

23. What is the difference between decimal fractions and common fractions? The first has a denominator understood, showing that a unit is divided into ten equal parts, or subdivided into a ten-fold ratio; the second has a denominator shewing that a unit is divided into any number of equal parts.

24. What is currency? The medium of circulation.

25. From what was the sign \$ derived? From the initial letters of the *United States*. U. S. joined together as a monogram.

26. What is a standard unit? A unit of measure from which the other units of the same kind may be derived.

27. What is the standard unit of value? Money is the standard unit of value and is of two kinds, coin and paper money. In Canada and the United States the standard unit is the dollar. In English money it is the pound.

28. What is the standard unit of weight? Troy pound.

29. What is the standard unit of length? Yard, &c.

30. What is the standard unit of surface? Square yard for ordinary measurement, and acre for land.

31. What is the standard unit of volume? Cubic yard for ordinary measurement, and cord for wood.

32. What is the standard unit of capacity? Gallon for fluids and bushel for dry measure.

33. What is the standard unit of time? Day, this is determined by revolution of the earth.

34. What is the difference between a lb. Troy and a lb. Avoirdupois? Troy has 5760 grains, Avoirdupois has 7000 grains.