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Inside it was one unbroken room, writes Minot J. Savage in some interesting reminiscences in the New Peterson. In the middle of the room was a raised brick platform, on which stood two large, old-fashioned box stoves, with the stove pipes running for a long distance overhead, so as to carry heat to distant parts of the room. On the side opposite the entry and in line with the stoves was a wooden platform by the wall, on which stood the master's desk. The seats ran back from the open space across the center, toward either end of the room. There were only two rows of benches, with aisles at the sides and one in the middle. The desks, therefore, were long, capable of seating a long row of pupils, instead of the short ones of modern days, with seats for one only, or two at most. So there was a chance for a good deal of disturbance when one of the middle boys wished to get in or out.

The girls occupied seats at one end of the room and the boys at the other. On either side of the master's desk were blackboards on the wall. The boys brought in the big sticks of wood to keep the fires going, and it was piled up on the floor beside the stoves. On cold days we had to take turns in being permitted to leave our seats and go to the stoves to get warm.

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WRESTLING WITH BIG WORDS. English Servants Sometimes Make Queer

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Betsy and Jane they would have come off all right. Horses, too, with fine names get strangely miscalled in the stable. One pair known by their master as Rustem and Sohrab degenerated first into "Rusty and Soreback," and fell ultimately into the commonplace as "the little horse and the docthor." There is generally somebody-a lady as a rule-in each district on whom its finest malaprops are fathered, sometimes quite unfairly. It is she who is reported to have made that speech about the glories of her father's house, up to the door of which there ran a "revenue of popular trees:" she who It is the Dining Car Route. It runs Through asked her daughter to play that little "malady" she had learned at the "cemetery," and she again who pronounced Mr. Brown as "proud as Luther."

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