

A REMARKABLE KNOWLEDGE.

It Is Possessed by an Iowa Girl of Only Two Years.

Viola Olerich is the name of the most remarkable child in the State of Iowa, if not in the world. She is only two years and one month old, yet she is possessed of the gravity of a woman, and, indeed, her face is the face of a mature, intellectual woman. Viola, by



VIOLA OLERICH.

the way, is a very pretty child and gives promise of developing into a beautiful young woman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olerich. Her father was recently superintendent of the public schools of Lake City, but he gave up the post for the purpose of devoting himself to the work of writing a treatise on education.

When Viola was one year and eleven months and twenty-five days old she passed an examination before two competent teachers. At that time the child knew not less than 3,000 substantives. It is probable that the vocabulary of this baby was at that time much larger than that of the ordinary man. Her father says that Viola knows more nouns than the average adult knows words. The unusual precocity of the child was nurtured and developed by the parents, and when she once began to learn she learned so rapidly that her natural guardians were scarce able to keep pace with her.

Records of the child's work were kept by her parents and are very interesting. There is first a scrapbook in which are pasted the pictures of 1,100 various objects. Viola can tell the name of any of these objects by looking at the picture. In a separate book is kept a record of the names of the objects the pictures of which are pasted in the scrapbook. Viola calls the scrapbook the "picture book." She readily recognizes all the pictures in the book, and cannot only do this but is also able to read a number of simple sentences.

Her education has been conducted on the "sentence method," or the synthetic rather than the analytical system of teaching. The results have been most marvelous. The child can understand things which do not come into the mind ordinarily until the age of fifteen or sixteen has been reached. Mr. Olerich's theory of teaching is what he calls the "natural method." It rests on three principles, which he describes as follows:

1. To awaken a keen interest for educational work by the use of attractive apparatus—playthings for the child.
 2. To treat the child at all times with the greatest of kindness and equality.
 3. All the educational works of the child should be an interesting game of play—purely voluntary. No element of coercion or even undue solicitation should ever be resorted to.
- "The secret of such wonderful success in the use of the natural method of instruction," says Mr. Olerich, "lies in the fact that great interest means undivided attention, and close attention means retention. Kind treatment and voluntary learning continually increase the delight for further inquiry. With all her precocity, Viola has never 'studied' a lesson in her life. She has only 'played,' and she always wants to play longer."

Dewey's Family.

Gen. F. V. Greene tells the following story of Admiral Dewey, which we have not seen in print. When he arrived in Manila with reinforcements he went on board the Olympia to pay his respects to the Admiral. After the two men had exchanged compliments Dewey said:

"Come into my cabin, General. I want to show you my family."

In one corner of the cabin was a great pile of photographs, dozens upon dozens, and each was the picture of a baby boy. There were fat babies and lean babies, pretty babies and ugly babies, sad babies and smiling babies. "What in the world are these?" asked General Greene, somewhat bewildered.

"Why," said Dewey, "it's just the family of my namesakes. They are Joneses, Smiths and Jenkinses, but every one's a George Dewey, and their parents want me to know it."

We have often wondered that in the craze for reform, and the craze for surgery, it has never been decided to cut off a thief's hands, to cure him of stealing.

Creeping Numbness is a Danger Signal

Mr. G. H. Snyder, a well known citizen of Lawrence, Kan., said: "I am now seventy years of age. About three years ago I experienced a coldness or numbness in the feet, then creeping up my legs, until it reached my body. I grew very thin in flesh, appetite poor and I did not relish my food. At last I became unable to move about. I consulted several distinguished physicians, one telling me I had locomotor ataxia, another that I had creeping paralysis. I took their medicines but continued to grow worse. Almost a year ago a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Before I had finished my first box I found they were benefiting me. I used twelve boxes in all and was perfectly cured. Although I am six months since I used my last pill there has been no recurrence of the disease."—From Lawrence Journal.

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He—Suppose we send out for some sackcloth and ashes.—N. Y. Journal.

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Bridget's Mistake.

An Irish lady, having had a few hot words with her husband one day, had occasion a few moments after to send her servant for some fish for dinner.

"Bridget," said the mistress, "go down to the town at once and get me a plaice."

"Indeed, an 'I will, ma'am," said Bridget; "and I may as well get wan for myself, for I can't stand the master no more than yerself."—Spare Moments.

Dewey Celebration.

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