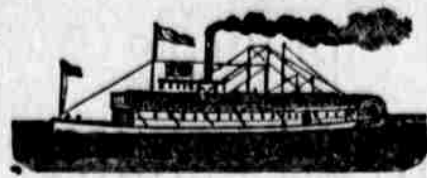


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Pa's Lesson in Geography.

When me and Little Albert got home from school a few nites ago I thot I would find out if paw new all about Everything or not, So after he Got his cigar lit and we were all sittin' out on the porch and the pupp had Captus Brinker's wife's cat up a tree I says:

"Paw."

"What?" he ast.

"Do you no what's the Largest lake in the United States?" I told him.

"Of course," he anserd. "Lake Soup peerior."

"That's whar you're rong, paw," I says.

Paw took his cigar out from between his teeth and made some rings of smoke. Then he says:

"George, I been livin' in this country Several years longer than You, and I haven't been keepin' my eyes shut nor my Ears plugged, neither. Lake Soup peerior is the biggest lake in the United States, and it makes me feel sad to see you sittin' there Grinnin' like a polecat-mun that got cot asleep on His beat becoz you think you no more Than your fawther."

"Well, just the same," I told him, "Lake Michigan's the biggest one in the United States. I learned that when the teacher gave us Our joggerfy lesson today."

"There's wher I say Chicago peepie make a mistake," paw says. "It's all rite to Stiek up for your town when you can do it sensable, But they ain't enny use tryin' not to notus Facts when they don't make you feel proud. You mite as well try to keep a baby with a Pin jabbin' it in the side from squallin by tellin it some of its ansestors war as to think you can ever twist a Fact so it won't fly rite back in shape the minute you let Go. So I say it's rong for Chicago peepie to try to make out that Lake Michigan's the biggest just becoz they can see it from the back end of Their flats."

"Well," I told him, "it's so enny way. They ain't anuther lake in the United States as big as Lake Michigan, becoz our teacher told us about it."

"George," paw says, looking like if his hart was tucthed, "I've tride all my life to Be a good, reasonable pairlunt to you, so when you Grew up to be a man and come sometime to wher the Grass was green and the Leaves russled softly abuv the mound and all was still and peacefull, you would look down with luv in your breast and think of the Dear old days when you could hear the glad, onnust ring Of my voice around the House, and blamed if I'm a-goin to Be contradicted by my own children rite to my face when I no I'm rite. Here I go working away and saving my munny to give you a Home and send you to school, and Then you Come back at nite and Tell me I don't no as Much as some teacher that hast to keep at it a Hole month to ern what I make in a Week. It would of Been a sad day for me if I would of Ever talked to my fawther that Way, and I ain't going to put up with Enny more of it."

"But paw," maw says, "don't be too impashunt with the Poor boy. You wouldn't want him to Think sumthing rong was rite becoz you happened to Get mistaken about it, would you? Mebbey he mite be correct about it, after all."

"That's it," paw told her. "Go on incurridging him to Think his Fawther duzzent no a map from a sheet of Sticky fly paper. Of course I couldn't hardly expect you to think I mite no as much about some things as a Leven year old boy, but I'm not Going to let enny of the rest of the Famby tell me so rite out in plain words. And how can you sit There, maw, and say the boy mite be rite about this Thing? How could he be rite? They are no 'mite' about it."

Then he had to lte his cigar again, and I whispered in maw's ear when he didn't see me, and she says:

"Well, I kind of think he is rite, enny way. I tell you what. If you're rong you don't Get a new fall overcoat and I'll have my sealskin made over."

"Oh, shaw," paw anserd, "what's the use tryin to Enliten peepie that won't lissen to reason? That's one thing I like about me. Whenever I'm not sure of ennything I'm willing to Lern insted of stickin to what I sed first. I'm always reddy to hear the other side, and I don't want enny more of This contradickun or enny more of these 'mebbles' or 'mites' when I no what I'm talkin about neither!"

So I showed paw the map wher he could see Lake Sup peerior lizent in the United States, but Lake Michigan is, and paw Looked at it a seckond or two and then he didn't say ennything, but commenct to smoke hard and Look like if he was thinking sollum thots.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Codified Laws for China.

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese envoy at Washington, who seems to be drifting fast into the position of "a man without a country," is a law writer of ability. He has codified the body of international law for the Chinese and has prepared a body or code of common law for that empire. He has been a prolific writer in Chinese on historical and literary topics. The minister is a graduate of a European law school, as well as of an English university.—Buffalo Express.

For every fault you observe in your neighbor you overlook a dozen yourself.

Men are not necessarily lazy because they try to do things the easiest way.

POSTAL CARDS BY MILLIONS.

West Virginia Mountain Village Where the Printing is Done.

There are many millions of postal cards used by the people of the United States every year, yet scarcely a thought is given as to how or where they are made. If the question is asked, "Where do they come from?" the answer, in nine cases out of ten, will be: "Oh, from some of the New England paper mills, I suppose." And the matter is dropped and forgotten.

It will surprise the majority of people to learn that the center of the postal card industry—the only place, in fact, where they are made—is a little village in the mountains of West Virginia. The town is Piedmont, and here, six days in every week, an army is busily at work-making the little oblong sheets of cardboard on which so many messages of all sorts and kinds are written by all conditions of people. Here, the cardboard is made from the fresh, sweet spruce trees; here it is cut into the requisite sizes, and here the cards are printed, packed and shipped, eventually finding their way into every



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HE EATS WITHOUT A MOUTH.

Post-Nasal Feeding as Practiced on a Youthful Patient.

John Fackensstock, the 7-year-old patient at the Eastern District Hospital Williamsburg, is taking his meals, as he has been doing for several days, through his nostrils. The boy, whose parents live at 66 Selgel street, was kicked in the mouth by a horse, his teeth knocked out and his mouth so injured that he could not take food in the ordinary way, says the New York World. Science stepped in where na-



SUBSTITUTE FOR A MOUTH.

ture failed, and his life has since been sustained by the method known as post-nasal feeding, or by forcing food into the stomach by passing a tube through the nose into the esophagus.

The apparatus consists of a piece of small rubber tubing, about fifteen inches long, to one end of which is attached a hard-rubber funnel. The liquid food is poured into the funnel, the tube is passed down the nostril to the esophagus and thus the food is passed into the stomach. It is rather a hard way of eating for a healthy boy, but young Fackensstock is thriving on it, and if no unlooked-for relapse happens until his mouth shall heal he will soon be all right again.

In Honor of Gutenberg.

It has been decided to establish at Mayence a permanent museum in connection with, or rather as the outcome of, the five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of printing. In addition to this an International Gutenberg society is projected, and ought to be a success. The grand ducal government of Hesse-Darmstadt at Mayence has already done much toward making the establishment of the Gutenberg Museum a certainty. The constitutions of the museum and of the Gutenberg society only require to be widely known to secure the hearty co-operation of all interested in the greatest invention of the last five centuries.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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