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EFFICIENCY OF PUBIC SCHOOLS.

[From the New Jersey Mechanic.]

No subject so vitally affects the cha racter of our State as the efficiency of our public schools. All county superintendents, we believe, agree that their great difficulty is to find well qualified teachers, The demand is always greater than the supply, for the reason that schools are increasing and teachers. when they arrive at proficiency, often seek more remunerative employment.

The result is, that certificates are often given to persons of little or no teaching qualifications, and because such persons can be hired at a low price, the "economical school board" will hire them in preference to good teachers who demand more compensation. That this policy is ruinous to many, and perhaps the majority, of with pen or tongue, than Elihu Burritt, country schools, is a lamentable fact, and no one is in a better position to judge of the results than a publisher of meekly bore the epithet bestowed by a newspaper. We frequently receive epistles from those who have graduated, and some who have taught, or are teaching at our public schools in coun- disciplined, unprincipled, selfish boys, try districts, and it is quite evident therefrom that the kowledge of the English language possessed by the writers is exceedingly meagre, although

We know it is objected that the cal execution acquired by an every day experience in a printing office; that even eminent writers owe much of the beauty and accuracy of their produc tions to the practical taste of the compositor, and the quick eye of the practical proof reader. This may be the case in a few instances, but we maintain that this is none the less a dismen, by the force of natural genius and ed to express their views in a manner

The teaching profession is now looked upon as a stepping stone to some-thing else, and not as a profession to be a public sentiment, and the teacher followed through life, with honor and who cannot do this, will surely fail in distinction. It was not so in the past. In Rome and Greece, in their palmiest salutary in the school itself, and he will days, the teacher, as he advanced in have contributed his quota of influence age and wisdom, simply advanced in the towards lessening that demoniac taste line of his profession; he became the philosopher, and was venerated for the good he had done, and was still doing. True, he sometimes died as a martyr, but his name was written high on the pinnacles of fame, and deep in the

hearts of the people.

The teacher now seldom has this high ambition, and seeks, with many honorable exceptions, to first pass an inspection, obtain a certificate, and then to get a school, so as to get board and in vain. clothes for the time being, until something turns up that will present an op-

portunity for promotion, not particularly in the profession, but in any other line of business that offers compensation at higher wages.

In our remarks on the efficiency of schools, we make no reference to particular schools, certainly not those of Burlington county, for we have every reason to be proud of our schools here, but we speak of the general necessities of the State, and especially of the country districts.

The supply of competent, efficient teachers will work out all other reforms needed in our school system. A good teacher will insist on ventilation, or hours of school adapted to the strength and capacity of the children, and will introduce practical instruction, such as will fit the pupils for the business of

" BULLYING."

[From the Journal of Education.] It is unfortunate that there is a place in our vocabulary for the term "bully." But human nature, approaching, as it often does, the brutish, necessitates the expression.

There is "bullying" on sea-shipmasters over sailors; and on land, between "sharks" of different degrees, and wherever men are found whose DEMOREST'S MONTHLY stands unrivalled as a lower passions have been cultivated at Family Magazine. Its choice Literature, its the expense of the higher parts of their

We have examples of this in places high and low; among the rich and the poor; a certain amount of the brute or physical force overmasters those who may have less.

We confess to a peculiar hatred of the bullying disposition ever since our school days. This spirit is not confined to full grown men-the school boy understands it too well.

It is that mean, contemptible spirit that dominates unjustly over the one who is often only physically weaker than his tormentor. Nay, we know of many cases where the boy who was ridiculed, sneered at, trampled on at school by the heel of prejudice, has afterwards risen as much higher thau his sneering, bullying contemporaries, as the eagle rises above the ground sparrow in its lofty flights.

We have in mind a most marked igstance of this nature.

There is no man living, perhaps, who, considering all the circumstances, has made greater attainments in language, literature and descriptive power, the learned blacksmith; and yet, when at school in his native village, he his superiors (?) of "tow head!"

Now, almost every school will furnish examples of rough, untaught, unwho fancy it is brave or manly to cause one in their power to suffer.

Who does not remember in childhood, scenes of torture, when the sufferthey have enjoyed the privileges of ing consisted not merely in the physimany years' instruction in our public cal pain caused, but also in the sense of shame, anger, degradation, and in the pent up fires of indignation at the bold, printers' standard is too exacting, that dastardly injustice of the bully? Who we have no right to expect a student or that has experienced such personal ina teacher even, to approach the practi- sults can forget the offender during lifetime? The effect is terrible on the career of the injured boy, sometimes causing him to be estranged from society, shaking his confidence in men and in himself through life. Here is a matter for the faithful teacher to look into. When justice thus falls in the street near the school house, let the teacher set her upright again; show grace to the schools. Because some the pupils what is and what is not true courags; teach them that the meek. the necessities of the times, are requir- uncomplaining, though often sensitive one, who comes under fist or foot of not contemplated by their early educa- your "bully," is generally the manliest. cators, only shows the requirements of Let no one in school boast of his brute the present age are greater than those force, when unjustly matched against since 1860. This will give about can find a virtuous woman? for her of the past. The standard of edudation another. Let such an one be put to shame in the presence of the school, one Member Massachusette lesing two. and thus let all be taught that mora and intellectual attainments are vastly superior to mere physical prowess.

see the worst passions ruling with uncontrolled and incessant sway. Good sense degenerates into craft, anger rankles into malignity. Restraint, which is thought most salutary, comes too late. and the judicious admonitions are urged

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JUSTICE VERSUS LOVE.

(From the Revolution,)

Women have been taught, through all the past, that the great and priceless treasure of man's love would make up to them for the disabilities of distinctive womanhood. In this way, compensation was to be made, and the balance struck between the exceptionally unfortunate condition of woman.

The doctrine for women was, to give all-body and soul, will and energy, time and thought-abjectly, unrestrict edly; and for men, in return for this splendid, lavish, magnificent present, give love, only love.

In this way, through long ages, the longing and sighing for love have stifled in woman's bosom the demand for justice. She has been taught that place in the world is a watering place the more unconditional her surrender to this principle, the more favor she would receive from Heaven. This teaching has dwarfed and warped, belittled and cramped her whole nature ; and the revolt which women are now making against traditional customs and methods of education had its inception in a glimmering idea of what justice is -that without it there is no basis for character, no perception of truth.

Women at last have dug down to justice, and they find that it buttresses the whole universe. Take it away, and there is nothing but a show of things remaining. They are beginning to ask themselves whether this principle can safely be eliminated from any of the relations of life; whether man's capricious, uncertain gift of love can compensate for the terrible wrongs they suffer when justice is denied them; and the answer sent back from thousands of thinking women, is emphaticaly and indignantly, no:

A new love creed is now ripe for adoption. It declares that love is worthloss when not based on justice. The province which has so long been abandoned to the caprices of sentiment, is itself to be subjected to that crucial analysis, that modern spirit which weighs and measures every region of thought, and every relation of life.

The new creed says the demands shall not be all on one side, and the concessions all on the other. Such a hideous doctrine only fosters the prac- different view of the same matter :

twined about the hymenial altar of old health. ding feasts which cover chains. They Your loving wife, Lucy BLOBBS. shall henceforth be made of innocent, harmless roses, with no sinister badge of slavery lurking underneath.

have 234 members. The census returns rowful. The pastor, Mr. Blobbs, one Member, Massachusetts losing two. How Boys Carch Gophers.—No-New York will lose four, Pennsylvania ticing a couple of lads, each with a live -- New Jersey Mechanic.

HIGH LIFE.

Mrs. Blobbs at Long Branch.

In the middle of the season, the Rev. Mr. Blobbs, who is theologically "sound," sent his wife, who was physiologically unsound, and their son Billy, to Long Branch. Billy, who is a precocious child, and whose father had cautioned him not to forget to write to to him, penned a letter a few days after, and, unread by his moeher, sent it. The same mail carried to Mr. Blobbs a letter from his wife. We print both letters below. The first, Billy, reads thus:

Dear Daddy: It's awful nice here in the country, and me and ma are having such jolly times! I think the nicest -don't you, daddy? At first it was awful lonesome without you, and says I to dear ma: "When is pa coming up from the city, ma?"

"Never, I hope, Billy," says she; your father is such a dry old stick, and we are so much better without

O daddy! You wouldn't know ma now if you had seen her betore-she's looking so well and young. She has taken to wear such lots of fine things; and our maid, Sally, says she does'nt look older than many a gal of seventeen. Ma's got a real splendid beau, too, with such mustaches and whiskers! Ma calls him Charlie! I call him a brick, because he gives me such heaps of candy. Sally says he is the nicest gentleman she ever raw.

The waiter fellows here are bully boys, pop, and I get no end of stale tarts, pie and pound cake; besides bottled ale and tobacco. They are teaching me to play euchre, too, and I think it's a real nice game. Ma has no time to look after me; she's so taken up with dress. ing, dancing and dear Mr. Charlie!

Oh pa! I want to see you so awful bad; but don't come yet-it would make ma so hopping mad. Please write soon, and don't forgot to send me plenty of pocket money. A fellow cap't do without "tin" here. Your affectionate son,

Mrs Blobbs' read as follows, the only point of contrast being that it gives a

tical belief in man's ownership of My Dearest Husband: My health woman. It says that demands and con- is a little better, thank the Lord, and I Physiciam and Surgeon, cessions shall be equal; that an en begin to enjoy the Sabbath-like peace igetened woman's right to control her of this place. I miss you very much, self shall be sacredly observed. This and my thoughts are often with you; new principle calls for a discipline of but for the sake of your flock, I will manhood, such as never before was not ask you to join me at present. dreamed of; it calls for an education Dear little Billy and the Bible are my of the consciences of women which usual companions, though, when I seek shall cause them to turn from honeyed it, I find a good deal of religious society love, be it ever so sweet, ever so intoxi- here. Are you lonely without me, dear cating, breathing its soul out in sighs, husband? I hope not, for the fresh, while weaving a silken chain to bind invigorating air here is doing me more the will and fetter the free motions of good than medicine, and if I could remain until September, I believe I The eymbolic garlands which Cupid | might be quite restored to my former

were only prettily disguised chains to Give my fondest love to the dear be hnng upon the limbs of the bride. sisters of our church, and tell them I Man has always snapped the bonds at remember them in all my prayers. I his own free will and pleasure, and read your soul stirring sermon in Monwalked forth free master of his own day's Inquirer. It filled my heart with lordly self, wdile as soon as the flowers great peace and comfort. With love withered, the chain began to weigh and many kisses, I bid you adieu. Will upon the woman's body and soul. We write you again. Our Billy sends you a will have no more garlands at our wed- note, which you will receive with this. Mr. Blobbs, in a state more easily

imagined than described, left for Long Branch immediately after reading the above epistle. How Mrs. Blobbs re-THE NEXT APPORPIONMENT .- The ceived her lord and master, we don't Honse of Representatives now has 244 know, but he has brought her back to members. By the new law, Congress, Gotham. Last Sunday she sat in her under the next apportionment, is to old pew at church, looking very sorindicate that the population is about preached a very eloquent sermon, tak-38,000,000, an increase of 7,000,000 ing for his text the following: "Who

and Ohio three each. Of the Southern gopher, and a string tied around their States, Virginia, South Carolina, Loui- hind legs, on the outskirts of the city siana and Kentucky will lose one each, the other day our curiosity was a little and Texas will gain one. Of the West- excited as to how the boys caught the ern States, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, animals. Upon inquiry, one of them Wisconsin and Kassas gain one each, gave a practical illustration by going and Illinois and Missouri two. New to a gopher hole, and letting the rodent Jersey, it is thought, may gain one, and into it, taking care to hold fast to the is the only State on the Atlantic coast string. After waiting a moment a viowhich will gain. Of the whole country, lent twitching of the string from the New England loses seven, the Middle lower end gave indication that some Where education has been entirely States nine, and the Southern States singular proceeding was going on, and neglected or improperly managed, we three, while the West gains nine—the commenced hauling in his line. Soon Padific States remaining as heretofore. the captive gopher hove in sigh, with his teeth fast into the jaws of another animal of the same species. The stran-If you are a wise man, you will treat the world as the moon treats it. Show only one side of yourself, seldom show yourself too much at a time, and let what you show be calm, cool and polished, made to do duty in assisting the boys But look at every side of this world. to trap other gophere.

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