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### THE TEACHERS' WORLD.

All teachers and friends of education are cordially invited to contribute whatever may be helpful or suggestive to others in this line of work. Communications will be gladly received by the editor of this department.

#### HOW TEACHERS WASTE TIME.

- "Picking" at pupils.
- Repeating questions.
- Giving unnecessary directions.
- Ignorance in organizing classes.
- Repeating answer after pupils.
- Speaking too loud and too often.
- "Getting ready to do something."
- Falling to systematize knowledge.
- Explaining what pupils already know.
- Speaking when pupils are not giving attention.
- Coming to school without a definite plan of work.
- Giving orders and immediately changing them.
- Giving muddy explanations to conceal ignorance.
- Asking questions that can be answered by yes or no.
- Using the voice where the eyes would be more effective.
- Allowing pointless criticism, questions and discussions.
- Asking pointless, wandering questions and going off on "tangents" in recitation.

#### HOW THE PATRON MAY HELP THE SCHOOL.

Rev. Richd. Montgomery writes a very practical article on this subject, in Prof. Schroy's, Ashbourne, Pa., paper. He says in part:

Not Necessary to Visit the School.

The one way I would name in which the patron may help the school, is to know the school. That means visit the school. But many parents are busy men and women and it is difficult for them to find time in their duties to spend much time at the school. While, however, this is an important way it is not the only way in which we may know the school. By keeping in sympathy with our children, we can easily learn the progress they are making, the requirements asked of them other than their lessons, their thoughts, concerning their teacher, their classmates, their school. To know the school we need to look at it as the child looks at it. The child lives in his own world and looks at everything in his own independent way. Perhaps he does not look at his school and teacher in the right way, quite likely not, but only when you know how the child regards his school can you correct what is wrong in his conception. Even without visiting the school we can judge the course of study by the results.

#### SPEAK KINDLY OF THE TEACHER.

Let us speak kindly of the school and the teacher to our children. This may seem a small thing but it is no small thing in the making of men and women. The hasty criticism is most unjust, and even if only unnecessary it injures the teacher's influence. A little care on our part will do much to inspire our children with respect for their teachers—this is certainly due these faithful men and women.

#### TOPICAL GEOGRAPHY.

Below are given some exercises selected from those prepared by a class of fifth-year pupils, as a review exercise on cities and states. Each child was asked to bring a general description of a city and a state in the form of a riddle.

#### FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

- Eight fingers,  
Ten toes,  
Two eyes,  
And one nose,  
Baby cried, when she smelt the rose,  
"What a pity I've only one nose!"
- Twelve teeth,  
In even rows,  
Lots of dimples,  
And one nose,  
Baby said, when she smelt the snuff,  
"Deary me! One nose is enough!"

#### Corsets and Commerce.

The newspapers report that the Viscountess Clifden recently opened a millinery shop in London. Matrimonial alliances with American heiresses are becoming more and more popular among titled Englishmen. We congratulate the British people upon the multiplying evidence of the development of its business ability.

York, situated on a beautiful island. There is a bridge connecting me and my opposite friend, across which many people pass.

Now can you guess my name?  
4. I am large and well-known. I belong to nobody, yet I dictate to everybody. I am situated on a river that empties into the Chesapeake Bay, and near a city in Virginia. I am noted for my handsome residences and beautiful gardens, graves and statuary. You can find more talented statesmen and foreign noblemen walking my streets daily than on any other city in the Union.

#### KEY WORDS TO ADMINISTRATIONS.

If you are teaching the administrations and want to arouse more interest in the class, give them these key words or ask them to build similar ones:

- Jackson's death.
- Admission of Iowa and Wisconsin.
- Mexican War.
- Engagements at Monterey and Buena Vista.
- Scott's campaign and battles in Mexico.
- Proviso by David Wilmot.
- "Old Rough and Ready" in Mexico.
- Leaving the East for California gold fields.
- Kearney's Campaign.
- Free State made of California.
- Invasion of Cuba by Lopez.
- Loss of Webster, Clay, Calhoun.
- Louis Kossuth, the "Nation's guest."
- Mormons settle in Utah.
- "Omnibus bill."
- Reduction of postage to 3 cents.
- Election of Pierce.
- Purchase of Gadsden.
- Inhabitants of Kansas given—"Squatter-Sovereignty."
- Elisha Kent Kane's explorations.
- Reign of terror in Kansas and Nebraska.
- Commodore Perry's Japan treaty.
- Exit Whig party.
- Bills of personal liberty.
- Union threatened.
- Confederacy established.
- Harper's Ferry—John Brown's raid.
- Admission of Minnesota and Oregon.
- National institution made of slave cry by Dred Scott.
- "America ruled by Americans."
- Motto: Know Nothings.
- "No coercion."

#### A COMPOSITION OUTLINE.

A debate—Resolved, That free text-books are a success.

- Affirmative.
  - The public schools can now be attended by all since it costs absolutely nothing to go to school.
  - Better classification is possible because pupils are all supplied with books.
  - Changes in books no longer are an expense to the people.
  - Etc.
- Negative.
  - Pupils do not take the same care of the books.
  - Soiled and infected books have to be used by pupils who are not responsible for their condition.
  - Pupils have no books of their own to study after the school terms are over.
  - Etc.

"Dip the pen of tongue in the ink of the heart."

#### Robbers Make a Raid.

PERRY, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Robbers took in the town of Newburgh, north here, yesterday. Saloons were robbed of all money and quantities of whisky and beer. Residences were entered and many things were taken. Officers think the robbers came into town under the guise of tramps. Five tramps were arrested here for highway robbery.

#### Charged With Perjury.

BOETUS, Jan. 18.—Dr. John T. Simpson, 47 years old, living on Chambers street in this city, has been arrested on a charge of perjury. Dr. Simpson was a witness in the case of Annie F. Callahan against the West End Street railway, which was tried in the superior court in December, 1896, and it is alleged that he testified falsely.

#### For Princeton's New Advisor.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 18.—Edgar Allen Poe, '91, of Baltimore has been selected to succeed Albert D. Wilson, '90, as a member of the Princeton athletic advisory committee.

#### Having Perfected Himself in shorthand.

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### HOWARD GOULD ENGAGED.

Mrs. Dayan Says He Is West Her Daughter, Katherine Clemmons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Mrs. J. W. Dayan, mother of Katherine Clemmons, who has just returned from a visit to her daughter, said to an interviewer:

"My daughter is engaged to marry Howard Gould and has been for a long time. It would be foolish to deny it, but we dislike the notoriety which the announcement brings. In deference to the wishes of Mr.



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#### Mason Nominated in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 20.—Ex-Congressman William E. Mason was nominated for United States senator at the Republican joint caucus after one of the most bitterly fought battles in the history of the Republican party in Illinois. Although he had been canvassing the state as a senatorial candidate for two years, Mr. Mason's selection was regarded by "machine" politicians as an impossibility up to within two hours of the time of his triumphant nomination, the choice being the result of the sudden withdrawal from the race of Congressman William Lorimer, who had held the almost solid vote of Chicago and Cook county. The contest had been so long drawn out and the battle so fierce that the legislators were in a mood to be stampeded at any moment, and as the hour for the caucus drew near and the sudden shifting of the Cook county forces to Mason carried the other candidates off their feet, the tide turned toward the ex-congressman with a rush that carried everything before it, and the nomination was made without the most feeble show of opposition.

The Republicans have a majority of 48 in the legislature on joint ballot, which assured Mr. Mason's election.

William E. Mason was born July 7, 1860, in Franklinville, N. Y., and is the youngest of a family of 14 children, 9 of whom were boys. His parents were John and Bentonsport, Ia. After passing through the public schools with great credit, at the age of 15 he began teaching. At the same time he attended the college at Hiramsham, Ia. At 19 he was graduated with

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### SENATORIAL HONORS.

MANY STATES PRESENT TOGAS TO THEIR FAVORITE SONS.

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ALBANY, Jan. 20.—The New York state legislature has ratified the action of the Republican caucus held last week by electing Thomas C. Platt as United States senator. In the senate Mr. Platt had 35 votes, David B. Hill 11 and Henry George 2. The assembly's vote was: Platt, 112; Hill, 81; George, 2.

Few men have been more in the public eye the last 15 years than Thomas C. Platt. His emergence into national prominence in 1881 was under conditions so unusual that his earlier public career and his prominence as a banker and merchant have been generally forgotten.

Unable, on account of bad health, to pursue his college course beyond the sophomore year at Yale, Mr. Platt took up a business career which led the way to the presidency of a national bank at Piqua, N. Y., and to a successful venture in the lumber trade in Michigan.

In 1873, when 39 years of age, he was elected a representative in congress and again in 1874. He was elected to the United States senate in succession to Francis Kernan, his term beginning March 4, 1881. In May of the same year, in consequence of a quarrel with President Garfield over the distribution of patronage in New York state, Messrs. Conkling and Platt resigned from the senate, expecting to be re-elected, instead of which the places they had vacated were given to Messrs. Lapham and Miller.

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The Democratic vote was divided between Congressman Maguire, W. W. Fouts and National Committeeman J. J. Dwyer. The Populist vote went to T. V. Cator.

#### Nominated For Senator.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 19.—The Democratic members of the legislature in caucus nominated H. R. Kenney of Kent county for United States senator. Mr. Kenney is a prominent lawyer of Dover. He was born in Sussex county in 1836 and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He was adjutant general of the state national guard under Governor Hagan, and has held no other public office. He has always voted the Democratic ticket and was an ardent supporter of Bryan.

#### Perkins Elected.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 20.—Senator Boies Penrose was elected a United States senator in place of J. Donald Cameron. But one Republican vote was cast against him—that of Daniel F. Moore of Chester. Both houses voted separately. The vote in the house follows: Penrose, 166; Channancy F. Rice, York, 39; John Wannamaker, 1; absent or not voting, 2. In the senate Penrose polled 49 votes and Black 6. Senators Mitchell, Bradford and Penrose not voting.

#### Fairbanks Is Chosen.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—Charles Warren Fairbanks was elected United States senator to succeed Daniel W. Voorhees by the legislature. In the senate Senator Hawkins made the principal nominating speech, and H. Frank T. Root placed Mr. Fairbanks in nomination in the house. There were several seconding speeches. John H. East made the nominating speech for Mr. Voorhees, who received the vote of the minority.

#### Spencer Nominated For Senator.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 14.—Colonel John C. Spencer was unanimously nominated for United States senator by the Republican joint legislative caucus. Being conducted before the caucus, the nominee made a brilliant response, declaring for protection, reciprocity, the right of the veto, and government to arbitrarily invade states to protect property, for currency reform and the present monetary standard.

#### Connecticut Re-elects Platt.

HARTFORD, Jan. 20.—A viva voce vote was taken in both branches on the election of O. H. Platt to the United States senate to succeed himself. In the senate Mr. Platt received all of the 34 votes, while in the house, out of 196 votes cast, Mr. Platt received all but 24, the rest going to J. B. Scrantom of New Haven, the recent silver Democratic candidate for governor.

#### Fritchard Polls an Exact Majority.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 20.—The balloting for senator resulted: In the senate, Fritchard (Rep.), 34; Thompson (Pop.), 18; Daughton (Dem.), 7, and in the house, Fritchard, 92; Thompson, 41; Daughton, 27. Fritchard's total vote is exactly a majority of both branches of the legislature, the membership being 170.

#### West Is Re-elected.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—The formal ballot was taken in the legislature which resulted in the re-election of Senator George G. Vest to the United States senate, as follows: In the house, Vest (Dem.), 50; Kernan (Rep.), 31; Jones (Pop.), 4, and in the senate, Vest, 19; Kernan, 14.

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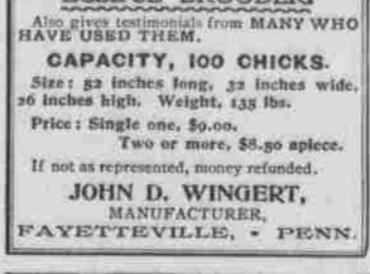
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