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THE WESTERN PEDAGOGUE.

We are in receipt of the May number of our state school paper. It exceed Comparatively few people regard themselves any of the former numbers in value. as inventors, but almost every body has been The paper this month contains many struck, at one time or another, with ideas that seem calculated to reduce some of the little frictions of life. Usually such ideas are distrated series on the schools of the state is introduced by a paper on the Friends "Why don't the railroad company make its car Polytechnic Institute at Salem, Oregon. windows so that they can be slid up and down without breaking the passengers' back!" ex

There are also several fine articles thinking off" grumbles the cook. "He never had to work over a stove, or he would have "Current Events," Saturday Thoughts," "Hang such a collar button" growls aman "Educational News" "The Oracle who is late for breakfast. "If I were in the Answers. Correspondents," etc., each business I'd make buttons that wouldn't slip contain much valuable reading for out, or break off, or gouge out the back of my teachers or parents. The magazine had about 50 cages, of matter wall grievances and began to think of something the Western Pedagogue the best educa-

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GERMAN FIELD-POSTS. Management of the Mails During

the Franco-Prussian War. Hard Work of the Officers Who Had the Mails in Charge-Some of the Queer Things That Were Sent to the

Soldiers on the Field.

One of the most useful and wellmanaged institutions of the Prussians luring the war with France was the Geld-post, by means of which the solliers of the German army were able to ecc up constant communication with their friends at home, receiving and dispatching letters as regularly and casily as they could in times of peace. The field-post, according to an article The architect whose competitive plan for a life field-post, according to an article club house on a certain corner is not occept. in Youth's Companion, was a traveling. ed has spent his labor on something of very post office, or postal carriage. There were post office clerks and soldiers whose duty was to attend to and defend it from the attacks of the enemy. Wherever the army marched, the field post followed it. Never during the whole campaign was there any interruption in the course of the post; even on the days of the greatest battles the posts started at the usual fixed hours than the mechanical expert who studies it only from the theoretical point of view. Get rid of the idea that an improvement can be too simple to be worth patenting. The simpler the better. The person who best succeeds in Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



Early in the morning the setters which had arrived during the night were sorted and delivered to the different divisions of the troops who sent for them, or were dispatched to them

y special express. At dawn of day after the battle of St. Privat the post began its work, in the midst of dead and wounded; immediately hundreds of coldiers hast-ened up to dispatch letters and post rds; that afternoon eight large sacks full of letters were sent off to Ger-

Again, after the battle of Vionville he post officials were in full activity. around them lay dead soldiers and corses. Postmen, porters and postiltemporized table. The clerks, siting on the ground, sorted the letters which poured in in a constant stream. The wind was high, and many post cards were blown away and had to be chased and brought back. The field post gave a glimpse of busy, peaceful work amid all the borrors of war.

The field post had very little rest; henever the signal to march sounded it had to go to new work. It was always the first to arrive and the last to depart; frequently it did not leave an enemy's town till all the other troops had gone, and had to protect itself from an attack.

It was hard and rough work for the field post officials when rain poured down, and the carriages were up to the axles in mud, and no shelter could be ound, and attacks from francs tireurs threatened from the forests. They had to make marches from seven in the morning till midnight, under torrents of rain, among the forests of the Ardennes, when the carriages had to be drawn by six horses. Among the onses of the Vosges the field post carriages had to be dragged through deep snow and over slippery ice, where there was constant danger of rolling over precipices. And when at her they middle of the might, clerks, letter carriers and postilions had often to pass the night on their letter bags in miserable cellars, packed together as in a slave ship, unless, as was frequently the case, they had to bivouac out in

The field posts were often attacked by the enemy, the letter bags robbed, and the brave soldiers and postilions who defended them left dead on the

army from home far exceeded those dispatched by the soldiers. From Ber-filled by a landslide. lin alone three hundred thousand let-ters and parcels were daily sent off by ters and parcels were daily sent off by trunk of an oak tree, scooped out and the field post. The good people often The best salve in the world for cuts wrapped their parcels in thin paper bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever or tied them with weak string, so that strip of leather, and later by a strip when many of these packets arrived at Berlin-such a little distance on their way-the covers were torn and

the contents visible. In one would be chocolate; in another bread and butter, and in another a pair of stockings in which the good vishes of the mother or the betrothed were interwoven. All this the goodnatured post brought into order as

well as it could. The letters and packets of the army of the Moselle alone used daily to fill seven large wagons. During the slege of Paris the largest field post depot was at Lagny, which distributed a mil-lion packets to the troops. On the eve of Christmas, 1870, nearly every German soldier in France received some

parcel or letter from his home From July 16, 1870, to March 31, 1871, there were dispatched to and from the German army over eighty-six million letters and post cards, two million packets, and two and a half million money orders, and more than two mil-

lion newspapers. The Uses of Superstition

Superstition is not without its uses. During the prevalence of the recent drought in Italy the children of one of the landed proprietors of the province of Salerno had a dream in which the Madonna appeared to them and said that rain would fall as soon as an image of herself buried in a certain field could be dug up. Many peasants acting on the supernatural "tip" began at once to dig for the image. After several days' labor they unearthed two uncient tombs decorated with mural paintings, and some valuable vases. Near by them they uncovered an antique house, in one of the rooms of which was a clumsy representation of a human figure. This the peasants declared to be the image designated in the dream, and it has been an object of adoration to the thousands of visiting enthusiasts. An energetic priest has established an altar there, and as every pilgrim leaves some money when he visits it there has been a rain of gold if not of water.

LAST OF THE DRUIDS. strange Welsh Character Who Held to

Druid Rites and Beliefs. We regret to announce the death of the high priest of the sun, at the ripe age of ninety-two, says the Pall Mall Budget. To the eye of faith he was last of the druids; the profane knew him only as Dr. William Price, of Llantrissant, in Glamorganshire, and characterized him as "a most eccentric man." It must be admitted that they were not altogether without excuse for this opinion. He attempted to imitate the pontifical raiment of his predecessors in the priesthood, wearing a whole fox skin on his head, a light green coat

ABSOLUTELY PURE with trousers to match, and a scarlet waistcost. As a reproduction of druidie costume the profane may perhaps be again excused for thinking this a little unconvincing. Even high priests of the sun are not without human weak-nesses, and Dr. Price signalized this truth at the age of eighty-one by mar-rying his housekeeper, a girl of nine-teen. One must allow that this step is a touch of prose in such a character, but he redeemed it shortly afterward

hardly take account of the constable.

by attempting to burn the body of his child on a funeral pyre which he erected in a neighboring field. The druid could

Curtailed by State Lines. At a recent club dinner in Boston (says the Harvard Lampoon), a visitor from Rhode Island had occasion to refor in his speech to "Demostheens," as he pronounced it. "Demostheres," cor-rected the toastmaster. "In our shtate," said the Rhode Islander, firmly, who knew good wine when he tasted it, "we shay Demosthens." "You're very wise," retorted the toastmaster; "your state couldn't accommodate the extra syl-

VARIOUS PEOPLE.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD has abandoned his proposed spring trip to this country, and for the present will remain in England, working up his claims for the poet lau-

reateship. DB. ROBERTS BARTHOLOW, the eminent professor of Jefferson college, Philadelphia, who became insane some two years ago from hard study and overwork, has recovered his mental bal-

MRS. SARAH KIPPLE, of Scranton, Pa., still persists in smoking, after seventy-nine years' experience of the noxious and deadly weed. As she is only ninety-nine years old there is, however, time for her to reform.

come an American citizen if it were not Field, "but I am also a republican, and America is the land for those that love

RUBINSTEIN says that he would be-

OF GENERAL INTEREST. It is said the city of Pittsburgh now stands on ground once given in exchange for a violin.

TANNING is done in this country in about one-quarter of the time usually allowed in Europe. THE origin of the geysers at Sonoma,

THE carliest chest was merely the

made of iron. ONE gets an idea of the loneliness of the Pacific when learning that the City of Pekin, so long overdue, having broken her shaft and taken to wing, covered 1,340 miles without seeing a sail. She went out of her way in the hope of meeting a sister ship and re-

ceiving aid. THE BRITISH ISLES.

ENGLAND has eighty miles of tunnels Ar Norwich, Eng., a thirty-five ton ight stone has been quarried. It is the largest on record.

ENGLISH women who devote themselves to the Somerset hunts have unqualifiedly adopted the men's saddle and don divided skirts, mannish hats and blouses. Some appear in long riding coats and boots. said to favor this innovation on long-

established customs. A PROPOSITION has been made to con nect Scotland and Ireland by a tunnel under the north channel of the Irish sea at its narrowest part between County Antrim in Ireland and Wigton in Scotland. The length of the tunnel would be twenty-seven miles, and minent engineers have pronounced

the project entirely feasible. REMINISCENCES OF NAPOLEON. The Great Man Was Forlous Over the

Marriage of His Brother.

I never saw Bonaparte in such wrath as when he learned that his brother Lucien had married at Senlis the widow of Jouberthon, a Paris broker. He ordered me, says a writer in Cen-tury, to send for the notary and tell him to bring his register. When the notary arrived I took him to St. Cloud at nine in the morning. Here is word for word the dialogue between the first consul and the notary: "Was it you, sir, who registered my brother's marriage?" "Yes, citizen first consul." Were you unaware, then, that he was my brother?" "No, citizen first consul." "Did you not know that my consent was necessary to the validity of the act?" "I do not think so. Your brother has long been of age, he has filled high posts, he has been a minister and ambassador, he has no father, he is free to marry." "But he has a mother whose consent was necessary 'No; he is of age and a widower." "But am a sovereign, and as such my consent was necessary." "You are a sovsent was necessary, ereign only for ten years, and your family is not bound to you." "Show me the marriage register?" "Here it is." he marriage register?" The first consul rend it, and in shutting the book was very near tearing the page. "I shall annul it." "That

will be difficult, for it is carefully

notary retired without having for a

drawn up." "Be off with you."

moment lost his composure.

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