THE SWISS SCHOOLS.

What the American Minister to Switzer- Royal Ladies Who Have Been Unsuccessful land Thinks of Them.

Switzerland has the finest system of public schools in Europe, according to great interest in its work, which has resulted in elevating them to the highest standard.

The Swiss boys and girls enter school when six years of age, and leave it when thirteen. The teacher differs little from the pupil, and they participate allow in the games and pastimes, as well as learn together. There is no discrimination between the rich and poor children, and they attend school and associate with each other. The schools are free, and each child is compelled to attend. Whenever wealthy parents send their children to private schools they are requested to furnish a certificate, saying that the child at-tends the private school regularly. At tends the private school regularly. At the age of sixteen the child is supposed to be fitted to enter upon a non-professional life. Pupils must study thirty- that the Emperor, ill, weak, and hardfour hours per week at school, and in addition have lessons to be prepared at their homes.

The rules are strictly enforced, and not attending school, their parents are fined, unless in the case of sickness, when an excuse is accepted. The and their salaries continue whether the school is in session or not. Their comteachers of the city schools being about in the country is only half that amount. Pictures and objects are used to repregreater.

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his stipend toward maintaining these schools, and such an interest do the Courier-ournal.

ALL ABOUT COLORS.

An Artist Tells the Origin of Various Figments Used in Painting.

"The cochineal insects furnish a great many of the very fine colors," said an artist recently. "Among them are the gorgeous carmine, the crimson. scarlet, carmine and purple lakes. The cuttle fish gives the sepia. It is the inky fluid which the fish discharges in order to render the water opaque when attacked. Indian yellow comes from the camel. Ivory chips produce the ivory black and hone black. The ex-

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

as Politicians.

History is full of the dangers that attend the interference of royal wives Mr. Winchester, and the people take in their husbands' politics. Reigning Queens have been successful enough. Elizabeth of England, Maria Theresa, Catherine of Russia, and our present Queen have shown that they can select wise counselors and guide the destinics of realms; but the Queen Consorts of history, when they have 1870 the Empress Eugenie declared to her intimate friends, "Remember, this is my war;" and it is likely enough ly able to mount a horse, would have deferred the struggle had not his imperious and spirited consort urged him on. It is sometimes said that the

whenever a pupil disobeys them by influence of women on the politics of the world would put an end to war; but while they remain non-combatants we greatly doubt it. They teachers receive their pay by the year, are able to realize some of the results of war-the empty chairs, the desolated homes, the widowed pensation is small, the salaries of the lives, but they never see its coarser consequences. They never witness a \$600, while the pay of those teaching battle-field after a fight is won-the wounded and dying, the anguish of untended men, the fearful spectacle of sent what it is intended for the pupil human life trampled in the mire, and to learn, and consequently makes a bet- all the grim and disgusting incidents ter impression upon the scholar's mem- of the shambles of war, from the ory, and their advancement is much bloodshed of the day of victory to the spectacle later on of unburied bodies There is but one Federal school in moldering in the sun. They read nov-Switzerland, and it has become famous els and poems that throw a halo for the great good it has accomplished. around it all: they hail as heroes the Every man must contribute a part of men who return; they listen to the music of the triumphal entry; they watch the waving plumes and the people take in their schools that it is flaunting banners, and they invest not infrequently the case that elections with interest every man in the victorturn upon school affairs. The laws of ious array. It is in the spirit of unthe primary schools are strict, but sel- reasoning enthusiasm that beautiful dom disobeyed. Prizes are offered, women on thrones send brave men out and that, to a certain extent, tends to to slay and to be slain-stinging with keep the mischievously inclined boys their taunts the Princes who hesitate. from playing their pranks,-Louisville and rewarding with their smiles the rash Kings who stake their crowns on the issues of a day. Queen Natalie, of Servia, is only the last of a long list of illustrious ladies who have burnt their fingers playing with the fires of politics and war .- London Telegraph.

-The blessings of fortune are the lowest; the next are the bodily advantages of strength and health; but the superlative blessings, in fine, are those of the mind. -L'Estrange.

-The remark of Prof. Drummond, who lately visited so many of the colleges of America, that "their general atmosphere is Christian; they are religious institutions," has much of truth in it. It is, however, a good deal more true of some than it is of others. -Anger is an expression of personal selfishness in one thing, and anger as a strong displeasure with evil, with meanness, baseness, irreverence, cowardice, cruelty and stupid indifference to suffering quite another and a different thing. Anger of the latter sort is a Christian virtue.

Honey-moon

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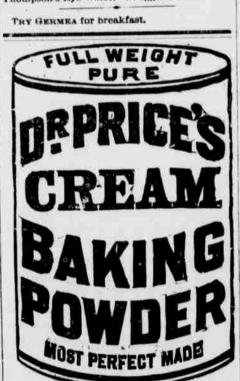
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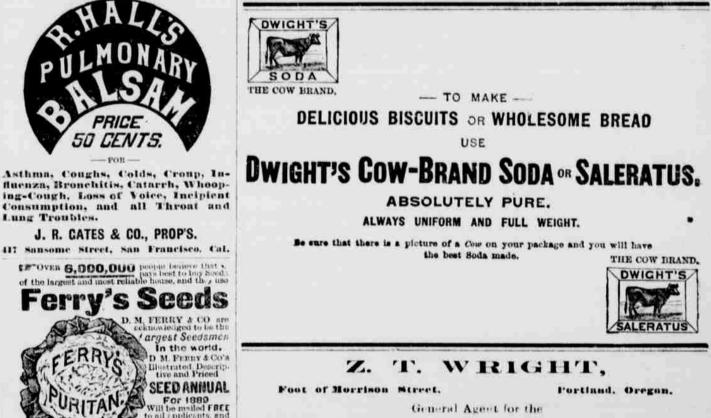
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How Watches Are Stolan.

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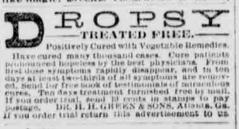


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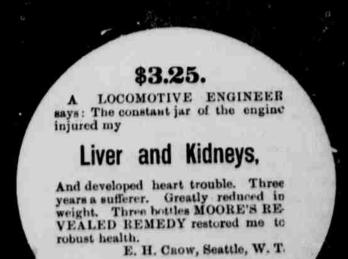
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