

sistent effort by all those who love their fellows and the elevating power of Christianity. Those who would see the moral Saharas bloom with the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley, and the air redolent with the violet sweets of pious lives, must feel that to each and every one is given the banner of truth to be planted on the battlements of the enemy.

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The Public School.

The public school has justly been designated as the safeguard of the nation. In looking over the civilized world, we find those nations that have given more attention and assistance to the support of the public school to be among the highest, proudest and most substantial of the nations, notwithstanding they may be small in area. What is it that enables the little nation called Switzerland to be able to hold up its head even with the other great nations of the world? It is found in this fact, that more than a dozen years ago there was not a sane person in Switzerland, of 13 years of age or upwards but what was able to read and write. The spirit of a Pestalazzi and a Froebel had so inspired the people of this little nation, scarcely any larger than some of the counties of Oregon—that the public school took prominence to everything else, and the greatest minds of the nation were found in the Normal Schools, preparing the teacher for the responsibility of his work. What makes Prussia the forward nation she is, but the education of all her people? It is not in Prussia like this land of liberty where the loving (?) parent says, "This is a free country, I can send my children to school or not, as I choose." There the people pay for the education and say to the parent, "you must educate your family." And to this all reasonable, fair minded men say, "be it so." We find the states of our own nation that have more than any other, fostered, and build up their public school system to take the lead, both in wealth and influence. We are safe in saying that the standing of the state may safely be measured by the status of their public school system. Why was it that France

was defeated in every battle during the war with Prussia? The victory was fought and won, long before ever a soldier took the field, in the Prussian school house. Who could conquer the educated brains and brave hearts of the Swiss patriots? Educated head, willing hands, and pluck, will always be able to find a good living in this goodly land of ours. The public school is the place where this should be accomplished more than any other. Horace Mann very truly says, "Jails and State prisons are the complement of schools; so many less as you have of the latter, so many more you must have of the former." Any state, or nation either, must sooner or later find out that it is more noble, humane and Christian to educate her people to do right, and be respectable and honorable citizens, than to punish them for doing wrong, and bring a disgrace to themselves and any nation under whose protection they may chance to live.

The following will suggest the names of some of the celebrated authors, if properly interpreted:

1. Is a kind of linen.
2. Is worn on the head.
3. Comes from a pig.
4. A sick place of worship.
5. A manufactured metal.
6. A game and a male of the human species.
7. A prefix and a disease.
8. To agitate a weapon.
9. A slang exclamation.
10. Mamma is in perfect health, my child, and thus he named a poet mild.
11. A barrier built by an edible.
12. Is what an oyster heap is likely to be.
13. Each living head, in time 'tis said will turn to him though he be dead.
14. A common domestic animal and something it can never do.
15. A disagreeable fellow to have on one's foot.
16. What a rough man said to his son when he wished him to eat properly.
17. His middle name is suggestive of an Indian or a Hottentot.
18. An official dreaded by the students of English universities.
19. A tenfooter whose name begins with fifty.
20. Represents the dwellings of civilized men.
21. Makes and mends for first-class customers.
22. Is a lion's nest dug in the

side of a hill where there is no water.

23. A mean dog 'tis.
24. Is very fast indeed.
25. Meat! What are you doing?
26. Pack away closely, never scatter, and in doing so you will soon get at her.
27. A fraction in currency and the prevailing fashion.
28. A domestic worker.
29. An American manufacturing town.
30. A name that means such a fiery things, who can describe its pains and stings?
31. Is very firm in his opinions.
32. The value of a word.
33. Small talk and a heavy weight.
34. A very vital part of the body.
35. A worker in precious metals.
36. An internal pain.
37. Humpbacked but not deformed.
38. Belongs to a monastery.
39. An answer to the question, Which is the greater poet, William Shakespeare or Martin Tupper?

THEY HAVE A LICENSE.—You have a license, you say. You have a license, and that is your plea. I abjure you to keep it; lock it up among your choicest jewels; guard it as the apple of your eye; and when you die, and are laid in your coffin; be sure you have the precious document with you so that when you are called upon to confront your victims before God, you may be ready to file in your plea of justification and boldly produce your license. Yes, my friend, keep it—you will then want your license, properly executed.—*Statesman.*

"Pray, Mr. Lecturer," asked a lady, "What is a paraphrases?" "Madam, it is simply a circumlocutory and plonastic cycle of oratorical sonorosity, cucumscubing an atons of ideality, lost in verbal profundity." "Thank you, sir."—*Sel.*

Here is a boy's composition on Fall: This is fall, because it falls on this season of the year. Leaves fall too, as well as thermometers and the price of straw hats. Old toppers, who sign the pledge in summer, are liable to fall when a fall of cider-making opens, for straws show which way cider goes. Husking corn is one of the pleasures of fall, but pleasure isn't good for boys I don't think. Old men want a little fun; let them husk. A husky old man can go through a good deal of

corn sometimes. Digging taters is another of our fall amusements. The way I like to dig taters is to wait till they are baked nicely, and then dig them out of their skins. Most winter schools are open in fall. The best winter school I ever went to didn't open until spring, and the first day it opened the teacher took sick and the schoolhouse was locked up for the season. Once in a while we have a very severe fall, but nothing like the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Summer is misnamed. It should be called Pride, for doesn't pride go before fall?—*Selected.*

Disgraceful.

The country has hardly forgotten the disgraceful junketing expedition made at public expense by congressmen and officials on the occasion of President Garfield's funeral, and it was with some indignation that it saw the bills for liquors, cigars, etc., paid out of the national treasury. A case, if possible, still more flagrant, occurred in December, when congressman Haskell, of Kansas, was borne to his last resting place. A bill for \$3,500 funeral expenses has been presented to cover the cost of sending Senators Plumb, of Kansas, Cockrell, of Missouri, Dawes, of Massachusetts, and Congressmen Russell, Kasson, Browne, Graves, LeFevre, Harback and Ryan to attend the body to the grave. For these eight men gloves were provided at a cost of \$112.50, sashes at a cost of \$202, while "lunch," a very ambiguous term, footed up \$515.92, cigars \$36, carriages \$338.40; and the undertaker's bill is \$870. These are some of the items which go to make up the aggregate. To make a funeral the occasion for roystering in grand style at the public expense is not an edifying spectacle, and the people would lose nothing by releasing those who participate to the ease and quiet of private life.—*Christian Evangelist.*

Here is a beautiful little bridle to put on your tongue: "Speaking the truth in love." If you hold it fast your tongue will never make trouble for you by scattering angry words that are like sparks of fire, or false words that are like the sting of poisonous serpents, or unkind words that are like the bite of cruel beasts. "Speaking the truth in love" will not let you say a word to wound the feelings of any one, or tell of their faults, or try to lift yourself up by pulling any one else down.