

THE SCHOOL TEACHER

A STORY OF DISTRICT NUMBER THREE

"And so you will persist in your determination to fill that unfortunate engagement?" "I hardly see how I am to avoid it, Frank, as the case stands. Had I known that you wanted me, I should have answered the application differently, I assure you. As it is, you did not know! But you do now, and you belong to me, and I shall insist upon implicit obedience. This is my first command: Write to this pompous school director and say: 'Am sorry to disappoint you, but circumstances prevent me. I have no control will prevent me from turning to your district the ensuing term, or coming winter, as you please.' 'Very convenient, to be sure," the lady replied laughing. "Is that the way you advise my more wealthy clients in the face of a written contract?" "Perhaps not. But I propose to put in a claim as guardian."

She did not reply and with a muttered "excuse you," he stalked from the room, and soon after from the house. Miss Meadows was well aware that she had made an error of one who had the power to annoy her, and she very little doubted his determination to do so. The next day in school was not a pleasant one. The Peters boys took liberties as they had not done before, and the whole school seemed restless and excited like a lake when the storm first approaches. For a week she was subjected to the most harassing annoyances. First her desk was surreptitiously opened and some vulgar rhymes written on her schedule; then was placed in a box hidden in the desk to fly out and frighten the teacher as well as scholars into spasms; then a caricature of Miss Meadows appeared on the black-board; and she was told to do so as if it had been discovered by the perpetrator. She was also suspected, was almost sure who were at the bottom of the mischief, but she had no way of tracing it home to them. She carried the key of the school-room, and all detestable persons, and all detestable persons, evidently came and went at pleasure. Finally, the key she carried was stolen from her reticule, and she found herself locked from the house. Then you should take better care of it, that's all I've got to say."

Mr. Coffin's Spelling Book. The other evening Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, who live on Broad St., sat in their cozy back parlor, reading the paper and she knitting, and the family cat stretched out before the stove, and sighed and felt sorry for cats not so well fixed. It was a happy contented household, and there was love in his heart as Mr. Coffin put down his newspaper and remarked: "I see that the whole country is becoming excited about spelling schools." "Well, it's good to know how to spell," replied the wife. "I didn't have the chance some girls had, but I pride myself that I can spell almost any word that comes along."

It has sometimes been made a matter of reproach that our people, and particularly our business people, confine their reading chiefly to newspapers. If the charge be true in point of fact, and in regard to the mass of men actively engaged in business we presume it is true, the matter is not a proper subject of reproach. Newspapers have changed their character within the past twenty years. Instead of being mere political organs, with occasional want advertisements, they have developed to meet the requirements of the large and intelligent constituency which looks to them mainly for its mental pabulum. They have become comprehensive repositories of local information. With the extension of telegraphic facilities, they are enabled to present each morning or afternoon an epitome of all important news at home and abroad. They have become vehicles of correspondence by which near and distant observers hold communion with the world, and their columns of selected miscellany present, in abridged and readable form, the choicest thoughts of the best minds of the age. Their editorial range has been largely expanded, to embrace all topics of common interest. Their message to include in some shape the whole round of human affairs, and in this large respect it may be said of them that "They show, contain and purport all the news."

A man walks three miles in an hour; a horse trots eight; steamboats run eighteen; sailing vessels, ten; slow rivers four; rapid rivers two; modern windmills seven; stone windmills thirty; hurricane, eighty; a rifle ball, one thousand; sound, seven hundred and forty-three; light, one hundred and ninety thousand; electricity, two hundred and eighty thousand. A barrel of flour weighs one hundred and ninety-six pounds; a barrel of pork, two hundred; a barrel of rice, six hundred; a bushel of wheat, sixty; a bushel of corn, fifty; a bushel of rye, forty; a bushel of barley, thirty; a bushel of oats, twenty; a bushel of timothy, ten; a bushel of clover, five; a bushel of alfalfa, four; a bushel of timothy, ten; a bushel of clover, five; a bushel of alfalfa, four; a bushel of timothy, ten; a bushel of clover, five; a bushel of alfalfa, four.

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