

SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY.

A TREATISE BY THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

What is Needed to Make Rural Schools Efficient in Every Respect—Interesting Statistics.

The National Bureau of Education has issued a very interesting treatise upon rural schools, their progress in the past, and means of improvement in the future.

This picture, while it may be drawn too harshly to correctly represent exceptional instances, is certainly truthful in the main.

The normal schools are great helps in improving the standard of school teachers, but the normal school system is now far from complete.

There are ninety-eight normal schools in the country, with an attendance of 30,000. As thirty per cent. of the teachers are changed annually, it is easy to see that the normal schools afford but a small part of the provision required for training teachers.

The teacher who has a normal school education cannot be secured for the country schools, because his talent is better paid elsewhere.

There is hardly anything in which time and money can be more profitably spent than in improving the country schools, in teaching and the methods of study, and it is to be hoped that far more attention will be paid to the subject than is now the case.

The Trumpet.

The trumpet is a universally popular musical instrument, and appears to have been known in all ages and all countries.

Davy Jones's Locker.

Sailors call the sea "Davy Jones's Locker" because the dead are thrown there.

Sealskin and Seal Catching.

"Seal fur will never become cheaper," said a New York dealer to a Mail and Express representative.

"There are only four seal grounds of any importance in the world—the islands of St. George and St. Paul in Behring's sea, which belong to the Territory of Alaska, and the other two are the Commander islands, lying 700 miles west of these in the czar's dominions.

It takes a great deal of care and work to bring the fur to the rich and glossy perfection it shows when wrapped around the form of a fashionable lady.

It is a question, is, how long will these seals last? and if they take a notion to desert these four islands, where will they go?

We take the following choice morsel from a little book entitled "Poultry for Pleasure and Profit."

All things are given to us for our pleasure or our profit. As soon as things cease to be of one or the other, it is of no use, and as long as it does give us pleasure or profit, it is good for us.

A Talk With a Photographer. "It is the hardest thing in the world to get some folks into any kind of a natural position, or expression of countenance."

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A German engineer has invented an electric target on which a hand indicates the exact point where the bullet strikes it.

Cork, when carbonized, produces 62.80 per cent. pure charcoal, the greatest per cent. of any known wood.

Several agricultural chemists of Germany have been studying to improve heavy soils, and now recommend lime as a dressing.

When He Came Home. "Hand me that collar button," demanded George Wellsby, turning with an annoyed air toward his little girl.

"I wouldn't say that," "Confound it, she worries me so. I haven't more than time to catch the train."

Mr. Wellsby is a commercial traveler, a kind and tender-hearted man, but subjected at times to nervousness. Seated with vivacious acquaintances, speeding over the country, a little voice would steal in between the roars of merry laughter and say:

"Kiss me, too, papa." "I don't care for any." "Then there must be something the matter with you."

On a night train going home, he could see the little hands. "Click, clack, clack—kiss me, too; kiss me, too."

A Chancellor's Opinion. Hon. James Harlan, ex-vice-chancellor of Louisville, Ky., a brother of Justice Harlan, United States supreme court, says of St. Jacobs Oil: "I use it, and I know full well whereof I speak in pronouncing it a most extraordinary cure for all that is claimed for it by its proprietors."

The total production of pure bar tin in all the countries of the world is 30,000 tons a year, and of this 13,000 tons are brought to the United States.

DOCTORS FURIOUS.

Shall a Physician Tell the Truth or Not?—A Sensitive Health Official.

BALTIMORE, Md.—A decided rift has been caused here over the question as to the right of a physician to certify to the merits of a remedy not in the modern pharmacopoeia.

It was argued that to thus place a limitation on the acts of a physician and especially of a health officer, was opposed to the spirit of the age, that such restriction might have been logical enough when it was to the interest of rulers or societies to invest themselves with a supernatural halo, but now when thought should be free and untrammelled, such things savored of barbarism.

There could be no gainsaying such evidence as this as to the efficacy of the remedy, and there appeared another certificate with autograph signatures of leading practicing physicians from all parts of the State, including the physicians of all the leading hospitals, the physician in chief of the city, and resident port physicians of infirmaries all endorsing the discovery and stating that it had been tested by them in hospitals and private practice for weeks.

A Letter of Thanks. Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham—Very dear Madam, My wife Arie A. Green has suffered with a displacement which caused her unknown pains till I had almost given up all hopes of finding any relief for her.

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