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The New Readers.

A few more words on the new series of readers:

On one thing the compilers are to be congratulated, viz., their vocabulary. It is no easy matter to choose a vocabulary, quia vocabulary, for the young.

The ratio between the symbolical and prescriptive terms must be most carefully judged.

Concrete nouns must not be too greatly in predominance; yet abstract ones must be graduated in difficulty of meaning with excessive care.

To all of which cautions there must be added those of eschewing polysyllables; limiting the number of phonic elements; restricting the phraseology to that of the best usage; choosing always words of common use;

poetic meaning, euphonious sound, and authoritative sanction. The following list will show that the majority of these points have been kept fairly in view:

Tangle, dale, deem, sleek, fog, mood, knock, curb, snuff, daisy, noon, point, dim, faint, roam, sturb, dunt, vote, left, venture, tribe, on, sure, creek, crescent, vast, calm, translation, plan, refrain, rear, bang, substantial, blue, substitute, fire, fresh.

There are immense possibilities for teaching contained in these simple words. Each could be made the text of a wonderful lecture. The true teacher will find here to hand an excellent primer.

On some points criticism must be passed. Why should the story be the story of a dim? It is not a coin in use here; it presents many lacunae from the difficulty of mentioning minor details; it contains no scope for graphic, still less for pathetic, description; there is no moral. Again, words and phrases such as:

Forsooth, for which would take a cold, get his father by the tail, while the stalk keeps on to grow, get through with, planted around, I shall will, cause, that, like, in any way, no means sanctioned by classical authors, in a school text-book, we want no provincialisms.

Another thing we miss is a judicious insertion of simple synonyms. To explain the meanings of words is the grand thing. Synonyms aptly occurring in proximity are a great aid to this. Their absence is very noticeable.

Law Students and Their Grievances. We print with pleasure W. H.'s letter on this subject, not because we believe all students at law are subjected to all the indignities he narrates, nor because we believe he is to altogether a typical case, but because law students deserve grievances, and those of no trivial kind.

Competition amongst this class, we all know, is keen; but this should affect only the economic relationship between principal and student, not the ethical relationship. There is no doubt whatever, however, that in a large number of cases it does affect this ethical relationship—i. e., the duties which the principal is bound to discharge to his articulated clerk.

There are other grievances besides these, however. If the law society were to extend some of its ample revenues upon other and more profitable objects than handsome buildings, and pictures, it would bear a better name for generosity than it now does.

At Issue on the Value of Ritual. The American asserts that churches without a ritual service are decreasing in influence and membership. The Philadelphia Record denies the fact and points to the progress made on this continent by the methodists and baptists. This is no unimportant subject, and the diametrically opposite views of the two papers are only a sample of the divided views of the public. The truth probably lies between the two: the church entirely devoid of ritual and the church whose only power is ritual will neither of them progress as rapidly as the church which adds to the power of its pulpit a pleasing service.

The progress made by the methodists and baptists to which the Record points, is without doubt due to their availing extremes. It is generally in those churches which either carry ritual or the avoidance of it too far, that rapid and lasting progress is not made, witness on the one hand Plymouth brethren, on the other the congregation of St. Alban's, Holborn.

The principle limiting the proportion of ritual, viz., that it should be accessory to worship, not in place of it, this principle all will concede. The eccentricities of the salvation army, even the hymns of the brethren and the extempore method of speaking amongst the quakers, are degrees and forms of ritual. The difficulty lies in determining what species of ritual and what proportion of ritual can be called properly accessory, and diversity of opinion on this point is brought about by the fact that different rituals suit different classes.

The Canadian voyageurs appear to be the most romantic part of the Southern expedition, and so they are getting their full share of attention in the London illustrated papers.

Perhaps one cause of the vituperation characterizing the political speeches, writings and sayings of our neighbors is to be found in the fact that, after all, the vituperator does not object so very much to this

method of bringing his into publicity. To be abused one must be already somebody. That itself is a pleasing thought perhaps; and if the abuse can be parried, no doubt many a politician would put up with it for the sake of the notoriety it brings him. They go on the principle that it is better to be ever so roundly abused than to be taken no notice of.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association. Editor World: The letter of Mr. R. Wilson Smith, published in your paper this morning, is characteristic of those newspaper proprietors who sell themselves, body and bones, to the insurance monopolists.

I will by no means say that it is impossible for them to tell the truth, but it is embarrassing and difficult. I referred, for instance, in a recent letter to the well known retraction and apology of "The Spectator" of New York, and which the wretched crowd who conducts that instrument was obliged to "fry in its own fat" in the following way, to print in its own journal. In reply to this, Mr. Smith boldly denies my statement, by saying that "The Insurance Times of New York has withdrawn one of its charges or statements. "The Spectator," Mr. Smith, is one thing, and the Insurance Times is another.

The Spectator has been disposed of. The proprietor was allowed to escape upon condition that he should make an abject and ample apology and be crawled in the dust and did so. But the notorious Steve English who conducts "The Insurance Times" is still awaiting his trial, and I am much mistaken if he will be so leniently dealt with. With respect to him, the Spectator is a mere nothing.

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should have all day for his principal, and then have the privilege of studying all night for himself! W. H. Dec. 2, 1914.

Gleason and Bright. From the London Telegraph. Lord Macaulay's speeches were all carefully prepared copies, and John Stuart Mill's parliamentary utterances were deliberately made before delivery.

Nevertheless, it is beyond question that both the historian and the logician were better critics of each other than ninety-nine out of every hundred facile orators. With due submission to the splendid reputation of the giants of the past, there are, he is said, in parliament, in both houses, at the present time, some very great and gifted speakers, and it will probably be universally admitted that independently of principles or politics, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Bright are the greatest of them all.

Lord Salisbury has the command of the fine voice and an incisive style; but Mr. Gladstone possesses the power, beyond any peer or commoner in parliament, of carrying his hearers, and there may be said to be no equal. All his great effects are produced by simple, direct, and unadorned words.

His above all men in public life, succeeds in making his meaning clear. To this extent, he is a model for all who would be heard. The music and the charm are all his own. It happens that Lord Danvers's advice to his countrymen to cultivate what is called the art of eloquence in the art of eloquence is much more likely to meet with a ready response than was Mr. Gladstone's advice to his countrymen to cultivate what is called the art of eloquence in the art of eloquence.

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On the local grain market to-day 2000 bushels of wheat sold at 70c to 75c for fall and spring, 55c to 58c for good. Barley sold at 50c to 65c, the greater part of it selling below 60c. About 5000 bushels were marketed. Oats 32c to 33c. Peas 56c to 57c. Rye 52c to 53c. Timothy hay sold at \$11 to \$13.50, clover at \$7 to \$9. Straw at \$7 to \$9.50.

St. Lawrence Market.—Beef, round, 11c to 12c; brisket, 10c to 11c; round, 10c to 11c; mutton, legs and chops, 10c to 12c; inferior cuts 8c to 9c. Venison, carcases, \$4.50 to \$5.50; hams, \$6 to \$8. Pork, chops, 10c to 11c; 10c to 11c. Turkey, 75c to \$1.50. Chickens, 35c to 45c. Geese, 60c to 70c. Ducks, 50c to 70c. Partridges, 60c to 80c. Eggs, 12c to 15c. Butter, pound rolls, 22c to 25c; cooking, 14c to 17c. Lard, 11c to 12c. Cheese, 12c to 15c. Carrots, 10c to 11c. Turnips, 10c to 11c. Onions, 60c to 70c per bushel. Beans, 50c to 60c. Apples, per barrel, 75c to \$1.50. Cabbages, 15c to 20c. Celery, 60c to 70c per bushel. Parsnips, 60c to 75c per bag. Potatoes, 60c to 75c per bag.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—There was quite a bull market in wheat and corn appear to have at last taken a turn, and many prominent dealers predict higher prices in the near future. Park has evidently been boosted and traders are advised to be cautious about buying it.

Wheat.—Dec. 3.—Highest, lowest. No. 1 hard, 70 1/2 to 71 1/2; No. 2 hard, 69 1/2 to 70 1/2; No. 1 soft, 68 1/2 to 69 1/2; No. 2 soft, 67 1/2 to 68 1/2. Corn.—No. 1, 33 1/2 to 34 1/2; No. 2, 32 1/2 to 33 1/2. Oats.—No. 1, 32 1/2 to 33 1/2; No. 2, 31 1/2 to 32 1/2. Rye.—No. 1, 52 1/2 to 53 1/2; No. 2, 51 1/2 to 52 1/2. Barley.—No. 1, 50 1/2 to 51 1/2; No. 2, 49 1/2 to 50 1/2. Peas.—No. 1, 56 1/2 to 57 1/2; No. 2, 55 1/2 to 56 1/2. Beans.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Potatoes.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Apples.—No. 1, 75 1/2 to 76 1/2; No. 2, 74 1/2 to 75 1/2. Cabbages.—No. 1, 15 1/2 to 16 1/2; No. 2, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2. Celery.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Parsnips.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Turnips.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Onions.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Carrots.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 61 1/2; No. 2, 59 1/2 to 60 1/2. Eggs.—No. 1, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Butter.—No. 1, 22 1/2 to 23 1/2; No. 2, 21 1/2 to 22 1/2. Lard.—No. 1, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2; No. 2, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2. Cheese.—No. 1, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Venison.—No. 1, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; No. 2, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2. Hams.—No. 1, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; No. 2, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2. Pork.—No. 1, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; No. 2, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2. Turkey.—No. 1, 75 1/2 to 80 1/2; No. 2, 70 1/2 to 75 1/2. Chickens.—No. 1, 35 1/2 to 40 1/2; No. 2, 30 1/2 to 35 1/2. Ducks.—No. 1, 50 1/2 to 55 1/2; No. 2, 45 1/2 to 50 1/2. Partridges.—No. 1, 60 1/2 to 65 1/2; No. 2, 55 1/2 to 60 1/2. Eggs.—No. 1, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Butter.—No. 1, 22 1/2 to 23 1/2; No. 2, 21 1/2 to 22 1/2. Lard.—No. 1, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2; No. 2, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2. Cheese.—No. 1, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Venison.—No. 1, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; No. 2, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2. Hams.—No. 1, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2; No. 2, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2. Pork.—No. 1, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; No. 2, 9 1/2 to 10 1/2. Turkey.—No. 1, 75 1/2 to 80 1/2; No. 2, 70