

TEACHING A SCHOOL.

POSITION OF SCHOOLMASTER IS NO SINCERE.

Sometimes He Has to Fight to Maintain Discipline—One Pedagogue Who Imparted His Class—Mascot as a Impromptu a Requisite as a Mascot.

Who hath bleeding at the nose? He who teacheth a country school. Wherefore I say unto you, ye shall not be able to teach them that dwell in the land...

It is truth the poet sings that he who essays to handle the unruly in a country school has educational work cut out for him not laid down in any reputable text book.

No person on earth is subjected to more petty persecutions born of sheer devilry, as the country school teacher. For a week, maybe, after he "takes in" the school he has a fairly good road to travel; the boys have not finished sizing him up. But soon to him if he becomes unduly confident...

Subdued snickers, insouciant to the business in hand, poorly prepared lessons or lessons absolutely unlearned mark the day's proceedings. The teacher reprimands and orders the school to stick to those tasks which they are learned. Nobody is kept in recess or detention for any reason.

Marked the demerit of the pupils. They go slowly, for the temper of the master is not a revealed thing yet. Just before school "lets out" the teacher rises, taps his bell and, having secured attention, delivers a curt lecture concerning what has been done, rather, not been done—and his anxious desire to see immediate improvement.

Then the bell taps in dismissal and the boys rush tumultuously out, firing back blasphemous shouts of scorn and defiance as they scurry away.

Then the teacher, if he is a wary, knows he is in the position of the man who has bet his sole remaining dollar on a losing horse—he is up against it good and plenty. He arrives at the scene of his labors on Tuesday with

"Reckon you better lick me—if ye kin," says Jack as he defiantly faces the pedagogue.

In this place the school and teacher on a war footing. The ultimatum having been delivered the teacher either loses all control of the school. It admits of no alternative. For the honor of the profession, he knows, in most cases almost record time Simpson is a licked commodity. He may not actually ascend to the roof to correct his error of judgment, but the thing is done and the "smoke out" is a dismal affair.

In Kansas after the close of the war a set of boys from New York arrived in a little village to find homes. The village school was taught by a former trooper who still wore his blue uniform vest. One of the New Yorkers was the soul of mischief. He signalled the coming of winter when ice was good for skating and putting some every morning the train from Ladysmith, bearing its burden of sick and wounded.

To the dwellers at Intombi that train brought the history of the siege, the daily bulletins written in blood and disease. Women who had husbands and brothers and sons in Ladysmith crowded around always to see what news it brought, and went away with a sigh of relief and relief when it carried news for them.

And yet, after a fashion, these women at Intombi were more fortunate than the men in Ladysmith, since they could learn from the new arrivals how their loved ones fared. But men were not allowed to go backward and forward to Intombi; those who went had to remain, and somehow or other little or no news seemed to reach the garrison.

In the death of news one man in Ladysmith had arranged that twice a week, when he could get off duty, his wife at Intombi should go at 12 o'clock and stand in front of a big orange ship's telescope at the 4.7 battery.

She went there regularly with her child, and straining her eyes toward that sandbagged point above Convent's Hill, sometimes fondly imagined that she could see him. And as the months passed, grew child, like the others in the camp, grew more sickly, thin and pale, till it seemed as if the 4.7 King spirit, of the miasmic fog had wrapped it

round and entered it, and made it a changing of his own.

But delicate as the child was, the mother was the first to fall sick, and the news of her illness reached her husband by his seeing one tiny figure standing alone at the appointed place, waving a handkerchief. And there came a day when it too, was no longer to be seen. He could not go to them, but had to stay and fight on with bitterness in his heart.

A Vanishing Bird.

If the north German farmer looks with equanimity upon the gradual disappearance of the stork, the Northern tourist in quest of the quaint and picturesque will hear of the vanishing of the long-legged, red-headed bird with unmitigated regret.

And what will the children say, when Hans Andersen has told stories of the stork, so wonderful that the bird seems part and parcel of fairyland? But the facts are that with in the last century the number of storks in Schleswig-Holstein has steadily decreased. Villages which used to be the home of over sixty families of storks, and where sometimes six storks could be counted on the roofs of one farmer's buildings, hardly show a single nest now. Yet the arrival of the stork was always hailed with delight by the natives, and it was counted as much a sign of good luck if a stork built on a roof as any other bird of Germany is to have a swallow build under the eaves.—Philadelphia Record.

He Liked the Place.

He had sidled into a cheap restaurant beyond the reach of the Herald square clock, and hung his head on a low peg. As he came to the door he placed individuals who loiter in swell lobbies and eat at uncertain intervals, he tried to ignore the casual acquaintance who sat opposite, but with a persistency peculiar to casual acquaintances that person wouldn't stand for it. He hit in, so to speak, and the tenant by courtesy of hotel rounds felt that it was up to him to say something.

"Do you know," he began, "I like this place. The cooking is so homelike, the griddle cakes so delicious; they are just like my mother's or mother's or mother's servant used to serve."—New York Telegram.

A Phenomenon Explained.

"Why is it," said Mrs. Migs, "that a single man is so anxious to take a girl to the theater, and seems to care so little about plays after he is married?"

"That's very easily explained," answered her husband. "It is due to a certain deplorable but inevitable masculine vanity. When he takes the girl to whom he is engaged to the theater, he knows she is comparing him with the handsome hero of the play, and to the disadvantage of the hero. After marriage she doesn't hesitate to tell him that she looks like the low comedian."—Washington Star.

Second continues to be the fashionable society game.

JOHN BROWN'S BIRTHPLACE.

Still stands Near Torrington, Conn., and is Lived in by Negroes.

One of the claims of Torrington, Conn., to distinction is the fact that John Brown, who was so prominent in the early days of the anti-slavery movement, was born in a quaint old farmhouse a short distance from the place. The house is now 112 years old and by a singular turn of fate is occupied by a negro family, for whose race Brown died. It is one of the show places of the neighborhood and visitors to Torrington generally visit it.

John Brown lived in the old house until he was 5 years old. Then his father moved to Kansas with his family. The friend of the black man made several visits to his birthplace and was pleased to find a growing anti-slavery movement. In 1837 the lines between the opposing parties were closely drawn, and several fights occurred at Wolcottville when the anti-slavery adherents tried to hold meetings there. Brown paid Torrington an extended visit about this time, and was so opposed against slavery that an old friend of the family undertook to warn him. "If you keep up this fight against slavery, you'll be hanged some day," said the friend. Brown is said to have replied that he did not fear anything of that sort, and went on fighting slavery until he was hanged at Charlestown, Va., in 1859.

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U. S. Land Office. Vancouver, Wash., May 29, 1892. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Alexander E. Sparks, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 254, for the purchase of the 1/4 sec. 24, 25, 26, and 27, Township 6 north, Range 11 east, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, the 15th day of August, 1892.

He names as witnesses: Wilhelm F. Schroeder, of Portland, Oregon; Robert E. Ewart, all of Colfax, Wash.; George W. Palmer, of Colfax, Wash.; Alexander L. Steward, of Colfax, Wash.; Frank H. Hull, of Colfax, Wash.; Timothy Brownhill,