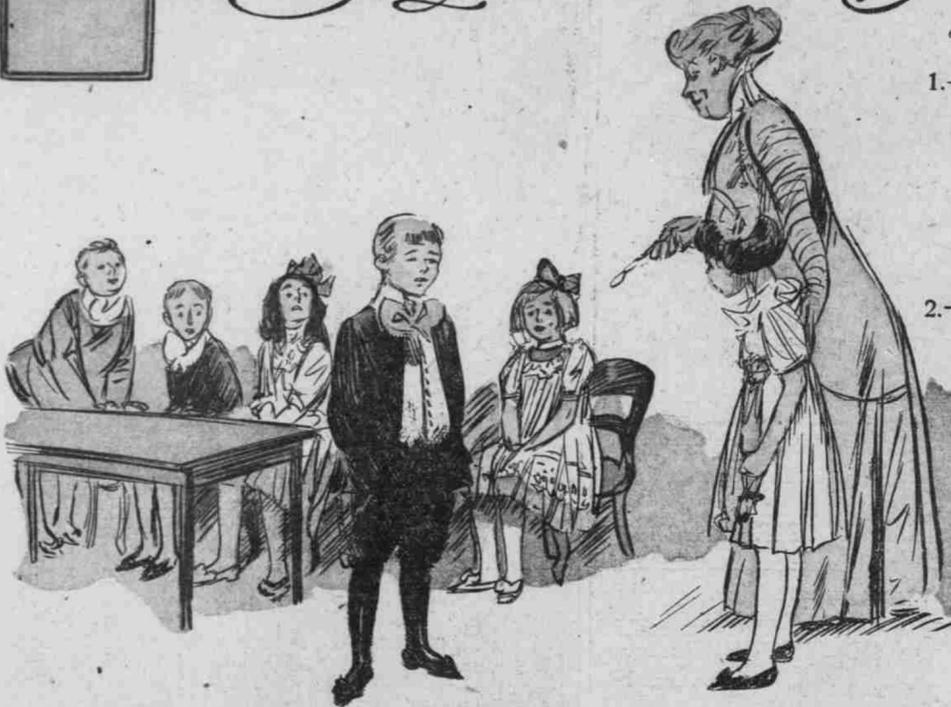




CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

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- 1.—Our Cynthianna now attends
A classic institute
Where actively the young idea
Is taught (in French) to shoot.
With trifling thoughts all put aside
She's now obliged to delve
In books, to train her intellect
From nine 'til half past twelve.
- 2.—Her zealous ardor, strong at first,
Soon weakens, for alas!
She finds young Seymour Dividends
A member of her class,
And looking o'er the room she has
Her feelings further pained,
For Miss De Fife's exquisite mind
Is also being trained.



3.—Here, Guy De Peyster Livingston
Is seeking knowledge too,
And so is tranquil Freddy Rocks
And fragile Cyril Drew;
And Cynthia sighs:—"Oh, what's the use!
It seems to be my fate
That persons whom I most dislike
I'm forced to cultivate."

4.—The other kids, with nurses French,
Already have command
Of words poor puzzled Cynthia's brain
Can rarely understand;
For she to grasp the Gallic tongue
Makes very slow advance.
Her nurse unfortunately has come
From greener lands than France.

5.—As desperately she struggles on
Her troubles now increase,
For she's informed she'll be obliged
To learn and speak a "piece."
It's all about a fox and crow,
And when she has it learned
It might have all been Greek as far
As Cynthia is concerned.



6.—But mamma tries to help her out,
And Uncle Monte, who
Can make out Sherry's menu card,
Lends some assistance too;
But when she stands before the school
With thoughtful, studied grace,
Her words of French all leave her when
Young Seymour makes a face.

7.—In great embarrassment she stands,
Not knowing what to do;
And then recites this verse she learned
From Uncle Montague:—
"Oh, Mrs. Dill was very ill
And nothing would improve her,
Except to see the 'Twillerees'
And waddle 'round the 'Looover.'"

8.—The school in peals of laughter broke,
The teacher had a fit.
Though Cynthianna knew it not
She'd made an awful hit.
Said she:—"I'll never speak again
(Unless I am compelled)
Until they have that hateful boy
S. Dividends expelled."

