

EDUCATIONAL NOTES FROM ABROAD.

REMARK.—There has been much discussion lately in the daily press of England on the degeneracy of the members of the young.

The kind of degeneracy with which they are afflicted, (continues The Queen) these blind attempts to construct a new human nature on the lines laid down by theories, have penetrated the nursery and school-room, and the result here is undoubtedly a new phase of childhood and youth, whether a better phase or a worse remains to be determined by experience.

Chance to Save Money. Agent—I am informed, sir, that you are about to build a new house, and I should like to sell you a book on architecture.

Mr. Suburb—Don't want it. Agent—It may save you a lot of money, sir. May I inquire what sort of a house you intend to erect?

Mr. S.—I have accepted a plan for a \$5,000 house. Agent (triumphantly)—Well, sir, this book shows you how to build a \$5,000 house for only \$10,000.—New York Weekly.

A Reward of Merit. Boy (at the menagerie) to his father, pointing to what he himself called: "Father, what animal is that?"

Bank Teller—Will you take it as presumption, madam, if I offer you these few roses? Miss Carmella Goldust—I don't know you, sir.

Financial Genius Nowhere. "I say, madam," exclaimed the tramp as he passed the window from which a woman was waiting to hail the strawberry peddler who was on the next block, "do you want yer front lawn mowed?"

"I don't know," she answered, "but what it needs it, if you'll do it for ten cents." "I thought as how maybe you'd offer pie."

"Pie you can have and welcome," she answered promptly enough. "Some of your own making?" "Certainly."

"Lemme see," he reflected, "I don't believe I've got any appetite for pie just at the present, but your pie would be a temptation. You'd give a slice for a quarter, wouldn't you?"

"Yes." "As a restaurant you couldn't get pie for less'n ten cents a slice. That's common baker's pie. Your kind 'ud be worth twenty cents, anyhow, and the get'nus home made style 'ud give it double the value. That's forty cents, ma'am; though if I was only hungry I'd rather have the pie."

"Fifty cents for what?" asked the woman. "For mowin' the lawn." "Not much," she answered, and you might as well hurry along or get ready to run a race with a large, able bodied bull dog."

He closed the gate behind him without a sign of chagrin, merely remarking to himself: "There's no use talkin', financial genius is no good without capital, and that's all there is to it."—Washington Post.

The Voice of Nature. Visitor (to proprietor of menagerie)—Good gracious! What exasperating cry was that? Has anybody been attacked by the wild beasts? Proprietor—Oh, no. It was only Fratlein Ohmsfurch, the lion tamer, frightened by a mouse that ran across the floor of her dressing room.—Splitter.

He Was Not to Blame. "And what have you been guilty of now? This is about the twentieth time that I, as a magistrate, have had you before me." "And is it my fault, your honor, that you haven't been promoted to some better office?"—Fleegende Blätter.

A Man's to Style. I despise this way of wearing trousers that trail into the dust. But the other women do it. And so I suppose I must.

It is neither neat nor tidy. To be wearing up the street, and the only ones who like it are the women with big locks.

If I only had the courage To endure the scornful smiles Of my fellow female creatures I would cling to older styles.

I would always have my dresses short enough to miss the dirt. And I wouldn't wear mud ruffles on the bottom of the skirt.

But I am too great a coward A decided stand to take, So, with all the rest I follow In a foolish fashion's wake.

And my sweet gown I'm making With a hateful horrid dip, Over which seems lurking mortal Will some day be sure to trip.

But I hold I am a martyr Almost worthy of a crown, For my weak and mild adoption Of the now prevailing gown.

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