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ELKTON, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1874.

Written after We left Temple Lyon.*

BY BRASSEYA ALLEN. Ill omen'd was the fatal hour That bore me from my native bower, The valley fair, the sloping hill, The vocal grove, the silver rill. And shall I no'er revisit more The meads, with cowslips spangled o'er? And shall I no'er the garden view, Where scented myrtles sweetly blew. The orchards, once l'omona's care, The fields, that Ceres lov'd so dear, Where I could sweetest pleasure find; These with reluctance I resigned. Can e'er thy banks, Avokat, give Those joys, that could my cares remove, When Temple's bowers bloom'd for me, The rosy nymphs, so neat and clean,
That dane'd all liggtly on the green,
More lovely sure than those appear
Who gaily dress on Sundays here.
The flowers of peace, that blew so fair,
Lymphy'd with novinus weeds of care. Unmix'd with noxious weeds of care, Unmix'd with noxious weeds of care, These sweetly deck'd my native vale, But here, alas! their bloom is frail. Noise, painful to the tender mind That joys in lonely dells can find, Here in vext tumult, holds its sway, To chase the frighted muse away. Give me again, ye powers, to know The joys that rural scenes bestow; The woodland shade, the hill, the plain, Where happiness delights to reign.

*Her father's residence.

eller father's residence. Upon the Arklow River, Ireland. BOSTON KINDERGARTENS.

EDUCATING THE LITTLE FOLK. "Kindergarten, or no Kindergarten" is question likely to be much discussed durmas anxious to know how best to rear and tend their human flowers, but by School Commissioners, and those in authority generally. As Boston is the headquarters of the Kindergarten movement in America, perhaps some account of the theory and practice here will not be uninteresting. In

child-Miss Elizabeth Peabody. "There are just four true kindergartens in Boston," she said, "all the rest are spurious." I have learned since that she ought to have included two more, recently established under the auspices of the North End Mission, with trained teachers, and conforming to the ideas of Froebel as far gard Miss Garland's in Chestnut street, as rather the model establishment; so I spent there one entire forenoon this week in order to see, as thoroughly as might be, what it is to be a human flower in a child garden. Miss Garland's hours are from 9:30 A. M. to 12:30. Her school year is 36 weeks in duration, and her terms are \$80 per annum. To have a longer school year, she riends with them, so that they can see for them. said, was of no use, because such families as sent their children to her never returned to town befere October, and some of them are of the best quality, and can be bought on better had even already gone into the country. erms than at any other Store. All who call say that Three hours a day she found quite long my display is GRAND and it keeps my. enough to keep her little people systematiself and all my clerks busy waiting on my customers. | cally busy; for busy they are every mement

She takes children of from three to seven. Miss Garland has an assistant, and a secand school room, where a few of those who have been under her care until they were 7 are now devoting a small portion of every morning to learning to read, and they are so trained in habits of minute observation and close attention that they seem to learn lmost at sight. Her maximum number is 22; but she admits so many only because mong such little ones there is seldom a Lister's Bones day when all would be present. One has a cold, another the measles, or another an day when all would be present. One has a anxious grandmother, who thinks the weather is too inclement; so that not more than 16 or 18 are likely to be in school a

> once, and that is as large a number as the true kindergarten ought to contain. I wish I could make a picture for you of are pictures on the walls, such as Cheney's essentials. It is good for the body, he thinks to tend them; it is good for the soul it toward the sun-he is proud of it beyond measure. The children who are present each day are allowed, as a favor, to tend the plants of the absent; and they do this faithfully and with great delight.

Imagine in this picture-adorned, blossoming room, a dozen little tots, more or less-girls and boys being about equally represented. Fancy them seated in little chairs, so as not to tire their tiny legs, before long, low tables, just about as high as the seat of a grown up person's chair, made of light, polished wood, divided by black lines into square inches, by which the eyes of the children presently become accustomed to measure objects. Here they sit for half an hour, busy perhaps at building with blocks, perhaps at modeling in clay, perhaps at folding paper, or drawing, or embroidering on cards; for no John or Richard who has been trained in kindergarten will be necessarily dependent on his wife's caprices as regards his buttons. This work goes on for half an hour, and then there is half an hour of play. But first I must tell you about the "occupation," as they call it.

Building with blocks sounds like mere little minds very actively. They were given, when I was there, a cube, which in fourth. It is composed of eight wooden oblongs two inches in length, an inch wide, and half an inch thick. These little oblongs are shaped like bricks, you perceive, and with them the children are instructed to build. Each one must have his own idea, and plenty of room is thus given for invention. One built a bridge, with steps leading up to it, suggested by the one in the Public Garden. Another made a Summer house and explained his notion of its construction. Another made what he called an engine, with the gate to shut when the bell rings and the sign board over it. He had a spare oblong and he set it up on end and said it was the man to tend the gate. Another little fellow, full of fun and brightness, made a school house and set a solitary oblong in front of the door. "Who is that?" asked Miss Garland .-

by a nurse, but who had surprised them thoroughly understand the importance of

plays, so contrived as thoroughly to exer- money to procure them are likely to see cise the muscles, to teach grace of motion, their reward in the educated perceptions of and to prepare the folks for future danc- their very young children. L. C. M. ing. After half an hour's play comes another "occupation." Perhaps it is drawing. For this purpose they have peculiar slates, grooved into little squares a quarter of an inch each way. This aids them to be accurate in their lines. As they go on the slates are changed, the grooves becoming less and less deep, until at last they can draw as accurately on plain slates as they could at first on the grooved ones. Or perhaps they were paper choosing their own combinations of color. Or they model; and one little boy had shaped out of clay a surprisingly good turtle. Their leaf impressions in clay were extremely delicate and pretty. All the time their attention is alert; their habits of close and accurate observation are forming, and they are so interested in what is going on as to know no weariness. They wait on themselves, and put away all their implements as soon as they have finished using them, with a careful orderliness which is in itself an ing the coming Summer, not only by mam- excellent training for the future man or woman. They learn to be independent

my researches on this subject, I went first price. It is the most expensive of public to that dear, old patron saint of the movement-herself a wise, blessed, grown up and does ordinarily attend to the instruction of 50 scholars or more, the utmost number which can be taught with advantage in a single kindergarten is 24. Miss Garland, in her private school, would not as possible. Miss Peabody seemed to reone already established is at the corner of embloded campy cortex and put back the curtains, and watched him
Allston and Somerset streets, under the At one end of the temple, six more gilt put back the curtains, and watched him without it.

There is only one public kindergarten at

and self-helpful.

Miss Garland has under her care the potwho are brought to her by their maids or this race is fast dying out. began to study, has been truly marvelous. rain and sun and dew. And the two kin- the habits of sea lions: dergartens which the North End Mission accustomed to so much luxury at home ornaments which would be a vision of imthis room and the little people in it. There children who were not the curled darlings rough set of brutes-rank bullies, I should crayen of the Sistine Madonno; on brack- said, "to give them their first glimpses of as a big fellow shouldered his way among

ets are graceful busts; bouquets are in beauty and order-to open to them the his fellows, reared his huge front to intimipretty vases; but, above all, there is a doors of a new world." As to the Mission date some lesser seal which had secured a wealth of green things growing-potted | Schools, one of them is taught by a Roman | favorite spot, and, first with howls, and if plants, in large variety and in a very thrifty | Catholic, the other by a Protestant; so | these did not suffice, with teeth and main condition. This idea of growing plants, that for little wayfarers of either faith force, expelled the weaker from his lodgyou must understand, is one of Froebel's there is congenial welcome. One cannot go to a kindergarten without becoming enthusiastic about the systo love and watch them. Each child has tem. You see the little creatures so quick, one or more. His plant is as much his so observant, so inventive, and, above all, own as his cap or his mittens. He waters so bright and so happy. "How do you live in terror of the stronger members of punish them?" I asked, "for of course, the community; but they do not give up by candid critics to contain the most ansometimes." "They soldom need anything more than the mildest reproof," was the answer, "but when they do, it's quite sufficient to move the offender's chair away from the others, and give him a little sense

of isolation. There will be no lack of trained teachers for this system, for every year Miss Garland has a class of young ladies in the afternoons. She carefully instructs them n her theory and practice; allows them, by turns, to assist in the exercises of her own school: and, at the end of a year, she will have abundantly fitted them for their work. tal and spiritual adaption to receive her instructions. For let no one think that to teach in a kindergarten is a simple matter, requiring little culture and less genius. I now of no more exacting occupation. Infinite tact, infinite sweetness, infinite patience are a few of the requisitions. Wordsworth's perfect woman nobly planned would be none too good for it. But, given the teacher at once wise and zealous. and the parent who understands that to fun, doesn't it? but really it exercises these spell words of three letters is not the only or the most important knowledge possible to an infant human being, and we can cer-Froebel's list of "Gifts" is numbered the tainly, by the system of Froebel, make our children thoughtful, reasoning, inventive,

and orderly; almost from their cradles; and, above all, we can so quicken and awaken their preceptions as to render them capable of using to the best advant-The general interest in this system is rapidly increasing. Four or five other visi- before the Christian era. the system useful on the frontier. A young lady came in-one of Miss Garland's class of teachers who graduated last week -and it appeared that she had already been engaged by a number of wealthy families to keep a Summer Kindergarten at Beverley Farms, which was to combine with the regular system all out-of-door delights, of

REMARKS FOR SAME AND A SAME AND A

that morning by coming with the utmost | early training in order to be willing to pay so much to educate their babies. The State aginable. Let no one aspire to teach a out of its cradle; but meantime enough erably, for the amusement is all accom- system; and the few who have both the

> N. Y. Tribune. Astrakhan and its Buddhist Kalmucks.

A recent writer says: The most interesting sight in the neighborhood of Astrakhan is perhaps that of a Tartar settlement of Kalmucks. Gen. Kostenkoff, who is placed in charge of them, has taken The priest lives in a tent similar to those inhabited by the tribe, but better furnished his untasted cup. with mats and Persian carpets. At the disclose a small cupboard, which contains insult his father?" a small, ugly wooden doll in a long silk cloak. This is worshiped many times a seat, and knelt meekly before his parent. day, and offerings of brick-tea and beans His sunny curls fell back from his upturned are made of it; whilst a silver lotus-flower face, and his youthful countenance was present in Boston, but there is a wide built in pagoda-form, and gaily painted.

cordant noise. admit so large a number as this; but it ver pot of silver lotus flowers, a little cup perished. would be the maximum number of the public kindergarten. The single public were arranged round the table, and an noble air and majestic form descended the one already established is at the corner of embroidered canopy covered the whole. wide steps of his fine mansion. His wife charge of Miss Symonds, a teacher trained gods each occupied his niche, dressed in eagerly and wistfully as he rode away. by Miss Garland. The outlay for the yellow coats, and with the same offerings; She was very, very lovely, fairer than any necessary working apparatus for the first whilst a lamp was kept constantly burn- lady of the court, but the shadow of a sad year is not less than \$150, and the city ing and perfume was freely burnt. The heart was fast falling on her beauty. I hesitates to pay a teacher a full teacher's curious invention of the prayer wheel saw her gaze around upon the desolate wage to instruct two dozen babies, and to stood on each side of the door; they are splender of her saloon, and then clash her add \$150 more to buy them scientific toys. wooden drums, about a foot in diameter, hands in the wild agony of despair. When But the kindergarten advocates trust to and are made to revolve by a leathern strap I returned her husband lay helpless on a the success of this one experiment to prove and crank. The prayers are carved round couch, and she sat weeping beside him.

HOW SEA LIONS ENJOY LIFE.

| Harners, has this interest

It is an extraordinary and interesting has just added to its already noble work, sight to see marine monsters, many of them vagabond wayside thistles? Miss Garland to watch the superb skill with which they says her great difficulty is to interest her know how to control their own motions pampered little ones-used to French dolls when a huge wave seizes them and seems and unlimited bon-bons-in the simple likely to dash them in pieces against the pleasures of the kindergarten. They are rocks. They love to lie in the sun upon the bare and warm rocks; and here they that the pictures and flowers and little sleep, crowded together, and lying upon each other in inextricable confusion. The possible leveliness to some-stricken child, bigger the animal, the greater his ambiseem to them, at first, trivial and of small tions appears to be to climb to the highest account. But, as soon as their intellects summit; and when a huge, slimy beast has, are fully awakened, as soon as they have with infinite squirming, attained a solitary tasted the pleasures of observation and peak, he does not tire of raising his sharpinvention, she has no more trouble. Yet pointed, maggot-like head, and compla she half seemed to envy the teachers of cently looking about him. They are a of fortune. "It would be so lovely," she say; for I have watched them repeatedly,

ment. The smaller sea lions, at least those which have left their mothers, appear to have no rights which any one is bound to respect. They get out of the way with an abject promptness which proves that they being human children, they are naughty, their places without harsh complaints and cient forms of truth now known to men. piteous groans.

Plastered against the rocks, and with their lithe and apparently boncless shapes sons between the antiquity of its books and conformed to the rude and sharp angles, that of other writings and events. The they are a wonderful, but not a graceful or pleasing sight. At a little distance they tory of the world before the flood. We look like huge maggets, and their slow, ungainly motions upon land do not lessen of poetry composed in the antediluvian this resemblance. Swimming in the ocean. at a distance from the land, they are inconspicuous objects, as nothing but the head shows above water, and that only at intervals. But when the vast surf, which breaks in mountain waves against the weather side beforehand with her in giving them a men- in a single sweep dash to pieces the biggest Indiaman-when such a surf, vehemently and with apparently irresistible might, lifts its tall white head, and with a deadly roar, lashes the rocks half-way to their summit-then it is a magnificent sight to part of the boiling surge, so completely masters of the situation that they allow themselves to be carried within a foot or two of the rocks, and, at the last and imminent moment, with an adroit twist of their bodies, avoid the shock, and diving, reappear beyond the breaker. ANTIQUITIES OF EGYPT .- Bayard Tay-

lor, in one of his letters, entitled " Egypt Revisited," describes some of the articles lately brought to light from the ruins of ancient Memphis, to be seen in the museum age whatever opportunities the future may of Mariette Bey, which show that the most of our boasted discoveries in art were known to the Egyptians thousands of years

tors were at Miss Garland's when I was there, among them a gentleman and his wife from Minnesota, who wished to make old, yet no more dilapidated than if they came out of a garret of the last century; nets, knives, needles, and toilet ornaments; glass bottles and drinking cups, as clear as f inst blown: earthenware, glazed in blue and yellow patterns, the very counterpart of old Majolica; seeds, eggs and bread; straw baskets, and a child's ball for playing; paint-boxes with colors and brushes, and boards for games of draughts; in short a collection almost as varied and complete as the ashes of Vesuvius preserved for us of the (Grace-Roman life of the year 79 of

The palace of the Duke de Montre was NASBY TELLS US HOW THEY PROTECTED After this half-hour's "occupation" was not only hesitates before one teacher and decorated for a banquet. A thousand wax over, there came half an hour of play. \$150 worth of apparatus for every two lights burned in his stately rooms, making The plays are set to music, and are the dozen scholars, but the parent stops to them bright as mid-day. Along the walls most admirable system of gymnastics im- consider at \$80 a year for a wee object just | glowed the priceless tapestry of the Globelines, and beneath the foot lay the fabrics kindergarten who cannot sing, at least tolare being taught to show the worth of the of Persia. Rare vases, filled with flowers, stood on the marble stands, and their breath panied by singing. They play mostly ring sense to perceive its advantages and the went up like incense before the life-like pictures shining in their golden frames above. In the great hall stood immense tables covered with delicacies from all lands and climes. Upon the side-board glittered massive plate, and the rich glass of Murano. Music, now low and soft, now bold and high, floated in through the open case-

ment, and was answered at intervals by tones of magic sweetness. All was ready. The noble and gifted poured into the gorgeous saloons. Silks rustled, plumes waved, and jeweled embroigreat pains to improve them, having stud- deries flashed from Genoa velvets. Courtied their language, written a grammar, and ly congratulations fell from every lip, for and backed up squarely, that the precious translated the Bible into their tongue. At | the Duke de Montre had made a new step | load mite be easily and quickly taken out. present they are Buddhists, and probably in the path to power. Wit sparkled, the possess the only idol temple left in Russia, laugh went round, and his guests pledged in Europe. This Sir Arthur Cunynghame him in wine that a hundred years had melwas permitted to visit, as is mentioned in lowed. Proudly the duke replied; but his his works, Travels in the Eastern Caucasus. brow darkened, and his cheek paled with passion, for his son sat motionless before "Wherefore is this ?" he angrily demand.

back of the tent, folding-doors open, and ed. "When did my first-born learn to

The graceful stripling sprang from his

hangs in front. Beyond is the temple, radiant with a brave and generous spirit. "Father," he said, "I last night learned Five boys, forming the choir, squatted in a lesson that sunk into my heart. Let me enough to accommodate the whole city full the ante-room, dressed in gaudy, yellow repeat it, and then, at thy command, I will of little folks. The one objection is the calico; the lama or priest wore a painted drain the cup. I saw a laborer stand at brass crown on his head, holding in his the door of a gay shop. He held in his hand a pair of brass cymbals, and several hand the earnings of a week, and his wife, men were playing on trumpets, flageolets, with a sickly babe and two famishing little sea-shells and drums, making a most dis- ones, clung to his garments and besought him not to enter. He tore himself away, On a table in the centre, seven gods were for his thirst was strong, and, but for the placed, each having a small umbrella, a sil- care of a stranger, his family would have

their system so useful, and indeed so neces. them, and each turn says four prayers; "Once more I pause. A carriage sary, that the public cannot afford to do thus a vast amount of devotion is gons stood before a palace. It was rich with through without much labor. None but burnished gold, and the armorial bearings It is curious to notice the difference in the lamas understand their books, and the of a duke were visible in the moon-beams. condition of the "human flower," as Froe. people have entirely lost the clue to their I waited for its owner to alight, but he bel loves to call them, in the different religion, not knowing what they do. But did not move, and he gave no orders. Soon schools already in progress in Boston. they pay their contribution, and worship, the servants came crowding out; sorrow. bowing their heads to the ground. About fully they lifted him in their arms, and I house blossoms-the delicate little fairies a hundred have become Christians, but saw that some of the jewels were torn from his mantle, and his plumed cap was crushed and soiled, as if by the pressure of many footsteps. They bore him into the palace, and I wondered if his duchess wept Charlef Nordhoff, in the April number of like the beautiful wife of the citizen.

me it was the work of the red wine, which leaps gaily up, and laughs over its victims in demon merriment. I shuddered, father. are they not full of weeds—poor, little, bigger than an ex, at play in the surf, and and resolved never again to taste it, lest I,

" No, my son, touch it not. It is poison. as thy tutor told thee. It fires the brain, weakens the intellect, destroys the soul Put it away from thee, and so thou shalt grow up wise and good, a blessing to thy-

self and to thy country." He glanced around the circle. Surprise and admiration were on every face, and, moved by the same impulse, all arose while one of their number spoke.

"Theu hast done nobly, boy," he said, and thy rebuke shall not soon be forgoten. We have congratulated thy father upon the acquisition of honors, which may ass with the passing season. We now possessions, a son worthy of France and f himself. The haughty courtiers bowed a glowing

ssent, and each clasped the hand of the boy. But the father took him to his heart. on his countenance. and even now, among the treasured relics of the family, is numbered that silver cup. ANTIQUITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Few of us ever stop to think how old the With the aid of chronological tables, any one may easily make profitable compari Scriptures contain the only authentic hisfind in the Pentateuch one or two stanzas world. The Hebrew statutes were enacted a thousand years before Justinian reformed

the Roman jurisprudence. In the Bible we have the record of chartered rights secured to the people more than two thousand years before the Magna Charta .provided always that nature has been of the Farallenes with a force which would What a sensation would be produced if the first chapter of Genesis should appear for the first time in one of the newspapers tomorrow! Yet there can be no doubt that that chapter contains the oldest writing, twenty-five hundred years before the invention of printing. Xenophon's record see a dozen or half a hundred great sea of the conversation of Socrates, in his lions at play in the very midst and flercest Memorabilia, seems an old book to us, yet the books of the Old Testament are older than they. As to the book of Job, its age is beyond conjecture. Those who make it as modern as they can are compelled to place its origin at least one thousand years before Homer. When Priam was king of Troy, Job was in remote antiquity. The name of Alexander has no modern sound for us, yet when Alexander invaded Syria, the book of Job might have been read betime-honored than the name of Alexander is now. The writings of Confucius are modern when compared with most of the Bible; and the most that the Hindoos can justly claim for their sacred books, the Vedas, is that they were written five hun-dred years after the death of Moses. The Koran is a book fresh from the press com-pared with the Scriptures.

177 Three things are indispensable to a ummer's outfit. One is a small umbrella which is suspended by a chatelaine from the belt, in all traveling and excursion toilets: another is one or more wide, handsome sashes; and a third, plenty of black lace in the shape of polonaise, scarfs, ties, and the like. The black lace p "That is Elise, coming all alone, as she did this morning," he said, laughing.

Elise was a small maiden, with bright eyes and many ruffles, who was usually escorted

To the almost universal use of this system. But these Egyptian relics date over these diesser.

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To the almost universal use of this system. But these Egyptian relics date over these diesser.

Elise was a small maiden, with bright eyes and birds and sea and sky.

To the almost universal use of this system. But these Egyptian relics date over these diesser.

Elise was a small maiden, with bright eyes and without likker, and witho

WHOLE NO. 1.654

A X-ROADS RAID.

BASCOM'S MONEY UNTIL BASCOM HALL HIS EYES OPEN. The X-Roads had been dry for days after

the state of affairs was terrible. At last one mornin Bascom's oldest son Jehiel, who hed kept at the Stashen a Secessionville all the time for two weeks, with a single wagon, wuz seen a ridin down the hill urin the mule to its utmost speed. "Hooray!" sed Bascom, "it hez come

the ladies made a raid on Bascom's, and

at last !" Immejitly there wuz a change. Deckir Pogram riz, and fallin on his knees said de-Mcl'helter shouted "IIa! ha! with ez much power as they had left in 'em.

Thank the Lord, the mule didn't baulk. Ez of impressed with the importance uv its mishen, it come up gallantly to the door druv in, a bottle wuz filled, we drunk the revivin draft and wuz saved! But how to pertect our treasure wuz the

wood keep her oath ef it wuz possible. that idee wuz yoonanimously rejected. "Hey I no friends?" askt Issaker. "Do

voo all hate me?" A good many other plans wuz discusst to head off this terrible female, but none uz 'em seemed feesible.

At last I hit it. I sed that we must guard it with our strong rite arms. Let us arm ourselves with axe-helves and go out on each uv the four roads and stop by force every woman who appears on the streets. onless it is certain she hez no hostile intenshuns. Let us go in twos-eight will suffice. Let us be firm and inflexible. Bascom thought the sujestion wuz good one.

"Uv course," sed I, "the pickets will be entitled to their sustenance, gratis, while in active service."

"Certainly!" sed Bascom, "at regular intervals, when no enemy is in site, they may come in and get a refresher and git

back to their dooty."

Then came a trouble which I hed not inticipated. Every man in the Corners volunteered to go on guard duty. That free drink wuz a bounty wich fetched them. It wuz finally announced that we should take turns at it. Myself, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt, Captain McPelter, Absuum Pettus, Zach Porgeous, Elder Pennibacker and Sim McGrath I selected for the day's dooty. I put myself in the first day, for I wanted the first pull at the arrangement, hevin' an idea how it would come

The Deekin and I volunteered to take the post uv danger, which wuz the South road, onto which Lucindy Gavitt lived. We went out and took our stashuns; and ooked up the road and down the road.

"There is no wimmin in site, is there?" sed the Deckin. "Nary," sed I; "the coast is clear." "Parson, the coast bein' clear, isn't it sessions strictly to the hours required by time that we go down to Bascom's for the law.

refresher he spoke uv? This is fearfully tryin' dooty." I agreed with the Deekin, that, bein' old men, we needed suthin' bracin', and down we went. Ez we entered the door we wuz

astonished to see the other six at the bar, all a takin' their drinks. We got ours and went back, and again viewed the field. It wuz still quiet. Lu-

cindy, wuz, it wuz evident, not yet ready "Deekin," sed I, "does the foe appear?" "Nary foe " sed he. "the enemy is not

in site." "England expex every man to do his dooty. Deckin, but hedn't we better amble gently to Bascom's and git a sustainer?

This is fearfully exhaustin'." Before the words wuz out uv my mouth the Deekin hed made a dozen rods. I wuz pleased to see the old man so active. We engratulate him upon that best of all reached Bascom's in a very short timevery short, indeed-and there, somewhat to my surprise, stood the other six, all crookin' the pregnant hinges uv the elbow. Bascom did not hev a pleased expression

> Agin we departed for our posts, and we peered up and down the road. We saw suthin' moving out uv Issaker's house! It wuz a female. The second look reveeled the muskeler form uv Lucindy! She hed her sun-bunnet on and a axe in her hand!

"Deekin!" sed I, "stand firm. That ouraged woman is agoin for Bascom. Let us acquit ourselves like men." The Deekin's nose grew blooer, but his

lips closed omniously. I felt I cood depend on him. But Lucindy didn't go out the front door yard. She hed come out to split wood, and she split it, and takin an armful went back into the house. He wuz nervous with excitement. "Parson!" sed the Deckin, "I'm all

nstrung. I thought the hour uv conflict had come. This drain on my nervous system is too much. I must hev a soother." And we went. I wuz frozen with aston ishment. The first site that met my eyes ez we entered Bascom's wuz the other six a standing back from the bar and lissening to Bascom, who wuz gesticulatin wildly. "This little game is played out," sed Bascom. "You git no more likker uv me except in the reglar way."

"But Bascom," sed I, "ef we guard your property, its cz little ez yoo kin do to keep us in refreshments. Consider our ardoous servis."

"Bah!" wuz his reply. "Yoo've bin on dooty an hour and yoo've drunk four times, wich is to say thirty-two drinks in an hour. I've been exercisin a littl arithmetic while yoo wus out tho yoo didn't stay away long enuff to give me the tim to do a sum in simple multiplication decently. But in a barrel there's about 1,200 adopt a certain style in writing their names, drinks-at this rate you'd drink a barrel in and to practice so writing them that they two days. This looks to me as the you shall be able each to make a signature at wuz pertektin 500r property insted uv once legible and characteristic. mine. I don't want my property pertekted on these terms. Such pertekshen may be suffishent, but it's rather expensive.

"But, G. W.," I replied, "do yoo want these wimmin a raidin on your premises?

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NOTES.

-When the love of pupils is given sponaneously, it is an excellent thing for a teacher to have. When it can be obtained by consulting their interest, by expressed and implied sympathy, and uniform kindness it is a still more excellent thing to vontly, "Thank Hevins!" Issaker sprang have. But when the teacher obtains their to his feet and Elder Pennibacker and good will and affection by weak compliance with their whims, or by unduly fostering their ideas of their own personal importance, their self-pride, or their conceit, he pays entirely too dear for his whistle, even f it were genuine, and it is only imitation after all. . It is a thousand times better in many instances to act without referance to It wuz unloaded safely; the spigot wuz their present regard, and trust to the future for the vindication of your course in their eyes. Pupils are placed in school to get training that shall prepare them for the question. Lucindy Gavitt had swore that duties, realities and responsibilities of life, she wood bust every barrel uv likker that and they should not be left to wholly learn wuz brot to the Corners, and we knowd she in the heat of the conflict they are soon to enter, that they are mere atoms in an ocean Issaker sejested that she be pizened, but of struggling humanity, subject to general laws and having no special provision made for their welfare and happiness.

-Never teach a lesson that will have to be unlearned. At best the time is doubly wasted. At worst the evil may be life-

-The old saw that "practice makes perfect" is not invariably correct. Practice to make perfect must be accompanied by a sincere desire for, and an earnest effort to secure improvement.

-The season has come when boys love to 'go a swimming." Look out for truants and for the boy who "had to go an errand for father at noon" and who comes in late with his hair standing up all over his head. -"The worst reputation to get is that

of being a good fellow, because it costs more than one can honestly earn to support such a reputation. The name of being a little mean is a better name to have. It keeps blood-sucker away, and allows a man to be always just and occasionally gener-

-The teaching of writing in our common schools has seldom been attended with that degree of success which is to be desired. This may be in a great measure attributed to the fact that most teachers begin wrong. They require pupils to copy exact forms before any freedom of movement has be acquired. Correct position is not always insisted upon. Copious exercises tending to give freedom of movement and correctness of position should always precede any imitation of exact forms .-Some measure of freedom should be secured before great accuracy is attempted, otherwise the pupils will become discouraged in their work, and a delightful exercise will be changed to a distasteful task.

-During such weather as we are now having teachers will do well to limit their

IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOLS.

The question of improvement in schools is a broad one. It would be impossible in the limits of an article to treat it exhaustively. Let me rather suggest a few points for the thoughtful teacher's careful consideration. Do the several common school studies receive, relatively, a fair share of time? Has not the subject of geography received more attention than its relative importance demands? Not that any pupil should fail to secure in school, a general and eventful knowledge of physical and political geography; but are there not in all our text-books upon the subject, many details that are of no importance, and might just as well be omitted? Should not the study of natural history be pursued to some extent in the common schools? May not something be done, also, to shorten the time usually devoted to the subject of arithmetic? Then, on the other hand, have we not of late, neglected the important matter of penmanship? For some reason it appears that this practical art is not so successfully taught as formerly. We have but very few elegant penmen. Is a good hand-writing really inconsistent with a great mind? Let me suggest only one other delinquency. As a people we are poor readers. Is it true that but few of our clergymen can read the scriptures or a hymn with proper effect? that but few ersons can read even a simple narrativenot to say a poem, or other difficult selection with passable propriety? It will hardly be disputed that to be a good reader, is an important accomplishment. Is it not a much more important matter than that one should be a good singer or a good player upon a musical instrument? Yet how many more professional teachers of music we have, than professional teachers of elecution. Would not our schools be doing a noble and useful work, if they should make good readers of all their pupils?-R. I. Schoolmaster.

There are four essential elements in the character of a good teacher. Firmness and good nature, for discipline; and intelligence and industry, for the promotion of scholarship in pupils. Lacking any of these elements the teacher must fail.

The most murderous teacher to the intellect of children is one who keeps them still without keeping them busy. To recover from the stupor into which such a teacher puts children, it takes not less than a year nor more than a life time.

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