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SCHOOL ROUTINE.

Nowhere is the importance of *small things* more felt in the production of great results than in the school-room. Machinery of a complicated nature is always easily deranged. The loosening of a small screw, the defect of a single cog, or the slackening of a bolt may, at any time take place, and so derange natural action as to lead to the complete destruction of what otherwise was a masterpiece of mechanical ingenuity. A school-room is such a machine. There the parts are very varied and oftentimes involved. New powers of the machine have to be tested every hour, and varieties of motion, operation, and result, are constantly demanded. If there is any defect it soon becomes apparent—any weakness, there is sure to be a break down. Every teacher has experienced more or less annoyance in this way, and no doubt many have been oftentimes discouraged by the occurrence of accidents, so to speak, which revealed unexpected defects, or produced disasters which were thought could not possibly happen.

Now, while it is impossible, absolutely, to prevent these accidents, yet many may

be avoided by timely and systematic attention to *routine*. Red-tapism, commonly so called, is, in many cases, a great nuisance. Ordinarily it means officious insolence. In business, however, it means a *routine* indispensable to the harmonious operation of a variety of officers sharing respectively responsibilities of a public nature. Such is the routine required in a Public School. Each scholar should be made to feel a certain responsibility for the harmonious working of the whole school. He should know that he is the integral part of one great factor, and, that without his co-operation, that harmony essential to the well-being of the school cannot be secured.

That such routine is necessary and sometimes hard to establish, no teacher will deny. Once established, however, the result is alike gratifying to teacher or scholar, and productive of the best results to their mutual comfort and well-being. The question then is, How can it be done?

Under the Regulations of the Council of Public Instruction, every school is required to have a Time Table. Then every moment of