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A well known specialist on ear diseases has made the announcement that half the deafness prevalent at the present time can be traced to the practice of boxing the ears of children.

Editor of the Lindsey Press says burglars tried to gain an entrance into the Press office one night last week. What they wanted to go through a printing office for is more than Bro. Work, or another man familiar with a printing office, can explain.

A teachers' pension bill has been formulated in Pittsburgh which will be presented to the State Legislature at the coming session. The bill embodies the following: An educator must be fifty years of age before he can apply for a pension, and have taught twenty-five years continuously in the state. Some persons should formulate a country editors' pension bill.

Extravagance is the besetting sin of our young men. Too frequently you see young men on small salaries wear better clothes, live higher and spend more money than their employers. The fellow who is free with his money always finds a crowd of friends (?) ready to help him dispose of it, but when he finds himself in need of help he finds his friends have flown. He then turns to the less extravagant companion, whom he terms a "miser," and asks accommodation. He is his own worst enemy and his extravagance is the death of his other ambitions.

A physician of Columbus, Mo., has announced to the world that he has been successful, after years of experimenting, in not only finding a sure cure for consumption, and the root and source of all disease and the means of eradicating it quickly and easily, but even more than this, he has discovered a means by which he can easily give to anyone immunity from disease and keep him always in health. He has discovered secrets regarding the loss of health and strength and the restoration of the same, which have hitherto escaped the combined researches of the physicians of all ages.

Special efforts have been made in the past year or two to enlighten the public mind as to the necessity of preserving our forests from the widespread and ruthless destruction that is going on over our extended domain at the hand of mill owners and incendiaries. The latter may not generally act from malicious motives, but their carelessness and indifference are in effect the same; and the resulting loss and devastation are incalculable. If the American people wish to preserve the purity of their water supplies; if they wish to prevent their rivers from becoming, except during rainy seasons, mere dry channels; if they wish to preclude cyclone and deluge, they must demand from the State Legislature and from Congress efficient legislation to protect their forest areas.

Col. R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who has been secretary of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Assoc'n for a number of years, and who is now president of the National Editorial Association, is a candidate for Public Printer under the McKinley administration. Col. Thomas is a veteran printer in active business, a man of excellent executive ability, and THE STAR unhesitatingly asserts that the government will get good and efficient services if Bro. Thomas is placed in the position of Public Printer. Considering Col. Thomas' ability to fill the position and the fact that the Keystone State has not been honored by the selection of one of her sons for Public Printer for a number of years, Mr. Thomas has a good chance for the appointment.

It is now stated that a bill will be introduced in congress this winter to give all non-commissioned officers and enlisted men who served in the United States army or navy in the late rebellion and made application for pensions under old law since 1890, pay from the date of their discharge. This will be good news for the soldiers who did not or could not make application before 1890, when the law for back pay expired.

Col. Ainsworth, chief of the bureau, says that there are doubtless a considerable number of persons who, from ignorance of the law, failed to take advantage of its provisions. They are equally as deserving as the far greater number to whom the law has applied, and it is suggested that Congress renew the now expired act, this time leaving out limitation as to the time within which claims must be filed.—Ez.

Our Educational Column.

"Uncle William," Editor.

Address all communications relative to this department to Editor Educational Column, care of THE STAR.

THE BRIDGE OF "SILENCE"

Pupils unfortunate daily are seen playing at football out on the green.

Rashly impetuous are they, I ween, cutting the football over the green.

Take it up tenderly, handle with care, and over tenderly kick, but don't swear.

With touchdown and tackle, a rack and a fall, tramp on the players, but don't hurt the ball.

Now piled up together they tumble and roll, as the conglomeration cries, "On to the goal!"

With paralyzed poses you hear them declare, "Suffering Moses! let go of my hair!"

Fortunate pupils, disheveled and lame, all on account of this innocent game.

In they plunge, madly, wildly, gladly, no matter how badly noses are skinned, picture it, think of it, describe kids.

Take them home tenderly, dump them with care, rub them with arnica, freeze their hair.

DILIGENCE

Boys and girls, we talked to you last week on the subject of "Punctuality." This week we will interview you on its companion, "Diligence." Diligence is an important spoke in the wheel of life. It has been termed by some writers as "the mother of good luck." There is no question in life that we should ask ourselves more cautiously than, "Do I display a proper degree of diligence in the direction of the object I wish to attain?"

The first thing that demands your attention is the selection of a suitable field in the direction of which your diligence should be displayed, for, if you err in the selection of this, you will hazard both your comfort and usefulness in life. In selecting your vocation for life you should first consider your capabilities. You are all constituted with the same general faculties, yet all do not possess them in equal degrees of strength, nor are the particular faculties always predominant in different individuals. Hence, it frequently happens that while a certain individual is admirably fitted for one kind of business, he has scarcely any talent for another, and his usefulness must depend, in a great measure, on the selection of an employment to which he is adapted. You should also consider your own taste, for it very rarely happens that a person succeeds in any occupation to which he or she is averse; but do not let "taste" carry you so far as to furnish an apology for engaging in an occupation that is not useful and praiseworthy, you should also have regard for the circumstances in which you are placed, for that in which it might be clearly your duty to engage in one set of circumstances, it might be your imperative duty to decline in another. Therefore you should be willing to take the advice of those who are best qualified to give both in respect to your natural capabilities and the circumstances in which you are placed.

Even if you have not determined what is to be your occupation for life, yet you should aim, in the course of your education, for some permanent occupation. Do not allow yourself to be needlessly carried away from your duties—especially by the intrusion of indolent and unprofitable acquaintances, and if they do come, let them know by your actions if not by words, that your maxim is "Duty before pleasure."

If your task is difficult still endeavor to perform it for you do not know but that the failure in a single instance may be the commencement of a general habit of neglect, you can rest assured that the triumph which persevering fidelity insures to you will be worth more than you can imagine to your stability and self-respect.

Do not be satisfied with merely "going through" the various duties that devolve upon you, but see that every thing you attempt to do is done in the best possible manner.

When preparing your lessons never lay aside your book until you fully comprehend your lesson; whatever mysteries there may be in the book before you, let there be none in the portion over which you have studied. If you form early the habit of doing everything well, the consequence will be that you will soon do everything with pleasure to yourself and satisfaction to others.

No matter how busy you may be you can accomplish nothing without method. You may be the busiest person in the community, and your efforts generally well directed, and yet without system you would hardly be missed if you should leave. Endeavor then to work by rule. Let your duties succeed each other so as not to produce confusion, so that you are never lost in the midst of them. Let your diligence be systematic as well as persevering and it cannot fail to be effective.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Room 13 has organized a Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Trio, and Room 14 a female string band and a male glee club, verily with the Orchestra we will have abundance of harmony.

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all female complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, or are nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with dizzy spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

Save money on shoes at Robinson's.

The best silver polish in the world at Gooder's.

At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.

Just in—one thousand pounds of that wonderful fine cheese at Robinson & Mundorf's. If you have a tooth for good cheese, try it.

A big honest bargain for holidays at the People's bargain store. An extra pair of every day pants given away with every suit of boys' clothes over \$1.00. Sizes from 6 to 13 years.

Ladies, if you want a stylish garment Deemers have a variety of jackets and capes to select from.

Art pottery, celluloid novelties, books, games at Stoke's pharmacy.

Now is the time to select your Christmas presents while the stock is complete. Our new goods are coming in daily.

What is a Kiss? A contemporary recently offered a prize for the best definition of a "kiss." The following are some of the best definitions sent in, the first one winning the prize:

An insipid and tasteless morsel, which becomes delicious and delectable in proportion when it is flavored with love.

The sweetest fruit on the tree of love. The oftener plucked the more abundant it grows.

A thing of use to no one, but much prized by two.

The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the parents' benison, and the hypocrite's mask.

That which you cannot give without taking and can not take without giving.

The food by which the flame of love is fed.

The flag of truce in the petty wars of courtship and marriage.

The scheme of agony to a bashful man.

The only known "smack" that will calm a storm.

A telegram to the heart.

Nothing divided between two.

Not enough for one, just enough for two, and too much for three.

For Sale.

Draft team weighing 1500, also sleighs for sale. J. C. KING & CO.

Gents, see the fine all-wool ulster at Bell's for \$7.00.

New stamped linens at Deemers.

Have your eyes examined and fitted by C. F. Hoffman, the only graduate optician in town.

Men's fancy brown and black derbies at Millirens \$1.50 and \$2.00.

For winter underwear go to Deemers.

Men's clothing from \$3.50 a suit up, at the People's Bargain store.

First National Bank

OF REYNOLDSVILLE.

CAPITAL \$20,000.00.

C. Mitchell, President; Scott McClelland, Vice Pres.; John H. Kaucher, Cashier.

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Does a general banking business and solicits the accounts of merchants, professional men, farmers, mechanics, miners, lumbermen and others, promising the most careful attention to the business of all persons.

Safe Deposit Boxes for rent. First National Bank building, Nolan block

Fire Proof Vault.

M. W. McDONALD,

FIRE, LIFE and ACCIDENT Insurance.

I have a large line of Companies and am prepared to handle large or small lines of insurance. Prompt attention given to any business entrusted to my care. Office in Nolan Block, Reynoldsville, Pa.

I have bought the

Finest and Best

line of Goods ever

brought to Reyn-

oldsville.

A line of novelty goods from 10 to 50 cents a yard; dress goods in all colors and at all prices; plaids from 8 to 75 cts a yard; Shepherd plaid from 12 1/2 to 75 cts; cashmeres in all colors and at prices to suit the times; forty-five inch Henrietta in black, blue, green and rose at 48 cts a yard; former price \$1.00.

A large line in wash goods; Dimity, Percal, Gesmonda and Moire Estival, Dotted Swiss in white, blue and pink at prices lower than ever; white goods at all prices; satines in plain, striped and figures.

Large line of embroideries from 2 cts up to 75 cts a yard.

Ladies' waists from 48 cts to \$1.25.

CLOTHING.

You will save money by buying your clothing at Hanau's. Men's all wool cheviot suits at 6.50, worth 10.00; men's all wool cheviot suits at 5.00; men's clay suits from 6.50 to \$14; youth's suits in chevots, worsteds and clay, all colors, at all prices.

Boys' and children's suits from 75c up to 5.00.

A large line of laundered shirts, white and colored, from 50c to 1.25.

A fine line in neckwear, hats and caps.

Please call in before buying elsewhere. No trouble to show goods.

N. Hanau.

Christmas Goods

at H. J. Nickle's Variety Store!

—A Full Line of—

Dolls, Toys of all kinds, Vases, Chinaware,

China Novelties, &c., &c.

Call early and make your choice.

REED BLOCK, MAIN STREET.



Don't ring the night bell

at three o'clock in the morning for a postage stamp, but in case of emergency don't hesitate to jerk it with a vim. That's what it's there for. You won't have to wait out in the cold long, either, after ringing. I jump at the first ting-a-ling and dress as I shuffle down the stairs.

STOKE, RELIABLE PHARMACIST.

Holiday Dress Stuff.

No more sensible gift can be given than a nice Dress Pattern to mother, sister and daughter; and this is the place to get them.

Towels and Table Linens. Handkerchiefs.

Our assortment is fine from 5c. to 75c. UMBRELLAS at prices to tempt You. All Silk, Satin Ribbons from No. 9 to 22 at HALF PRICE.

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets.

Come soon, as they will not last long at the low prices we offer them.

BING & CO.

A flash of lightning

coming from a clear sky

is a very rare occurrence, but one day last week a lady and gentleman received a welcome shock. Yes, they had gone to the Reynoldsville Hardware Co. to buy

Carpets, Furniture and General Hardware

and the great values shown them caused a noticeable expression of joy and gladness to shine upon their faces. They purchased a complete furnishing for their home and departed, saying:

"The immense stock, at such low prices! We'll call again."

REYNOLDSVILLE HARDWARE CO.

LOOK AT THIS!

Golden Sheaf Flour, \$1.15 per sk.  
 " " " 4.40 " bbl.  
 Superlative " 1.15 " sk.  
 " " 4.40 " bbl.  
 Perfection Flour, 1.10 " sk.  
 " " 4.20 " bbl.

This Flour is guaranteed to be the finest in the market.

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