



THE DERELICT "KOENIGSBERG."

The German cruiser and raider "Koenigsberg," riddled with shot and shell, now lying on the mud in Rufji, Africa.

day little tests dealing with sticks of candy or sheep or books. The problems in the Rainy Day Book were made up when the teacher was at her best and dealt with the distances between places, the little geographical facts of her own town and things that were interesting to know as well as interesting to work. The same could be said about the sentences she saved up for the language lessons, for they culled from good authors instead of being ground out of a weary brain. I used to have a boy in one of my classes who had but one sentence for all occasions and that was, "The cow gives milk." And some teachers who have laughed over that story have confessed that quite often their brains turned out sentences quite as commonplace and as uninteresting as that.

Then there were little hints written out that the teacher had found in other schools. Perhaps she might have remembered these, but she did not want to run the risk. Once at a country school picnic she had seen the little boys and girls playing a pretty game and she wanted to remember every detail so she wrote it out for her own pupils. In a city school she had found the pupils making little baskets of wild grasses sent them by a country school in exchange for some work they had contributed, and she wanted to keep in mind that it is well for country and city schools to exchange materials once in a while, so that suggestion went into the book.

She obtained ideas from all kinds of meetings and sources for her book as the days flew by.

Then when the dark days came when her head ached and her whole body throbbed she was able to bring out something novel and interesting to keep the children happy and busy, and still keep up the lessons. She had the pleasing consciousness that the little world in which she moved was not standing still because she was tired and discouraged, but rather that the fresh or crisp suggestions were worth more because the children had to carry them out in a great measure alone. Of course there is the danger that the book might be resorted to when the teacher was anxious to shirk duty or when pleasure stepped in, but the true teacher can be trusted to keep such a book for the real "rainy days," that come to the healthiest and happiest beings in this old world. And then such a book is worth its weight in gold.

To how many schools in the Maritime Provinces could the following apply? Our janitors are keeping the rooms clean, the floors oiled, the basements disinfected. The feather duster has become a thing of the past and all dusting is done with a cloth dampened with a disinfectant, no sweeping is allowed during school hours. J. W. Risley, 1915-16 report, Owensboro, Ky.