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The Kindergarten.

In many centers in the United States there has been for some time past a kind of reaction against the kindergarten. A great deal of the adverse criticism is unjust, and perhaps as unfounded as have been the predictions of its most sanguine advocates. It is suffering from having previously been extravagantly overpraised. Though the kindergarten may have fallen short in some things, yet, after allowing for failures, it has in many notable respects succeeded. No system of education will work automatically, and doubtless, as in everything else, any failure to reach anticipated results is due as much to the shortcomings and inexperience of teachers as to the system itself.

It has been urged that the work has been made so attractive that children regard their tasks as play; and that when children pass into the public schools they insist that the class room shall be a place for pure entertainment. It is stated further that undue stress has been laid upon certain minor details of Froebel's plan, and competent psychologists go so far as to condemn some of his ideas.

But there is another side. The desirability of making study attractive is hoary with age, but to the kindergarten has been allotted the task of carrying the notion with fresh and vital power into the minds of modern teachers. We will, however, have reached a desired medium when we have learned to avoid excess in both directions, and have made lessons interesting without being too easy, for which no small amount of credit will be due the kindergarten. Among the benefits conferred by the kindergarten, we have the development of the power of observation through the early training of the eye and hand; the inculcation of a spirit of sympathy, and a humane feeling towards the lower animals. In some instances here in London the children are taken to view certain industries, to observe, for instance the operations of a blacksmith, where their curiosity is not only aroused but gratified. The inductive method is used extensively, that is, the pupils are set to observe, and from particulars are led to form general conclusions, and in this respect the instruction resembles that employed in the high schools in the teaching of science.

In conclusion, we might say that the kindergarten has made a worthy contribution to educational methods, and with wise and well-trained teachers, which we have every reason to expect, it will remain a useful and important part of our educational system.

Canadian Poetry.

The little volume entitled "Canadian Essays, Critical and Historical," by Dr. Thomas O'Hagan, and published by William Briggs, Toronto, is in a sense an interesting treatment of a timely subject. The work of 222 pages contains seven essays, three of which treat exclusively of different phases of Canadian literary effort, in prose and poetry, and in Canadian oratory.

"It is quite true," says Dr. O'Hagan, "that nothing can be added to the literary worth of an author by injudicious praise, nor will puffery give poet, novelist or historian a seat in the pantheon of permanent fame." We quite agree with this preamble, yet in the essays mentioned are discussed the works of sixty "well-known Canadian poets," "twenty-two French-Canadian authors, churchmen and statesmen," and "Canadian women writers." Such a showing would indicate that our comparatively young Dominion is congenial soil, a veritable hotbed for poetic germs. It would seem to disprove the truism that "excellence dwells among rocks hardly accessible, and a man must almost wear his heart out before he can reach her." To look with such a kindly eye upon the effusions of poetical aspirants and to indulge in such plauditory outpouring, cannot serve any legitimate purpose in connection with our national literature.

A nation's literature, in fact, is a spontaneous development. It is a matter on which we need take no thought for the morrow. When the times are ripe, a literature of some sort will doubtless appear, and when it does come, it will to a large extent embody the ideas and life of the time, as Shakespeare was distinctly a poet of the Elizabethan era and Milton one of the chief spokesmen of Puritanism. In Canada there is an apparent lack of an inspiring theme. Hence it is too much to expect such a galaxy of poets as enumerated in the present volume. Shelley has defined poetry as "the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds." Another writes to the effect that when a thought has caught the poet's imagination and been dwelt upon until its full significance is revealed, and there has clustered about it a wealth of happy fancy

and art illustration, and when the thought is touched, beautified and made effective by emotion, has been uttered with power to excite like emotion in reader and hearer, we have poetry. Judged by such standards, one can readily see that poetic power is such a rare gift that very few poets have ever manifested its presence in the highest degree.

Criticise adversely, if you must, and let the fittest survive. Dr. O'Hagan's book is written in an interesting style, and the poems by which he has illustrated his "criticisms" will also be found interesting, though they may not rank among the great efforts of British genius.

"Reformation of the Meter."

A New York writer wishes a crusade could be started for the reformation of the meter:

"Of all depraved, insane, illogical and maddeningly, meaningless things on earth, the gas and electric light meter is the worst.

"I know 50 cases at least where bills have been rendered to owners of closed, dark houses. One man removed his meter himself after receiving an absurd bill, and substituted lamps, and awaited developments. The next month his bill was sent in as usual.

"I have known a family to give up housekeeping and go out for their meals—which, of course, left the gas range unused. Yet their bill for lighting the house was larger than for previous months, when both lights and fuel had been employed.

"When electricity came to the front I rejoiced with an exceedingly great joy. I said: 'Now the gas meter impostor shall be stripped of all power and humiliated to the dust.'

"But I reckoned without the American host—Greed. Electricity installed as justly might an impostor—another 'meter' to tell lies and impose upon a helpless public with erratic and ridiculous reports.

"If bills for gas or electricity were consistent, I would not complain, even if they were larger than seemed agreeable. At least I would do no more than call the meter greedy; and if I felt I could not meet its demands I would return to lamps.

"But greediness is only one of the meter's bad qualities today—its absolute unreliability, its undoubted depravity, and its unquestionable insanity, proclaim its need of a conservator. And that conservator should be the United States Government!"

New Yorkers are protesting against being expected to pay five cents for the use of a chair in Central Park.

The crops in Essex county never were better than this year. The wheat crop, although not such a large acreage as formerly, is a fair crop; oats never promised such a crop before; barley could not be better; corn is making great headway, and has recovered from the cold weather of May and promises an immense yield and an acreage equal to any previous year. Tobacco is doing well, the plants having made a good catch. Fruit will be up to the average. The outlook all around was never brighter.—Amherstburg Echo

Solomon's Wisdom

[Chicago News.] Solomon had a world-wide reputation for wisdom—but then the old gentleman had no youthful college graduates to compete with.

What Marriage Means.

[Omaha News.] Now that Justice Brewer is married he will probably find out what it means to have his decisions reversed.

Large Bats.

[St. Louis Star.] Bats measuring nearly five feet from tip to tip of wings have been discovered in East Africa. Better import some of them into this country. Some of our baseball players need a bat about that width to insure their hitting the ball.

Toronto's Way.

[Toronto Telegram.] "Ernest Albert" is so conspicuous among the front names of the Duke of York that Mayor Howland will probably be calling his royal highness "E. A." before he has been a week in town.

Mind and Matter.

[New York Advertiser.] Mrs. Eddy—There is no matter. All is mind. Learner—Is money matter? Mrs. Eddy—There is no matter. Learner—Well, I have a million dollars in my mind. Will you please cash me a check for a hundred thousand? Mrs. Eddy—Yes, in my mind. Learner—No matter—never mind.

Helen Keller, Sweet Girl Optimist.

[New York World.] Helen Keller, deaf and blind, made a little address the other day to the deaf and dumb pupils of a Halifax institution. "I do not feel," she said, "as if I were in a strange country, for I have been familiar with the name and the story of Evangeline's land from earliest childhood, and when I knew that I was at last to visit Nova Scotia my heart overflowed with pleasure. This is one of the unexpected joys which meet us around the corner of the street of life." Here is a girl who is developing in her full self while unable to see the beauties or hear the music of the world about her; able to speak in a voice of sweet monotony as the result of long and patient practice, but lacking the ear to hear her own words or to join in any of earth's choruses. She stands up bright, cheerful, hopeful, and talks as freely as might any of her fully equipped sisters of "unexpected joys that meet us around the corner of the street of life."

What a lesson in perseverance, in industry, in uncomplaining

THE RUNNANS, CARSON, McKEE CO.

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...FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY...

The careful shopper will find in our list today extraordinary bargains. They ought to bring a heap of trade our way, and they will. On account of many of the lines being limited in quantity, we advise early trading.

Staples

150 yards Outing Flannel, in pink, fawn and blue, with fancy stripes; regular price 20c, Friday, per yard 15c
100 yards Toweling, in linen crash, 17 inches wide; regular price 7c, Friday, per yard 5c
148 yards Best Scotch Gingham, in sky, pink, hello, navy and black, small plaid, fine quality; regular price 25c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 15c

Housefurnishings

3 only, Tapestry Rugs, size 7x9 feet, good quality; regular price \$8, Friday and Saturday, each \$4 00
200 yards Balmoral Carpet, good patterns, well covered; regular price 75c and 85c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 60c
4 only Table Covers, in green, cardinal and green, handsomely embroidered in silk; regular price \$3.25, Friday and Saturday, each \$2 25
30 pairs Lace Curtain, 2½ yards long, taped edges; regular price 50c, Friday and Saturday, per pair 39c

Smallwares

6 dozen Bibs, silk embroidered and lace trimmed; regular 8c, Friday, each 5c
4 dozen Bibs, lace trimmed; regular 8c, Friday, each 5c
25 boxes Pink Label Soap, 2 cakes in box; regular 10c, Friday, per box 5c
25 boxes Hyacinth Soap, 2 cakes in box; regular 15c box, Friday, each 10c
5 "Magnetic" Paper Plates, containing 12 sheets note paper and 12 envelopes, Friday 5c

Shoes

100 pairs Ladies' Low Shoes, in Vici Kid; regular price 32, Friday and Saturday, per pair \$1 00
50 pairs Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Buttoned and Lace Bais; regular price 3, Friday and Saturday, per pair \$1 25

Handkerchiefs

30 dozen Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with fancy lace corners, special Friday until sold, each 5c

SEVENTEEN PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES

By the Collision on the Chicago and Alton Railway on Wednesday.

Kansas City, Mo., July 11.—Later details regarding the collision yesterday, in which the Chicago and Alton passenger train, No. 7, west bound, from Chicago, ran into the second section of freight train, No. 88, going east, near Norton, Mo., 100 miles east of Kansas City, show that the trains were going at a rapid rate. Both engines were demolished, and the forward cars telescoped. Both engineers, the freight conductor and L. Rogers, express messenger, were killed outright, as were three passengers. The smoker and baggage car were pushed into the space of one car by the terrific impact of the collision.

At University Hospital the most seriously injured are: Mrs. Hilda Hayshipp, of Chicago, and E. C. Bray, Chicago. Not all of the other 24 patients in Kansas City Hospital are out of danger.

Crockery

44-Piece Fancy China Tea Sets, with gilt decorations, per set \$4 95
10-Piece Toilet Sets, tinted and stippled, roller edge basins, special at, per set \$4 00
1 cask of Glass Goblets, for each 6c
1 cask of Glass Tumblers, for each 3c
1 cask of Glassware, consisting of Covered Butter Dishes, Spoon Holders, Cream Jugs and Sugar Bowls, 6 pieces, for 25c

of Norton on a curve surmounting a high embankment.

THE LIST GROWS.

Kansas City, Mo., July 11.—The death list resulting from the Chicago and Alton collision, near Norton, Mo., grows with each hour. At this time seventeen persons have died, three are dying, and the hospital physicians state that others who inhaled steam from the wrecked locomotive may not live.

Fatally injured—Mrs. J. D. Adsett, Hoopston, Ill.; Prof. S. A. D. Harry, Hoopston, Ill.; Leslie F. Coleman, Pawpaw, Mich. These three are at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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THE DEAD.

The dead are Daniel McAnna, engineer; S. J. Anderson, engineer; Frank Briggs, engineer; I. S. Rogers, express messenger; Daniel Donnelly, driver; Mrs. Gilman, of Good Land, Ind.; D. W. Hooker, Syracuse; G. L. Roy, Wilmington, Ill.; — Jones, supposed to be from Chicago, not well identified, 45 to 50 years of age, sandy mustache, light gray eyes, light hair, weighed 180 to 200 pounds; Mrs. R. J. Curtis, Geneseo, N. Y.; young woman, supposed to be daughter of Mrs. Curtis; Mrs. Dickson, Wilmington, Ill.; Miss Lulu Rider, Kentland, Ill.; Mrs. Frances Walker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. S. D. Harry, Hoopston, Ill.; aged woman, unidentified, unknown man.

The Marseilles French Opera Company, on its way to San Francisco, comprising seventeen people, lost every bit of its scenery and baggage. None of the passengers escaped with more than his hand baggage and were lucky to get away with that much.

COULD NOT STRAIGHTEN UP

David Rowe, of Coneseon, Had Trouble With His Back—His Experience Should Be a Lesson to Others.

Coneseon, Ont., July 8.—(Special.) Those who would profit by the experience of a man who has found a sure cure for backache in Dodd's Kidney Pills, should read the letter of David Rowe printed herewith. He writes: "A pain in my back commenced in my shoulders and extended down my spine, finally concentrating its full force in what is commonly called the small of the back, and there it became almost unendurable.

"I could not straighten up to save my life. Urinating gave me great pain, and I was unable to do much work. A doctor failed to help me. 'I bought a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills at Mrs. German's store, and on taking them, felt a change for the better. I took in all, ten boxes, and I am a well man today.'

A body which was found in the Leach Canal on Tuesday morning has been identified as that of Thomas E. Dufresne, of Montreal. Dufresne was a jockey, and had not been seen since the Bel Air races, which he attended. An inquest will be held.

HOLLOWAY'S CORN CURE is a specific for the removal of corns and warts. We have never heard of its failing to remove even the worst kind.

Some Linen Bargains

Housekeepers who delight in charming table furnishings will benefit by these offerings. Just a word of some very striking values.

Special line, Unbleached Linen Table Damask, 58 inches wide, extra quality; regular price 25c, special Friday, per yard 21c

Special line of Half-bleached All-Linen Table Damask, 60 inches wide, extra weight; regular price 60c, special Friday, per yard 35c

Special line, All-Linen Bleached Table Damask, 72 inches wide, Fleur de Lis pattern; regularly 75c, special, Friday 52c

Special line, Bleached All-Linen Table Damask, good width, neat patterns, regular price 40c, special Friday, per yard 31c

Special line, All-Linen Bleached Table Damask, 70 inches wide, regular value 65c, special Friday, per yard 47c

Special line, All-Linen Bleached Table Damask, 68 inches wide, neat patterns, regular price 85c, special Friday, per yard 73c

Grocery Dept.

Redpath's Standard Granulated Sugar, 20 pounds for \$1 00
Bright Yellow Muskavado Sugar, 11 pounds for 50c
40c Imperial Blend Black, Mixed, Japan or Green Tea for, per pound 25c
8 pounds of Rice and 2 pounds of Tapioca for 25c
1 packet of Swiss Food and 1 packet Life Chips for 25c
1 2c jar of English Cream Baking Powder and 1 tin of Morton's Fresh Herring for 25c
Try our 30c blend of Breakfast Coffee at, per pound 25c
Crisp Ginger Snaps and Soda Biscuits, per pound 7c
3 pounds of Mated Tea, Rice and Fruit Biscuits, for 25c

Clothing

Men's All-Wool Tweed Suits, well made and trimmed, neat patterns and good colors, all sizes, regular price, \$8.50 to \$11, special sale price \$6 75

Men's Working Suits, in blue serge and tweed, all sizes, regular price \$5 to \$8, special sale price \$3 50

Boys' Three-Piece Suits, the latest styles, in tweeds and worsteds, all sizes from 29 to 33, regular price \$5, special sale price \$3 95

Ribbons

22 pieces Colored Double Face Satin Ribbon, 1½ inches wide, in all wanted colors, regular price 7c and 10c, special price Friday only, per yard 5c

Children's Bonnets

Children's Muslin Bonnets, with embroidery and muslin frill and Val. lace trimmings, regular price 65c and 80c, special price 50c

Children's Swiss Embroidery Bonnets, close fitting, regular price 50c, special price 33c

Dress Goods

20 ends 54-inch Homespun and Frieze Suitings, in skirt and suit lengths, in gray, brown and green, plain all-wool goods, regular \$1 and \$1.25, special to clear Friday 75c
15 pieces Skirt and Suit lengths, 54-inch, All-Wool Homespun, in brown, green and light gray, plain and check effects, regular 75c and \$1, special to clear Friday 50c
5 pieces Small Tweed Effects, 42-inch, dark colors, special for girls' and cycling skirts, regular 30c, special to clear Friday 19c

Hosiery

Ladies' Plain Black Cotton Hose, seamless feet, Hermsdorf dye, worth 20c pair, Friday special at 15c
Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, seamless feet, light weight for summer wear, regular price 25c pair, special at 20c
Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, with Balbriggan soles, regular price 25c pair, special Friday at 20c
Boys' Heavy Ribbed Cotton Hose, all sizes, special at, per pair 10c
Ladies' Fancy Cotton Hose, with colored stripes, Friday to clear at, per pair 25c

Men's Furnishings

50 dozen Men's Light-Weight Colored Cotton Socks, ribbed top, regular price 10c, Friday, per pair, 7c, or three for 20c
72 Men's Double-Thread Balbriggan Underwear, all sizes, regular price, per suit, \$1, Friday 75c
3 dozen Boys' Blue Denim Overalls, sizes 18 to 30, special, per pair 40c
2 dozen Men's White Laundered Shirts, linen bosom and wrist bands, all sizes, slightly soiled, regular price 65c and 75c, Friday, each 49c

Parasols

27 only Ladies' Fancy Colored Parasols, plain and figured, regular 75c and \$1, special price 39c
Ladies' White Parasols, plain and Satin stripes, special \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2, \$2 25

Caught on the Fly.

The Woodstock Old Boys' celebration cost the city about \$700.

Presbyterians are 6,000 strong in Mexico and have just organized an independent synod.

The marriage is announced in Ottawa, to Miss Foran, of Ottawa.

Brooms go up another 25 cents per dozen by order of the trust, which promises another similar boost Aug. 1 on the plea that broom corn is very scarce.

At the quarterly meeting of the Western Association of Stove Manufacturers in Chicago, it was decided to continue present prices another three months.

Rear-Admiral Bunce, U. S. N., retired, has had most of his cancerous tumor cut out in a Boston hospital, but will not wholly lose the power of speech.

Natives of Ronkonkoma, L. I., are shocked because resorters promenade in their bathing suits. The practice is said to be driving away desirable summer visitors.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. William Cumbuck, 72 years old, was married in Lapel, Ind., to Miss Laura Wachstatter, a teacher. Cumbuck was one of the founders of the Republican party.

An attempt to kidnap a little girl was made on Chadot street, Winnipeg, Tuesday afternoon, and was frustrated only by the prompt interference of a bystander.

Governor-General Lord Minto and his party will visit Anticosti, Charlottetown, Picton, Sydney, Louisburg, Halifax, St. John and Fredericton, returning about Aug. 3 next.

At a point on the C. P. R. between Brandon and Sewell, where the soil is very sandy, grasshoppers gathered on the track in such numbers that they stilled the heavy train.

Neither Mr. George E. Foster nor Mr. George Taylor, M. P., will give a definite statement as to the situation in regard to the former being the Conservative candidate for Addington.

T. D. Patton, who was for many years secretary of the Winnipeg Y. M. C. A., has accepted the position of international secretary, Y. M. C. A., in India, with headquarters at Calcutta.

At a meeting of the Montreal city council, Ald. Clerhuc, one of the members, stated that he had been offered a bribe to vote for one of the electric light tenders, but he refused to state names.

A cloudburst is reported to have almost destroyed the town of Corbin, 20 miles south of Helena, Mont. The water rose to eight feet in the principal streets, and only the most substantial buildings remained in position.

James Lawler crawled into the bedroom of Ella Jones, in Whitehouse, Ohio, and made improper remarks. Miss Jones had been cleaning house and an open can of lye was handy. James got it in the face and will be blind for life.

At Christ Church, Winnipeg, Man., on Tuesday, Rev. James Chalmers Chambers, rector of the church, and Miss Evelyn Willin were married by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, assisted by Rev. Mr. Thomas, of St. Luke's, and Rev. Mr. Smith, of All

Saints' Church. The church was crowded.

The Nelson township smallpox case is at Freeman, the patient being a young man named Pettigrew, employed as a farm hand. He has been isolated in a tent. Pettigrew attended Niagara camp with the 20th Regiment.

The Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America propose the construction and operation of an independent telephone system in New York and Boston. Plans are also being laid for the construction of a long distance trunk line between the two cities, which will cost about \$2,000,000.

Young Fook, a Chinese cook employed at a boarding house at Mount Breckinridge lumber mill, 35 miles east of Bakersfield, Cal., in the mountains, was lynched by lumbermen. The Chinaman attacked Mrs. Kenney, wife of the foreman of the mill, with a butcher knife, inflicting a serious wound on her face.

There was a hot fight at the Montreal city council over the tenders for the electric lighting of the city of Montreal. It was proposed that the contract be offered to the Royal Electric Company, which at present lights the city for a period of five years, at \$60 a lamp. This is a reduction of \$35 a lamp from the tender made by the Royal Company. An amendment was submitted for giving the contract to the St. Lawrence Paper Company at \$54 a lamp. Finally it was proposed that new tenders be asked, to be considered by the council when it meets again next fall. This was carried by a vote of 17 to 16.

BLOOD POISON

If you ever contracted any blood disease you are never safe unless the virus or poison has been eradicated from the system. At times you see alarming symptoms, but live in hopes no serious results will follow. Hays you are of the following symptoms? Sore Throat, Ulcers on the Tongue or in the Mouth, Hair Falling Out, Aching Pains, Itchiness of the Skin, Sores or Blisters on the Body, Eyes Red and Smart, Dyspeptic Stomach, Sexual Weakness—Indications of the second stage. Don't trust to luck. Don't ruin your system with the old foggy treatment—mercury and potash—which only suppresses the symptoms for a time, only to break out again, when happy in domestic life. Don't let quacks experiment on you. Our New Method Treatment is guaranteed to cure you. Our guarantees are backed by bank bonds, that the disease will never return. Thousands of patients have been already cured by our New Method Treatment for over twenty years. No experiment, no risk—not a "patch" put on as a cure. The worst cases solicited. We treat and cure Nervous Debility, Sexual Weakness, Gleet, Blood Poison, Sciticide, Varicose Kidney and Bladder Diseases, and all diseases peculiar to men and women.

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