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Our Children and the Schools.

"Give me the first ten years of a child's life, and you may have the remainder," is what the greatest human teacher and educator the world ever produced said and wrote. By this he meant, that if a child were under his care and tutelage for the period of its first ten years, that no one or set of tutors, after that time, could undo or change materially the impressions which he had made upon and in that child's mind and heart, no matter what the ability and qualifications of such subsequent teachers might be. He was right in what he said, and the assertion challenges successful contradiction to-day, and ever will stand firm as long as men are human. Every true educator in the land understands the philosophy of this proposition, and never questions its soundness for a moment, for to such it comes with the force and authority of an axiom—a self-evident truth. In infancy and early childhood, i. e., from birth, if you please, on up to ten or twelve years, the mind and heart are susceptible of the slightest impressions, because the faculty of observation is in its most active state and rules supreme. The mind of a child from its birth can, without straining any figures of speech, be very properly compared to a blank sheet of writing paper. Every minute, every hour, every day, every week, month and year, some visible or invisible hand is most ardently at work writing with an indelible pen upon this tablet of the mind characters, which, if impressed in consonance with the principles of true education on the side of the God, the True and the Beautiful, will glow forth in magnificent life apples of gold in pictures of silver. If upon the other hand the im-

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And again, when a man has contracted a disease which in its nature is of a mild and non-malignant character, he may be content to receive the attention and prescriptions of an ordinarily skilled physician; but when the disease is complicated and malignant in form and character,

then he will employ every means to secure medical aid of the highest order. Now mark the force of this simile. The mind in childhood is frail, weak, susceptible to all impressions whether good or bad, is yearning and striving for the light of intelligence. This condition therefore is analogous to the man seriously afflicted with disease and needing the services of him most profoundly learned and experienced in the curative art,—the most thoroughly equipped and competent teacher, for the present purposes. As the years come and go, however, the child-mind will develop logically and grow strong under the instruction and guidance of his model exemplar, until he arrives at the age of ten or twelve years, when in all human probability his mind will have been made proof against illogical and adverse development. And if from this time on the mind, by reason of falling in the hands of false and incompetent teachers, should become tarnished in a greater or less degree, it would require but a slight suggestion from the voice of the true teacher stowed away in the faculty of recollection, to cause the subject to recoil and once again tread the paths of virtue and the pursuits of intelligent development never perhaps to depart therefrom. This latter condition will follow from the treatment prescribed by an ordinarily skilled physician,—teacher,—for a mild disease easily cured,—the mind of a child after ten or twelve years of age. If these views and comparisons are correct,—and who dare call them in question,—then how great must be the responsibility of those who undertake the instruction of our children! Yet we often hear it said, "Almost anybody can teach the little ones." (7) Ah, what a mistake! How supremely criminal is such an idea! Better let it be said that almost any one can teach the older ones, for their mental, moral and physical existence is more permanently fixed and moulded, and the damage to be done will be only in proportion. We believe that facts will warrant the conclusion, that out of every hundred teachers in our schools to-day, only one can be found qualified in every respect to teach pupils from the age of six to twelve years; whilst many may be found amply qualified to teach the high schools. This may seem a paradox to many persons, but it is nevertheless a fact founded in truth and experience. To such a state of things, therefore, our attention is stowed upon securing the best teaching talent for our primary schools.

In view of the above, therefore, it would follow as a logical sequence, in point of compensation of teachers, that if a Board of education desires to employ three teachers, for instance, at a monthly salary of \$75, \$100 and \$125, respectively, the following form of advertisement should be inserted, viz: Wanted.—One teacher for primary department at a salary of \$125 per month, one for intermediate grade at \$100 per month, and one for high school department at \$75 per month.—none but thoroughly competent and qualified teachers for the respective grades need apply. This formula may be unprecedented in this section of the State, though it is adopted in the most enlightened localities; and wherever these principles are recognized and put in execution they will prove an eternal blessing to both parents and children.

W. E. HOUSEWORTH.

PORT TREVORTON.

Sleighing has been fine the last few days and the young folks are taking advantage of it too. On Wednesday evening the Mite Society of the U. B. church favored us with something splendid in the form of a patriotic entertainment. The program was complete, and its arrangement is characteristic of their exquisite taste of what is entertaining. The singing by Misses Martin, Hoover and Houtz and the recitation by Miss Dora Burns on the burial of Moses, are truly worthy of comment, while speeches made by Rev. Lehr and Supt. Hoffman did much to excite a burning love for our country. The children, too, did exceedingly well, and to say the least it was a superb exhibition. We noticed in the Post of a few weeks ago that our county-seat is afflicted with an unknown letter dropper. Now we are bothered with the same kind of nuisance, who is distributing scandalous letters. He must indeed be a miserable creature who needs resort to such latent means of accusing his fellow being, and I'll wager that the accused will deal straight-forwardly with him should he fail to preserve his incognito.

ELDEN.

Bucklen's Arnica Salvo. The best Salves in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. C. Kepler, druggist, Paxtonville, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. Sunbury and Lewistown Division. Time Table. In effect Dec. 19, 1892. WESTWARD [DIS.] STATION. L. EASTWARD

Sellinggrove Accommodation (Connecting with trains on N. C. Ry.) Leave Sellinggrove. Arrive at Sellinggrove 5:45 P. M. 5:52 P. M.

Fraintown and Lewistown Junction: 4:55 a. m. 10:45 a. m. 1:15 p. m. 5:05 p. m. 7:31 p. m.

Philadelphian & Erie R. R. Division. AND NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY. Trains Leave Sunbury daily except Sunday:

Trains Leave Sellinggrove Junction: 9:25 a. m. arriving at Philadelphia 2:40 p. m. New York 5:50 p. m. Baltimore 8:10 p. m. Washington 4:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Book's Cotton Root Compound. A recent discovery by an old physician, who has cured thousands of cases of skin diseases, such as eczema, psoriasis, and other eruptions, and is now offered to the public at a low price.

Valuable Real Estate at Private Sale! The undersigned offers at private sale the following real estate situated in Paxtonville, Snyder County, Pa., a mile west of the county-seat, on the Sunbury and Lewistown R. R.:

TRACT NO. 1.—Four Building Houses, with front porches, on lot 100 ft. wide, and containing 1/2 acre of land. Tract No. 2.—The old Farmhouse, situated on lot 100 ft. wide, and containing 1/2 acre of land. Tract No. 3.—A fine Water Power, 25 feet fall, with a good mill, making a most valuable location for manufacturing purposes.

Busy As A Bee! Yes; busy as a bee in clover time. Such has been the case this fall with GARMAN, THE SHOE-MAN, whose superior line of Boots & Shoes and low prices have brought him a kept busy day and night waiting on his customers. Just come and see his stock and learn his prices and you will appreciate the aptness of the comparison between him and the busy bee.

Family Safety Oil. The best Burning Oil that can be made from Petroleum. It gives a brilliant light. It will not smoke the chimney. It will not char the wick. It has a high fire test. It will not explode. It is without a comparison as a perfection.

DR. R. A. SIMPSON'S Office No. 846 E. Market St. York, Pa. WILL BE AT Home Office, March 1 to 13, 1893. Eagle Hotel, Middleburgh, Pa., from Friday, March 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. to Saturday noon.

Dr. Simpson will examine any one who may call upon him free of charge. Knowing that hundreds are living out a miserable existence with out medical aid, some because they have passed through the "old ordeal" without relief, and some perhaps, because they may not know where to apply, he feels justified in making these facts public, trusting that a number will seize upon these plain truths and be fully rewarded by a cure.

Mr. Reuben Grubb, of Liverpool, Perry county, Pa., had a cancer on lower lip for several months and was completely cured by the treatment of Dr. R. A. Simpson, of York, Pa.

Dr. Simpson invites any one who doubts any of these statements to write to the parties and ascertain for themselves. These are only a few of the many testimonials obtained. The doctor invites correspondence from a distance. If you write enclose 4 cents in stamps.

DR. L. H. VOELKLER, DENTIST. Treating, filling, artificial teeth, bridge and crown work. Nitrous oxide gas for painless extractions. Everything pertaining to dentistry.

ULRICH'S DENTAL ROOMS, Sellinggrove, Pa. Teeth cleaned, extracted, implanted, regulated, diseases and injuries to the teeth and mouth treated. Artificial sets, crowns, bridges and obturators inserted. All kinds of filling, gold work a specialty.

S. F. SHEARY, Insurance Agent and Broker, Paxtonville, Pa. Only first class Stock Companies represented. I do not present the premium notes, hence you pay no interest.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Let George A. Shaffer, late of Chapman Township, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, or those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.

SLATE ROOFING. The undersigned has always on hand a superior line of slate for roofing, and in regard to the work he respectfully refers to the following testimonials:

The slate roof on my house placed there by H. L. Phillips is all that I expected. I would have none other. I have pleasure in recommending Mr. Phillips' slate roofing to the public. His work has given perfect satisfaction.

Crown Acme. The best Burning Oil that can be made from Petroleum. It gives a brilliant light. It will not smoke the chimney. It will not char the wick. It has a high fire test. It will not explode. It is without a comparison as a perfection.

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Family Safety Oil. It is manufactured from the finest Crude in the most perfectly equipped refineries in the world. It is the Best. Ask your dealer for Crown Acme.

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W. H. FELIX, Lewistown, Pa.

G. C. GUTELIUS THE ONE-PRICE CLOTHIER!

Fashionable Clothing, Hats, caps, Neckties, Gents, Furnishing Goods, Summer Underwear, and Celeoid. Children suits and everything to make a man look handsome and feel happy, at prices that discount all imitation stores!

Clothing for prince AND Pauper! Clothing that looks like silk and wears like leather. Come to the old Reliable where you get what you pay for. My new stock is just in, is entirely new and comprises all the latest styles. Too busy waiting on customers to tell you more. Come and see for yourself.

G. C. GUTELIUS, Middleburgh, Pa.

SHOEMACKER CO.'S Electro-Gold String Pianos.

Among the most important points of superiority of these magnificent Pianos is, that longer than those of other makes they remain in tone, and that, while many instruments, which at first give satisfaction, become flat and wry, the Shoemaker Piano is still staunch and true. It is impossible to overestimate the advantages derived from the use of the Electro-Gold Strings. The ordinary iron-wrapped or so-called white metal-plated strings, which all other makers are still compelled to use, are immediately affected by atmospheric action, gradually destroying the power of the strings to prolong and sustain the tone, rendering them liable to easily snap and break.

I do not present the Shoemaker instrument in competition with the low-priced and absurdly misnamed "cheap" Pianos, this county and adjoining ones have been flooded with; but to those who appreciate a Piano unimpeachable of further improvement—an instrument to do credit to their taste—I confidently offer the SHOEMACKER PIANO as unexcelled by any in the world and at the lowest prices, which will yield me a just profit.

PAUL BILLHARDT, Middleburgh P. O.

Clothes Don't Make The Man

but they go a great ways in that direction. Then why send to the City for ready-made clothing and then take them to a local tailor to improve the fit, when you can get a

SUBSTANTIAL MAKE AND GOOD FIT at once by going to— HENRY L. PHILLIPS. MERCHANT TAILOR, Sellinggrove, Pa., where your work is always guaranteed or you have recourse. This is a question that interests every man and boy. A neat-fitting suit, no matter what the material is it always looks better than an ill-fitting suit no matter how fine the goods. Then come at once and get fits.

PRIVATE SALE,

The undersigned will offer to the public his entire stock of Furniture and Bedding for the next three months at the greatest sacrifice ever known in the Furniture Trade in central Penna. Having decided to change my business in doing so must make some alterations in my buildings I am compelled to offer my entire stock at prices never heard of before. Chamber Suits, Parlor Suits, Sideboards, Cupboards, Extension Tables, Breakfast Tables, Centre Tables, Marble Top Tables, Polish Tables, Fancy Crockers, Common Rockers, Willow Rockers, Baby coaches, High chairs, Small rockers, Wood-seat chairs, Cane Seat chairs, Doughtrays, Beds, Bureaus, Washstands, Sofas, Lounges, couches, Mattresses, Blankets, Haps, Pillows, Bolsters, Springs, &c., &c. The above goods must be sold without reserve, and will be delivered to all points along the main line and branches of R. R. My stock of Carpets is the largest in Lewistown, and will be offered at a great reduction during the above sale.