

O. L. HAVERLY, is teaching at Liberty Corners; if as good teacher as he is person the people there are fortunate. S. HUSTON who is to take charge of the North Towanda school proposes to have more blackboard if possible. Let the directors furnish him this needed material; for a teacher fully appreciating its advantages is sure to be successful.

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Legal.

SHERIFF'S SALES.—By virtue of a commandment to me directed out of the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford County, and to me directed will expose to public sale on FRIDAY the 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1877, at the Court House, in Towanda, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described property, to wit:

All the right, title, interest of and in the following described real estate, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone on the north west corner of Carbon Run road leading to Elmer Bingham's; thence by land of Lewis and others north 90 degrees east 2 perches to a stone; thence by land of Lewis and others north 2 degrees west 105 perches to a post; thence by land of Lewis and others south 88 degrees west 2 perches to a post; thence by land of Lewis and others south 2 degrees east 105 perches to the place of beginning; containing 1 acre and 31 perches of land, more or less, and being the same premises which were conveyed to the said Lewis and others by Jacob Bingham and Elmer Bingham by deed dated the 1st day of April, A. D. 1876, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in and for Bradford County, in deed book No. 112, page 112, etc.

Also—One other lot situate in Canton township, bounded north by lands of Mit 250 Hoover and Ann Bullock, east by lands of Mix and Wilmon, south by lands of Richman & Levy and William Black, west by lands of Richman & Levy and Sullivan, containing 4 acres more or less, about 10 improved, with a dwelling house, one outbuilding, and few fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of John Vanfleet vs. James G. Scobber.

Also—One other lot situate in Monroe township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post on the north west corner of Carbon Run road leading to Elmer Bingham's; thence by land of Lewis and others north 90 degrees east 2 perches to a post; thence by land of Lewis and others north 2 degrees west 105 perches to a post; thence by land of Lewis and others south 88 degrees west 2 perches to a post; thence by land of Lewis and others south 2 degrees east 105 perches to the place of beginning; containing 1 acre and 31 perches of land, more or less, excepting and reserving the right of all the rubbers to cut, be hewn and hauled on said land, together with the right of access thereto, and the right of mining an I preparing the same, about 12 acres improved, with 1 framed house, 1 framed barn, 1 shop and few fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of Burt Wallace vs. D. B. Northrop.

Also—One other lot situated in Burlington boro', bounded and described as follows: On the east by a street formerly owned by F. Whitehill, and now owned by G. F. Tingley; thence north 287, east 40 feet; thence north 32 30-10 E., west 35 feet; thence north 36 3/4, west 16 2-10 f.; thence north 88 20-100, west 8 1/4 feet to the street; thence south 37 2-10, west 21 feet; thence south 57-30 10-0, west 23 10-12 ft to said street; thence along said line to the place of beginning; together with the undivided ½ part of the west half of what is known and called the Long & Mercy brick block, the building being built of brick containing a cellar and large store room and on the 2 stories high, store room on the 1st floor and the whole length and width of building in the upper or 2d story. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of A. A. McKean's use vs. T. M. Mercur, and Alvah McKean who survive. H. B. Wilhelm, deceased, co-partners as Mercy, Wilhelm & Co.

Also—Defendant's interest at his estate in Monroe, bounded north by lands of Lewis Sox and Martin Sox, east by land of D. M. Farr, and G. Kinney, south by lands of David Abrams and Mitchell, west by lands of David Abrams and Mix, containing 106 acres more or less, about 10 acres improved, with 2 framed houses and orchard of fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of Lewis Sox vs. David Swank and L. Fritcher.

Also—One other lot situate in Athens twp., bounded north by the public highway, east by lands of Jacob A. C. Elsbree, south by lands of Gabriel Wilcox & west by lands of A. C. Elsbree; containing 85 acres more or less, about 50 improved, with 1 framed barn, and an orchard of fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of Ira Buffington and John Anson Buffington vs. Ira R. and Smith Woolcott.

Also—One other lot situate in Wyoming twp., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone on the turnpike; thence by lands of the late Joseph Mowry, west 15 ft to a stake; cor; thence by lands of same north 4½, east 150 ft to a stake and cor; thence by the same south 85½, east 175 ft to a stake and cor on said turnpike; thence along said turnpike 150 ft to the place of beginning; containing ½ an acre more or less; all improved; no buildings.

Also—One other lot situate in Towanda boro', bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeast cor of Philip Sheblein's lot; thence easterly along the said line of said Sheblein's stock 140 ft to an alley; thence northerly along said alley 58 ft; to a cor; thence easterly on line parallel with the first mentioned line about 140 ft to an alley; thence northerly along said alley 58 ft to a corner; thence westerly on a line parallel with the first mentioned line about 140 ft to Mainest, thence along Main st 58 ft to the place of beginning, with a 2-story brick store thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of the Towanda Building and Saving Fund Association of Towanda boro' vs Robert McIntosh.

Also—One other lot situate in Ulster twp, bounded north by the public highway leading from main liver road to the old canal, east by lands of Patrick Flood, south by lands of Z. O. Campbell, west by the public highway; contains ¼ of an acre more or less, all improved, with 1 framed house and few fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of the Athens Building and Loan Association, of Athens vs. Mathew Hodge.

Also—One other lot situate in Ulster twp, bounded north by the public highway, east by lands of E. Watkins and E. Rogers, south by lands of Jas. Hartson, west by lands of Sarah A. Morrill; containing 13 acres more or less, about 8½ improved, with 1 small board house thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of C. E. Ferguson vs A. [illegible]

Also—One other lot situate in Canton borough, bounded north by lands of Mit 250 Hoover and Ann Bullock, east by lands of Mix and Wilmon, south by lands of Richman & Levy and William Black, west by lands of Richman & Levy and Sullivan, containing 4 acres more or less, about 10 improved, with a 2-story framed dwelling house, one outbuilding, and few fruit trees thereon. Seized and taken into execution at the suit of John Vanfleet vs. James G. Scobber.

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Also—One other lot situate in Canton borough, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeast cor of Jas E Ferguson; thence by land of Edward Smith and A Lester 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Mrs Ann Bullock 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Mix and Wilmon 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Richman & Levy 70½ perches to the place of beginning; containing 31 acres and 116 perches of land, more or less, about 20 improved, with a framed dwelling house, 2 framed barns and sheds, 1 wagon house, 1 wooden tool shed, all machinery and appurtenances to be belonging thereto, and portion of said lot under cultivation containing a planer and all machinery and appurtenances belonging thereto or contained in said buildings; also with said lot all machinery and appurtenances being thereto or contained in all outbuildings, office building and all outbuildings with few fruit trees thereon, and all rights and privileges of water power, flumes, race and waters of Wyalusing Creek as used, held, or enjoyed with said lot.

Also—One other lot situate in Wyalusing and Terry twps, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the cor of Peter Smith's and Edward Smith's land in the line of Luther Hancock's land; thence on line of said Edward Smith and A Lester 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Mrs Ann Bullock 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Mix and Wilmon 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Richman & Levy and Sullivan 70½ perches to a post; thence by land of Peter Smith's heirs