

SCHOOL BOOKS.

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Editors Democrat:

I have a boy attending school who is now seventeen years old. He studies orthography, reading, arithmetic, writing, grammar, physiology, geography, United States history and penmanship, in all of which he is considerably advanced. Now I want to know how much it is going to cost me to get the new books, which have been adopted to take the place of the old ones, of which my boy is now supplied with one in each branch. Our people here want to know something about the change and what it will cost them. A great deal is said but no one seems to understand the matter.

PARENT.

The above question is a legitimate one and its proper answer should be understood by every parent in the state. In orthography there will be no cost as there is no change. In reading there has been a change in all the readers, but there will be no cost as the publishers of the readers have agreed to exchange free. If your boy has a third reader of the kind now in use, whether it be new or much worn, a new third reader of the recently adopted kind will be exchanged for it free. Or a fourth for a fourth, or fifth for fifth, and so on. In arithmetic two books in Brooks have been changed for two of Fish's. If your boy uses Fish's book No. 1 the change in arithmetics will cost you 15 cents. If he uses No. 2 it will cost you 30 cents. In penmanship there is no change. In grammar there is no change. In physiology there is no change. In United States history there is no change. It is due to candor to say that in arithmetic a new primary work called Piper's Seat Work has been added for the accommodation of such schools as desire a primary work suited to very young children. In grammar, as we before said, there has been no change from Sill's, but a new work called 'Short Studies in English' has been added. It is doubtful whether one district in a hundred will use this book, as most teachers regard Sill's as sufficiently primary for beginners. In geography no change has been made, but a new book on Physical Geography has been added called Guyot's Physical Geography for use in high and advanced schools. In history Barnes' primary history has been added for beginners. It is not probable that this will come into general use, as most teachers will content themselves to use Barnes' Brief History, the one now in use. So "Parent" will see that in the case of his boy the greatest cost he will be subjected to is 30 cents. If teachers do not use the "added" text books the expense of the change will be trifling.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

For corns and bunions nothing is so cooling as the white of an egg.

A solution of alum, ten grains to the ounce of water, is excellent for the soaking of your feet if they are tender.

Don't think it is time wasted to prepare a few kindlings and lay them behind the stove with paper every night, then if any one is taken ill during the night, and a fire is needed, it is only a moment's work to get it.

Sunlight is one of the best disinfectants. The microbes that cause disease do not flourish in strong sunshine. It also has the advantage of being cheap.

Clean oilcloth with a wet towel pinned over a stiff broom, and rub with long, sweeping strokes. To polish it use a mixture of equal quantities of linseed oil, beeswax and turpentine, and have it rubbed in well.

See that your kitchen stove has a thorough cleaning inside and out every two or three weeks. Many times stoves are blamed for not drawing or baking well when they are clogged up with ashes.

Cold drinks, as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach, and so create thirst. Experience shows it to be a fact that hot drinks relieve thirst and "cool off" the body when it is in an abnormally heated condition, better than ice-cold drinks.

Eggs which are to be broken into water, should not be broken into boiling water, as the motion destroys their shape, but let the water be as hot as possible without boiling, and let them stand several minutes on the back of the stove. They will then be soft but firm all through.

When white marble slabs and mantels get discolored, take very strong soap-lees and mix it in quicklime till it is about like milk, and spread the mixture on the marble; clean it off with soap and water after twenty four hour's time and rub the marble with fine putty powder and olive oil.

A few days ago we stated that S. A. Dawson senator, had not been made chairman of any committee in the senate, but we were misled. He met with the best of treatment from President of the senate Jo Simon. He is chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, a member of the ways and means, and roads and highways committees.

THE CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

The wool growers and woolen manufacturers have been before the Senate finance committee to represent their respective interests. The manufacturers wanted such amendments as would reduce the duty on wool while the wool growers wanted an increase of duties. On both sides there was much heat and vigor in their arguments. Senator Sherman, who is the employed representative of the wool growers, offered an amendment that increased the duties on wool, whereupon the manufacturers declared that the adoption of the amendment meant a destruction of their industry, and that as against it they would work for free wool. This is the beautiful feature and outcome of protection. The protected monopolies of the country that spent their money so freely and in such profusion to elect Harrison are now openly scrambling before Congress to see which shall have most of the "swag," that comes by protection. Let the fight go on. It is but another phase of the "campaign of education." The wool growers have a right to demand of the republicans an increase of duties on their products or a decrease of the duty on raw material. The utter impossibility of the republicans to harmonize these two conflicting interests has no bearing on the minds of those who are scrambling after this "protection" swag. The selfish greed of the protected monopolists knows no bound or limit.

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