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THE PATTON COURIER "Look it Up in the Big Book"

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opies issued in 1828 have grown the , WHILE you're reading, millions of dictionaries which are to you come across a word, the be found in the homes, schools and eaning of which you do offices of the English-speaking world not know, what do you do? of today, and every one of these dic-The chances are that you tionaries whether it bears his name ask somebody to tell you what it means, and the on its cover or not is a monument to Noah Webster, the Yankee schoolchances are, also, that that teacher and lawyer, who devoted forsomebody will tell you to "look it up in the big book" ty-eight years of his life to a task which has enriched our language imor to "consult Mr. Webster." measurably. Although the words "Webster" and "dictionary" are syn-For that is what Americans have been doing now for exactly a hundred years onymous in the minds of most of us, -"looking it up in the big book" or but few of us know much about the man, Noah Webster. Nine out of ten "consulting Mr. Webster." For it was just one hundred years ago this sumperhaps would confuse him with his mer that a scene of unusual activity distant relative, Daniel Webster, the orator and statesman. Yet it is not was taking place in the print shop of Hezekiah Howe in New Haven, Conn., too much to say perhaps, that the conand just one hundred years ago this tribution of Noah Webster to Ameriautumn there came forth the first can life will be an important one long edition of Noah Webster's "American at of Daniel V

From that Mittle edition of 2,500 | in a more logical and serviceable manner than Dilworth's speller, the work of an Englishman previously used, and instead of dry passages from the Scriptures, he used interesting, if homely, anecdotes which appealed immediately to the children who for the next hundred years were to be impressed by the moral of these stories. By 1815 the sales of the speller were averaging 286,000 copies a year. By 1828 they had risen to 350,000 copies annually, and by 1848 they were up to 1,000,000 a year. As late as 1880 t was still going strong, and it has been estimated that more than 100.-000,000 copies have been sold since 1783. Webster's fame may rest mainly upon his dictionary, but in a sense the dictionary owes its existence to the speller, for during the remainder of Webster's life, and especially the twenty years he spent in compiling nary, most of the support o Elizabethtown, Ky .- Railroads innis family came from the profits of this little blue-backed 15-penny book. In 1800 he gave up all his other work devote himself to his dictionary. His original plan was to correct the errors and supply the omissions in older dictionaries, especially Johnson's. So he spent a number of years collecting words. Then realizing his own lack of knowledge as to the origin of words he changed his plan. For the next ten years he devoted himself to a comparative study of words, and when he was sixty-six years old, having exhausted all the resources of libraries in this country, he went to France and England to complete his work. Finally his great task was done, and in the autumn of 1828, it came from the press. Not content to rest after a quarter-century of incessant labor n one exacting task, the sturdy old Yankee set about revising some of his earlier works. In 1840 he published a revised edition of his dictionary and he was in the midst of a second revision in 1843 when death came to claim him. So the next time you come across a word whose meaning you do not un-derstand, before you ask somebody what it means, think of the admonition of one chronicler of Webster's career-"If there is one too lazy to take the half-dozen steps necessary to reach the dictionary, let him pic-ture the Connecticut scholar spending twenty-five years pacing about before his huge semicircular table, laden



SEARCH FOR BOY

ENDS AT GATES OF

Chicago Mother Visits City After City in Two-Year

Hunt for Youth.

Louisville, Ky .- A two-year search

for her missing son ended here the other day when Mrs. Helen Shiner, forty-nine years old, of Chicago, iden-

tified a police photograph of her boy, now serving a one-year sentence in the state reformatory at Frankfort. After identifying the photograph, Mrs. Shiner fainted. When she re-vived she sobbed out her story. Then

she was taken to a hospital for treat-

Mrs. Shiner told police that her son, Henry Shiner, known to officers as Fred Johnson, bid her a brief "goodby" and left to follow the races two years ago. Weeks of illness and days of financial distress followed. But

ment of a weak heart.

KENTUCKY PRISON

known as Johnson and they thought he had "got in trouble." With the name Johnson as a clew, the mother's trail led to police head-quarters. There she found her son's picture. Officers told Mrs. Shiner that he had been arrested in Lexington for theft of an automobile and was sentenced to serve a year in jail. She says the boy is only fifteen years old. She is now determined to wait for his release, and then to take him home.

False Teeth Tie Up Whole Rail System



Mark Twain would have been a

great title writer for the movies, Pho-

toplay Magazine observes. "Everybody," said Twain, "is al

ways complaining about the weather,

but nobody does anything about it." (Change weather to picture and it is

"Parts were good," wrote Mathew

Arnold, another title expert. "Parts

were original. But that which was

good was not original, and that which

The Editor's Son

was original was not good."

still good.)

It won't be snubbed-the Grecian nose

A great mind treats little minds as such and is never belittled by them



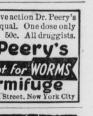


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Pearl St., N. Y. City.

Dictionary of the English Language." been forgotten entirely. Now, the issuing of a dictionary is

Noah Webster was the son of a pool not in itself a unique event, but the New England farmer of West Hart issuing of Noah Webster's dictionary ford, Conn., who in 1774, when Noah, away back there in 1828 was a note-Jr., was sixteen years old, mortgaged worthy event, and in some respects his farm to pay his son's expenses in the book itself was unique. Hereto-Yale college from which the boy was fore the English-speaking world had depended upon Dr. Samuel Johnson's graduated four years later. Upon the day of his graduation his father gave him an **e**lght-dollar Continental bill for authoritative spelling and definition of words. But when the ed-(worth about four dollars at the time) ition of 2,500 copies of the new dicand told him that he could do no more tionary, each consisting of two bulky for him. Although young Webster had quarto volumes of more than 1,000 pages each, appeared, Doctor Johnintended to become a lawyer, he had no means to continue his studies into that field, so he had to resort to teachson's work was already obsolete. For Webster's book listed, defined and ilng to make a living while he studied lustrated with appropriate quotations law by himself-so successfully, it somewhere between 70,000 and 80,000 proved, that he was admitted to the words and included 12,000 words and par in Hartford in 1781. He was unnearly 40,000 definitions which had able to wait for a practice, however, never before appeared in any dictionso he again engaged in school teachary of the English tongue. Most of the definitions Webster had coined ing, this time at Goshen, N. Y., where he established a classical school. anew, doing virtually all of both the

There in 1782, foreseeing that Amermental and manual labor involved unca, after separation from the mother assisted. He also did some revising and simplifying, and it is to him that country would need to have its own

school texts, he planned a "Grammatwe owe the fact that we write it "honor" instead of "honour" and "trav-eler" instead of "traveller." But more ical institute" to include a speller, a reader and a grammar. The speller was issued first, in 1783, followed in than that, his dictionary was actionst 1784 by the grammar, and in 1785 by an encyclopedia in which he set a the reader. The success of the now standard for accuracy and completefamous "blue-back speller," still faness of definition which governs the miliar to the older generation of Americans of today, was instantanelexicographer's art of this date. In fact, nearly all of the later dictionous and must have been amazing to aries have been based upon Webster's the young schoolmaster. In prepar-work and have preserved his identical ing it, he had shown the same skill aries have been based upon Webster's words in a large number of their defiand sound sense which characterized

nitions.

There is exhibited in the British mu-

with dictionaries of all languages from Arabic to Icelandic, so that he might his dictionary later. It was arranged give his great work to the world."

and other articles.

variably boast of the times their crack trains run on time. But it was different in an emergency on the Hodgenville and Elizabethtown railroad. A. G. Bush, veteran engineer, had just started his run from Hodgenville. He leaned out of his cab, sneezed, and his false teeth went to the ground.

The train ran nearly half a mile before he could stop, reverse his engine, and back the train to the scene of the disaster and tie up the whole system. A search of some minutes was un-availing, and Bush, with freight and passengers to be served, but without teeth, started again. He continued to look backward, where a searching party was still active, and before he had gone out of sight one of the searchers waved frantically at him, indicating that the lost had been found.

Bush took his train back the second time, recovered his lost property, and them resumed his journey.

Mexican Beats Wife; Is Fined 10 Cents a Blow

Kansas City, Mo .- A fine of \$10-10 cents for each blow he struck his wife-was assessed against Francito Solorio, Mexican, twenty-eight years old, in the Kansas City (Kan.) police court recently.

Solorio was arrested on a charge of assault brought by his wife, Mrs. Santos Solorio. Mrs. Solorio said he beat her with a cartridge belt, strik-

ing her 100 times. Before Judge Fred R. White, Solo rio admitted the charge and said his wife had accused him falsely of misthe manufacture of handkerchiefs conduct.

Sheep-Killer Slain

Oakland, Md .- A sheep-killing bear that had been preying on flocks for the past five years and had been shot at and chased by dogs many times was brought down on Cheat Mountain, near the Fire Tower, by John Wamsley, who fired two shots into his body, a few days ago. The bear was old and weighed about 300 pounds.



"Why at the zoo?"

"Eh?"

s life.-Bailey.

"I study my parts" explained Dim-

"The script says I weep crocodile

tears. Where is the crocodile tank?'

Not a Chance

an unknown politician .- Atlanta Con-

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Valuable Nettle

Nettles are usually associated with seum a sapphire weighing nine carats and containing a bubble that appears npleasant sensations, but a species of the plant is widely cultivated in and disappears with changes of temperature. It is believed that a cavity in China for the manufacture of a soft the gum incloses a quantity of carsilk-like fabric for textile purposes. bonic acid gas under great pressure. In strength, beauty and texture it is When the temperature is such as to correspond with the "critical point" finest grades of silk and is less costfor the gas, under the particular pres- ly. The "grass cloth" of China has has a quieting effect upon the nerves sure to which it is subjected in its been used for more than 4,000 years. of the diaphragm.

Air Sickness Antidote An apparatus has been installed at Tempelhof field, near Berlin, Germany,

for passengers suffering from air sick-ness. Any passenger who fears that he may become airsick may inhale the antidote, which consists in the main of oxygen and cinnamon. The mixture

