

Educational Department

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FUNDAMENTAL THOUGHTS FOR TEACHERS.

We have frequently expressed our views of duty of teachers to their pupils in reference to the best methods of instruction; and will repeat that we understand it to be the duty of a teacher to use those methods of instruction which will cause the pupils to think most, act most intelligently most, and thereby develop their own minds.

Another thing by which the teacher should be constantly kept in view, namely: the instruction should be of a practical character.

With these ideas thoroughly impressed on the minds of the teachers, and followed with an earnest effort to carry them to a successful issue, teachers will find pleasure as well as profitable to themselves.

When any new method of instruction is introduced by those who seek to discover the "new and novel," the teacher should make it his business to study it, and if it is a well known fact of natural law, let it exercise great strength, and this law applies to the mind as well as to the body.

The teacher should never show himself out of temper unless he wishes to create a Babel in his school-room, yet his combatsiveness and destructiveness should be fully developed; for he who is destitute of these qualities is not understood by his pupils.

BOARDING SCHOOLS.—The discussion of the "boarding school" system at the Teachers' Association, held in different parts of the county, as well as the articles in the newspapers of the county, giving its merits and demerits, is producing its results in many localities in the county.

EDUCATION DEFINED.—The term education has many meanings, but those who use it generally suppose. The acquisition of book knowledge, such as arithmetic, geography, grammar, and the like, to meet minds answers as a definition of the word education.

BENEFIT OF QUESTIONING.—We remember well, while a student, the Preceptor would ask many questions, but never answered any, and would not even say whether the answers given were correct or not.

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WYOMING VILLAGE SCHOOL.—Actual records kept in this school show that Miss Mary York and Miss Wealthy Coolbaugh stand at the head of the highest class in Orthography. The former is fifteen and the latter fourteen years of age.

District Institutes have been held in many of the townships throughout the county during the past winter, and if the teachers will conduct them properly, we predict that by another year nearly every township will have its local teachers' institute, and the people and directors will eventually see the good results of such meetings, and allow the teachers the time while attending such gatherings.

Good reports come to us from the Graded School of Overton, Independent district, as to the ability, tact, and industry displayed by Mr. Black, the Principal, and Miss Park his assistant.

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Farm and Household. Hints for the Month. Spring Work.—The spring of the Almanac now begins; but the spring like weather during a large portion of this winter, has allowed the spring of the Middle, Southern, and Western States, to be greatly forwarded.

Spring Wheat.—Bismarck reports that the spring wheat in localities where fall wheat only requires a cool climate, and the hot and early summers of the Middle States, are not favorable to it.

Vermin.—Make a clean sweep of lice, fleas, fleas, and other vermin, as soon as possible. The best way is the best for an effective remedy, and Sulphur perhaps is the best thing to add to oil.

Poultry.—The early chick gets the early worm, and sooner begins to feed itself. March pullets are those which lay the best eggs in winter time.

Farm Hospital.—There will often be accidents and sick animals on a farm. The greatest care must always be taken against accidents.

Pumpkin Butter.—First step pumpkin; then take molasses and pumpkin seed, and cook it for an hour; season with cinnamon.

Potato Custard for Meat Pie.—One teacupful of cream to six good-sized potatoes, boiled and mashed fine; add salt and flour enough for roll; handle it as little as possible.

Boiled Hominy.—Put six ounces of hominy to steep in one pint of water over night; next morning put it on the fire with the water it was steeped in, add one half pint of milk, one half cup of butter, two eggs, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful cream tartar, half teaspoonful soda, half cup of milk. Beat the butter and sugar together and the eggs separately.

Apple Custard Pies.—Stew sour apples until soft that they will rub through a sieve. To a quart of the stewed apple add two cups of sugar, one pint of milk, half a cup of butter and five eggs; season with grated lemon peel, and bake in puff paste like custards.

Farm Accounts! How to keep them. The undersigned has prepared a new and improved system of Farm Accounts, which will save the farmer from the expense and trouble of keeping his accounts in a haphazard way.