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ADVANCED PENMANSHIP

The teachers of the recent institute have shown an intense interest in the work of Miss Agnes Jones, representative of the A. N. Palmer Co., New York, Boston, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Miss Jones is an expert demonstrator of the Palmer method of writing. She handles the subject as only an expert can. Not only this but she enthuses the teachers and brings them to a proper appreciation of this important subject.

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It is the Palmer plan to teach the principles of muscular movement in the primary grades and the work followed up logically and progressively, step by step, from grade to grade. In Miss Jones' classroom instruction she stated that good pedagogy in writing means the logical order of developing the different phases of writing, which involves an educative process in which motor and mental activities are called into play in direct co-ordination. She asserted: "The mind is impressed tenfold when its efforts to learn is associated with some achievement of the hand."

She explained fully that the muscle must co-ordinate the mind in such manner that the mind's management of the script producing muscles become the mental reflection of the child's conception of form.

Teachers readily sense the value of this comparative new idea of mental development in writing and that this systematic development makes for efficiency in the mechanics of execution.

Miss Jones emphasized the foundation work, the establishment of correct habits, systematic raining on position, physical exercise for the relaxation of the muscles, the development and the cultivation of motive power and its application.

The Palmer method of writing is the

most widely indorsed method of any system of writing in use in this country.

In addition to Miss Jones' instruction in the Oregon institutes, the A. N. Palmer Co., gives to the Oregon teachers a free normal training course in writing. The completion of this course is of educational and commercial value to teachers.

EVIL SPEAKING.

We may ourselves one of these days need forbearance and silence from our brethren. Let us render it cheerfully to those who require it now. Be this our family rule and our personal bond. Speak evil of no man.—Spurgeon.

Speak well of the absent whenever you have a suitable opportunity. Never speak ill of them or of anybody unless you are sure they deserve it and unless it is necessary for their amendment or for the safety and benefit of others.—Sir Matthew Hale.

Never speak anything evil of a man if you do not know it for a certainty; then ask yourself, "Why should I tell it?"—Lavater.

SONG.

Hear, sweet spirit; hear the spell.
Least a blacker charm compel!
So shall the midnight breezes swell
With thy deep, long, lingering knell.

And at evening evermore,
In a chapel on the shore,
Shall the chaunter, sad and saintly,

Yellow tapers burning faintly,
Doleful masses chaunt for thee—
Miserere Domine!

Hark, the cadence dies away
On the quiet moonlight sea!
The boatmen rest their oars and say,
"Miserere Domine!"
—Coleridge.

THE LONESOMEST.

The desert waste is not the loneliest place,
Nor the midocean, nor the mountain's crest.
Oh, these be lonesome spots for men to face,
But not the loneliest!

One feels alone amid the bustling crowd
Of strangers in strange cities, too, but not
So much alone, though silence shrieks aloud,
As in one lonely spot

I know of 'Tis the place you've visited
Once with a loved one—some-time, anywhere—
And visit once again, when years are fled—
and that One is not there!
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Portugal.

Portugal was formerly known as Lusitania. The present name is derived from Port Callo, the ancient name of the town now known to us as Oporto.

Ebony.

Ebony is always soaked in water for from six to eighteen months as soon as cut. It comes chiefly from Mauritius and the East Indies.

Followed Suit.

"The prima donna fell down in the opening to that aria."
"Lawdy days! So did our cook."—Baltimore American

FARMS THAT FAIL.

The Way Food Making Crops Rob the Soil of Its Fertility.

An acre of wheat deprives the soil of forty-five pounds of nitrogen, twenty-three pounds of phosphoric acid and thirty pounds of potash. On the market nitrogen is worth 17 cents a pound, phosphoric acid 7 cents and potash 4 cents. Therefore the actual money value of the nitrogen removed from the soil by an acre of wheat is \$7.65; of phosphoric acid, \$1.61, and of potash \$1.20, making a total loss of \$10.46 an acre a year. If the farmer raises twenty acres of wheat a year for twenty-five years the loss will be \$5,230.

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Lincoln's History of Himself.

When Abraham Lincoln was elected to congress Charles Lanman, then editor of the Congressional Record, according to the regular custom, forwarded to Mr. Lincoln as well as to all other members elect a blank to be filled out with facts and dates which might be made the basis for a biographical sketch in the directory. Mr. Lincoln's blank was returned promptly, filled up in his own handwriting with the following information:

"Born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin county, Ky.

"Education, defective.

"Profession, lawyer.

"Military service, captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk war.

"Offices held: Postmaster at a very small office, four times a member of the Illinois legislature and elected to the lower house of the next congress."

Expatriated by Mal de Mer.

There is tragedy in the attempt made to solve the problem of seasickness by the late Mr. William Lomb Winans, the millionaire, who was an involuntary exile in England for the last twenty-seven years of his life. He was at heart an American citizen, but his doctors warned him that a voyage across the Atlantic, with the probability of seasickness, would be fatal to him. So he departed the rest of his life to designing a vessel in which he could safely travel to America. But the fates were against him, and his invention never got further than the shelves of the patent office.—London Opinion.

A Tiny Death Dealer.

A most agonizing death is caused by an insect half the size of a pea—a small black spider. It lives in Peru, in South America. This spider's venom scorches up the blood vessels and spreads through all the tissues, causing the most fearful agony a human being can have to bear. The worst of it is that the victim lives at least two days, enduring unthinkable anguish the whole time. The spider is luckily not common. It is known as the "spidy," and when a man who knows what the bite means is bitten he generally blows out his brains.

A Proper End.

Elizabeth was taken to hear grand opera for the first time. Her musical education before this occasion had been confined chiefly to park concerts, whereof she knew the proper observances.

The performance was a matinee of "Koenigsrunder." It was ended, and mamma rose to go.

"Is that the end?" asked Elizabeth.

"Yes, dear," answered mamma.

"Sit down, mummy, please," said Elizabeth.

"It can't be. They haven't played 'America' yet."—New York Post.

Great Yarmouth's Rows.

The rows of Great Yarmouth are worth seeing. There are 166 rows altogether—narrow thoroughfares which connect the main streets, with houses on each side. They are from three to six feet wide. Special carts have to be built to traverse these rows.—London Mail.

TO LUCASTA

ON GOING TO THE WARS.
Tell me not, sweet, I am unkinde,
That from the nunnery
Of thy chaste breast and quiet minde
To warre and armes I flee.

True a new mistress now I chase,
The first foe in the field;
And with a stronger faith embrace
A sword, a horse, a shield.

Yet this inconstancy is such
As you, too, should adore,
I could not love thee, deare, so much
Loved I not honor more.
—Richard Lovelace.

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Trials of Compositors.

They tell of a Scottish composer who fled from Edinburgh to London in order to escape the brain exhausting ordeal of deciphering Carlyle's hieroglyphics and putting them into type. He had been at work in London for some time, when one day a "take" of Carlyle's copy was given him to set up. The sight of it appalled him. "Is that man here, too?" he exclaimed. Whereupon he laid down his composing stick, put on his coat and hat and vanished. Balzac's copy was also a nightmare to compositors. According to the London Standard, the failure of the establishment that printed his works was the direct result of the enormous labor spent in making corrections in the proofs of his manuscript. What it meant to put his copy into type is shown by the fact that "Cesar Birotteau" had to be reset fifteen times in twenty days.

Trio of Stars Coming

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church are bringing to La Grande a trio of musicians from the Albany college conservatory of music, who will give a concert in this city on December 5th at the Presbyterian church. Miss Adna Smith Flo, soprano, Miss Wilma Waggener, pianist, and J. Clement Irvine, flutist, are the members of the trio and have been winning much praise and press mention wherever they have given their entertainments. The coming evening's entertainment promises to be the height of musical entertainments given thus far and a large audience is already promised.

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