

any person could instruct beginners. The best city schools now pay the teacher of beginners more and require special training adapted to beginning grades. To properly instruct the Indian requires a close, careful study of Indian disposition, history, previous surroundings and conditions of their development. It requires the very highest skill as an instructor.

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STORY OF SHIP ROCK

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SHIP ROCK is located about twelve miles from the San Juan Indian School, New Mexico, in a southwesterly direction. When one sees this wonderful structure of nature it is easy to determine whence it gets its name. Owing to its peculiar formation no one has ever been able to climb to the top of the rock; in fact, no one has ever attempted the feat. The elevation from base to vertex is 1,600 feet. The width could be easily reckoned. One can see Ship Rock from a radius of from 30 to 40 miles. In some directions it could not be seen so far, but from other directions the distance from which this remarkable rock may be seen far exceeds the number of miles given above. It is accessible from every direction except the top.

An interesting event occurred while four employes—Messrs. Green, Button, Smith and myself—from the San Juan school visited Ship Rock some time in January, 1915. We started for the place determined to secure a good view of the famous rock, so as soon as we arrived close enough we stopped to operate the camera. We had to make proper adjustment for distance, trying at various places at short intervals apart in order to get a perfect focus. The atmospheric conditions are so perfect and the air so clear as to render it difficult to determine the distance. Everything is strangely magnified. It seemed as though we could not get close enough to accomplish our desire. It was difficult to determine accurately the exact distance from which we could secure a good picture. At one time Ship Rock would be partially revealed and the next instant it would appear that the rock was moving away from us—going away in the direction opposite that from which we were approaching. It readily occurred to us that we were forbidden to learn anything about Ship Rock. Instead of becoming discouraged we became decidedly curious about the apparent phenomena. We still continued toward Ship Rock