

AMERICAN CHILDREN.

WHEREIN THEIR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING IS DEFECTIVE.

The Subtle Distinction Between "Instruction" and "Education" Made by the Clever and Farsighted French—The Need of American Youth.

A subtle distinction between "instruction" and "education" is admirably drawn by that people most highly endowed with a strong analytical faculty, the French, with the habit of keen scrutiny, thorough investigation and just deduction usual with them.

But when both are combined in one individuality the highest degree of excellence has been obtained of which the human race is capable.

With us in America it is fair to state that instruction from books, in school and college, where the aim must necessarily be only the development of the mind and intellect, in conjunction with religious teachings from the pulpit and at the fireside, sums up the education generally given to the youth of the country, even among the prosperous and the wealthy.

That religion alone cannot give this result is shown by the fact that the extreme and beautiful polish to character and the broad esthetics it evolves have been possessed by men and women who have acknowledged no attachment to religious creeds and again by members of Christianity and paganism alike, while the bookworm and the savant, whose mind is the crowded receptacle of a marvelous agglomeration of knowledge, may be absolutely lacking in this particular phase of culture.

It is this education, which does not apply exclusively to the intellectuality, but to the moral sense, but envelops the whole being through a cultivation of the receptive faculties and finer instincts, which is denominated "education" by the French, and which should be applied with greater care in America to the training of youth, for as a factor in enlightenment and progress its value is enormous.

With the many splendid qualifications given by nature to the American citizen, and which the political institutions under which he lives has fostered, his sturdy self dependence, spirit of inquiry, his energy and natural intelligence, if aided by a strong development in this direction, would produce remarkable results both in the individual and for the masses.

For it is evident that from a cultivation of this phase of the human mind springs the conception and execution of all that pertains to the arts, fine and industrial, they being the tangible expressions of the aspirations and genius of those from whom they have emanated.

Unless the trend of a people be toward an ideal existence, stretching beyond the absorption of effort merely to supply the wants of man's physical life, neither poet, sculptor nor painter nor the artistic and accomplished artisan will emerge to adorn and testify to their civilization and their superiority.

The time has come when an education tending toward similar results should occupy public thought in this country, heretofore too exclusively engrossed in solving the problem of national existence.

WATERMELON PARTIES.

They Give Rise to a New Question of Etiquette in Maryland.

One of the things in society is the watermelon party. The new diversion was indulged in in Howard county, just above Ellicott City, the other night, and from the latest accounts it has broken out and promises to become epidemic down in Anne Arundel, where the melons grow in all sizes, species and flavors.

Some contend that it should be split crosswise. Others say it should be split longitudinally and eaten without fork or knife. This diversity of opinion may relegate the melon party to the rear of the picnic for the present season, as the time of the fruit is limited now to a few weeks, but the latent element in favor of the pastime may break out again next season, just as the ague does every year down in Piney woods.

Another difficulty in the way of eating a watermelon artistically is to get clear of the seeds. It is said that on one occasion a guest at one of the parties insisted that it was proper to pick the seeds out with the right index finger, and if by accident one should get into a guest's mouth it should be swallowed.

The outcome of the new fad is puzzling the people in upperportland in the cities and villages and rural districts. From what could be gathered in the last few days on the subject, the watermelon party does not promise to be a pronounced success. One of the great objections is the uncertainty to what they may lead, for if the watermelon party takes with society it may in time be followed by a squash party, or a yellow pumpkin party, or a green tomato party, or a sassafras root or tea party, or some other thing just as erratic, and the Four Hundred it seems, would rather content themselves with the pink tea and other diversions whereof they are familiar than rush into new ones that might lead to an endless amount of unrest.

A Bear, a Cab and a "Sergeant."

On Sunday evening an amusing incident occurred in the Champs Elysees quarter. A man named Haja, employed by M. Marselle, a wild beast tamer, thought he had a right to add to his wages by exhibiting his master's bear in the streets. With this object in view he installed the bear in an open cab, and taking his seat beside the animal told the coachman to drive to the Champs Elysees. The vehicle reached the Avenue Victor Hugo, followed by a crowd of boys and young men, who by their derisive shouts attracted the attention of two sergeants de ville. They stopped the cab, and after ascertaining the truth one of them got into the vehicle and ordered the cabman to drive to the nearest police station. The presence of a stranger beside it so excited the bear that by its swaying backward and forward it very soon upset the vehicle.

A very pleasing innovation was introduced in a musical programme rendered before the queen at Osborne house a night or two since which deserves note. Mine Nordica and Mr. Plunket Greene were the vocalists, with Sig. Tosti as accompanist on the piano, and in addition to the accustomed repertory there were given two old Irish songs arranged by Dr. Villiers Stanford, an old Scotch song arranged by Miss Lucy Broadwood and an old Cornish song, "Where Be Going?" arranged by Mr. Arthur Somervell, all being sung by Mr. Greene. The introduction of this last into a royal programme may be considered due to the labors of the Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould, the well known novelist, whose collection of the words and tunes of the half forgotten songs of the west country deserves all praise.—Birmingham Post.

Inspectors Pay to Enter a Postoffice.

Postoffice Inspector Fleming has a \$1 bill which he says he will have framed. He got it from the bureau of admissions at the fair on demand for the return of money paid at the gates. Nearly a month ago the inspector and Andrew Irlie of the inspector's office had a special call from the office inside the grounds. It was a case of stay out or pay to get in. They paid under protest and got a receipt. "This bill is a curiosity," said Fleming as he opened a letter from Horace Tucker, "because it represents the first case on record where a postoffice inspector had to pay to get into a postoffice."—Chicago Times.

A Silver Statuette of Snol.

The Ames Manufacturing company of Chicopee, Mass., has completed a coin silver statuette of Snol hitched to a sulky, upon which is seated an equally well known driver. The piece of statuary is one-fifth life size and is mounted upon a bronze standard. The sculptor is C. E. Dallin of Salt Lake City. The whole piece of statuary was molded from silver dollars. It required 331 ounces of silver. The sulky is an exact facsimile of the one in which the mare made her record of 2:08 1/2. The piece is to be presented at a coming banquet in New York.

On Baker's Island, where ex-President Harrison went fishing recently with his grandson, there stand two lighthouses of irregular height and clear white light known familiarly to dwellers on the north shore as "Mr. and Mrs. Baker."—Boston Transcript.

The Latest Thing in Hammocks.

Away from the sights and sounds of a great city, with no fear of the smirch from its dusty streets and the weariness from contact with its perspiring crowds, beyond reach of the hum of the too familiar and overfond mosquito, the summer girl has found a convenient bough from which to swing her hammock. Her hammock is a dainty affair of Mexican grasses or of multicolored cotton cord, pillowed and valanced to the height of prettiness and luxurious ease. Not to mention a laziness which a high temperature and a saturated atmosphere make, a few of us blush to admit.

The very latest thing in hammocks is dignified by a name. It is called the "royal social," and all because it will hold two people without mixing them up. It is warranted to swing a fat person and a lean person at the same time without disaster or danger of spilling either, and altogether it seems to be on hand to meet a long felt want. It is twice as broad as the ordinary hammock and is divided exactly in two, longitudinally, by the center's being drawn tight, so that two hollows, each with its separate cushion and stretcher, lure one or two to the delights of killing time as they "swing, swing together to the music of the breeze."

The value is an acquisition to the ordinary, everyday sort of hammock that finds ready appreciation. It very kindly hides any defects of position that might be comfortable except for the knowledge of its awkward appearance, which to one sensitive to appearance would be a serious drawback. The valance is graceful in itself, and being woven of the same colors as compose the hammock it makes for improvement whether the hammock be in use or empty.—House Furnishing Review.

A Nickel-Steel Cannon.

There is being built at the Washington gun foundry, located at the navy yard here, a nickel-steel gun, in which great interest is felt by experts in ordnance. The nickel-steel forgings are on hand, and as soon as the new patent furnace is constructed the work of "assembling" the gun will commence. This patent furnace will create a departure from present methods in "assembling" guns (forging the tube and hoops together). It is claimed that the new method is more simple and economical than that now practiced, besides being less hazardous. Under the new plan it is proposed to assemble the gun in a horizontal position, and by the simultaneous application of intense heat to the jacket and a stream of cold water to the tube it is expected the operation will be attended by less of the uncertain elements of gun assembling than has been the case heretofore. When constructed, the gun will be tested with different charges of powder to ascertain whether it will bear the strain better than guns made of all steel. Many experts believe that the same advantages obtained by the use of nickel in armor plates will be extended to ordnance constructed of the same materials. After the capacity of the gun has been thoroughly tested by the ordnance men, it will be used for experimenting with powder. The tests will be watched with great interest by all persons interested in the development of heavy ordnance.—Washington Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

A Distinguished Visitor.

Mr. John Lockwood Kipling, the father of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, is now in America on a visit at his son's new home in Brattleboro, Vt. Both father and son have recently been indulging in housebuilding (the former near Salisbury, England), and the congenial pair found a run through this country together an agreeable change. Mr. Kipling, Sr., is a courteous and engaging Englishman of the best type, in years slightly past middle life. Those who have met him in this city or upon his travels—and the greatest care has been taken not to reveal his presence and identity to the newspapers—agree that he is of singular grace of manner and charm of conversation. A keen yet appreciative observer, he is well pleased with all that America has shown him of its best.

Will Fall Together.

Having pulled teeth side by side for several years—he at Burlington, she at Bristol—pretty Dr. Ella Shinn and Dr. T. C. Heinken put up their forceps last week and started for the World's fair together. The news has now come back that Dr. Shinn is no more and that there are two Drs. Heinken.—Bristol Cor. Philadelphia Record.

A Reminder of Cold Weather.

The first installment of children's sleds and possibly the only one to be made this season by the Maine Manufacturing company at Fairfield is now being decorated and made ready for the market. They say that last year they made about 47,000 of these sleds, and this year the output will be less than 6,000.—Bangor Commercial.

Just the Man Wanted.

There is a man who ought to be asked to throw some light on the financial situation with a view to straightening out the links. He encountered a Nebraska cyclone recently, and when the affray blew over he said the cyclone took both of his stockings off without removing his boots.—Detroit Journal.

One of the largest wire cables ever made has been completed by a Liverpool firm. The rope has a continuous length of 4 1/2 miles and weighs over 25 tons.

Perhaps the greatest postal advance of recent times is that which England has just decided to adopt—penny postage for its vast empire.

The British postoffice department, after much urging, has finally accepted this proposition, which has been pressed for years by that indefatigable reformer, Mr. Henneker Henton, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the uniform imperial postage of a penny—2 cents—will be established, and for that amount a letter can be carried from England not only to Canada and the West Indies, but to India, Australia and even the center of Africa. This is the cheapest postage ever proposed.

The United States has been making many improvements of late in postal matters, but it has never been able to catch up with England, whose lead in this matter we must acknowledge, and it is a striking tribute to the success of the English system that, superior as it is to ours, it yet nets a profit of \$15,000,000 a year to the government, whereas we usually have a deficit in our postoffice accounts. The truth seems to be that the better the postal service the greater the profit. The United States, under these circumstances, can well afford to make radical improvements, certain that it will be repaid for them in a short time.

It will strike every one at once that England can maintain a penny postage for its vast empire, scattered as it is through all the four quarters of the globe, it ought to be easily possible to secure a reduction in the rates now charged for foreign postage.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

A Dude and His Overcoat.

A story is out on a certain young man whose purse is not the most plenteous, and yet he aims to dress as well as the richer young men with whom he associates.

Early in the winter, when it appeared that there would not be any cold weather, and he found himself in some what straightened circumstances, he pawned his overcoat. At the expiration of the pledge, the weather still being mild, he neglected to renew it. The coat not being called for, the pawnbroker sold it to a colored man. Two or three days after, the dude wanted the coat. He was very much discomfited on learning that it had been sold. He ascertained the address of the colored man to whom it had been sold. He found the fellow, paid him the amount that he had paid the pawnbroker and took his coat. The fun of it is that the colored man is a retainer in a suburban family with whom the young man associates. The young man doesn't know anything about this, but the family—through the colored man, who gave the thing away—know all about the overcoat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Great Season For Maple Sugar.

"Unless I am greatly mistaken," said Loren Cushman yesterday, "the coming spring will be a great season for maple sugar making. It is well known to those who have engaged in that business that a good season always follows a winter that furnishes abundance of cold weather. The maple sap is always sweeter after a period of intense frost and furnishes a larger percentage of sugar. Not only that, but the trees yield a larger quantity of sap after a cold winter than they do after a winter that has frequent thaws and periods of warm weather. The snow in our county is very deep, and unless remarkably warm weather should come it will be on the ground until well along in April. There is such an immense body of it that sugar making will not commence until late in the season, but when we get at it we shall make more of the toothsome sweet than we have made before in years."—Northwich Sun.

It is a strange coincidence that the rumors that one chair pusher at the fair had captured the heart of a rich California widow and another had eloped with a pretty London girl visiting the fair were circulated just before the chair boys' strike collapsed so ignominiously.—Chicago Dispatch.

SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY!

A Great Mistake.

A recent discovery is that headache, dizziness, nervous debility, prostration, etc., are due to derangement of the nerve centers which supply the brain with nerve force; that indigestion, dyspepsia, neuralgia, etc., arise from the derangement of the nerve centers supplying these organs with nerve fluid or force. This is likewise the cause of many disorders of the heart and lungs. The nerve system is like a telegraph system, and will be seen by the accompanying illustration.

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve Tonic is a reliable remedy for all nervous diseases, such as headache, nervous debility, prostration, dizziness, indigestion, dyspepsia, neuralgia, etc. It is sold by all druggists, or by mail, on receipt of the name of the nearest druggist, or direct from the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind., on receipt of price \$1 per bottle, six bottles for \$5.00, by express, prepaid.

Bald Heads! What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, brittle, falling out? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.

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