

## INSIDE CRITICISM OF SCHOOL SPELLING

Local Teacher Explains How City  
Pupils Are Not Assisted in Ac-  
quiring Working Vocabulary.

Everyone who has at heart the interest of children welcomes honest criticism of the public secondary schools. In this connection, Inspector Spotton's report to the board of education is interesting alike to layman and educationist.

It would appear from his report that the public school teachers are responsible for the poor showing made by the first form collegiate pupils on the Spotton's spelling test. The fact is that Toronto teachers are indefatigable in their striving after higher percentages in that subject. The real weakness in Toronto, say and through the province lies in the inveterate custom of using school readers. In continuation classes "readers" have been long ago discarded, a sort of education book being substituted. The entrance class and the one below it still cling to the fourth book, the doing before the pupils reach the third book they have mastered all the letter combinations.

It is this compulsory use of reading lessons having no connection with the general school studies that lies at the root of whatever indifferent spelling or reading we find in our schools. That pupils must have a reader is an antiquated idea difficult of eradication. When used beyond a needed stage, the reader becomes the bane of the school system.

Fancy demanding that a child should learn every word in nearly two hundred pages of reading lessons, involving words quite outside his daily vocabulary. When a boy or girl has been so trained in eye and intellect that when he hears a new word he can make an intelligible effort to set it down, and when he sees a new word he is impelled to look it up in his dictionary, he has been given power which will be of immeasurably greater value to him than the acquisition of thousands of unrelated words.

The Toronto board have sought to make the spelling course less unpractical by adding 1 den. know how many pages from a spelling book. The words in the speller are supposed to be those in every-day use, but, alas, they are sometimes most uncommon words, and when added to the nearly two hundred pages of reading lessons they do not lighten the burden.

Teachers prepare the pupils for the spelling lesson by going over the words, and giving the children some idea of their meaning. But it is preposterous to suppose that pupils can in this way add appreciably to their vocabulary.

All the memorized spelling that should be required from any child are the words in his own vocabulary and the words he uses daily in his studies. If Inspector Spotton's test went outside of these he has proved himself lacking in educational insight.

In these days when there are so many interesting and instructive things to learn, and so many beautiful thoughts to memorize, it is absurd to ask children to commit to memory thousands of words only a small percentage of which they will use in their life-time.

### Man's Perfection.

To the careful student of the Scriptures, the two different and entirely opposite accounts of the creation of man and the universe, as given in the first and second chapters of Genesis, are of absorbing interest. In the first (or Elohistic) record, God made man in His image and likeness, and God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good, man was therefore created perfect.

In the second (or Jehovistic) record, the Lord God made man out of the dust of the ground and woman out of one of Adam's ribs—a dust man and a bone woman—and the world for man has been changed in the impossible task of trying to save, reform and regenerate this dust man and bone woman. It was self-evident that both of these accounts of the creation could not be correct. If one was true and real, the other was untrue and unreal. If the first record was true and man was made in the image of God, then man had not lapsed from that perfection, but was to-day as perfect as in the beginning—and this was what Christian Science taught.

Such was the radical manner in which Mr. Clarence C. Eaton, C.S.B., of Tacoma, Wash., opened what proved to be a masterly and convincing presentation of the subject of Christian Science to an audience which was limited only by the capacity of the Royal Alexandra theatre on Sunday afternoon. Very far removed from anything pertaining to the fapatical was Mr. Eaton's calm, clear cut and closely reasoned address, which bore the unmistakable stamp of sincerity in every utterance—indeed the lecturer is about the last person one could imagine to be fanatical in anything, being moderate and temperate in his language at all times, and a good deal of the student in appearance.

From first to last, his remarks were based upon the Bible, the same Bible which Christian Scientists possess in common with all other Christians—denominations, and to which his hearers were more than once referred for corroboration of his statements, being urged not to accept his unsupported word alone as testimony, but to follow the line of argument already mentioned, the lecturer stated that the heritage sin, sickness and death with which the world found itself face to face to-day, was due to this false concept of the creation which was generally held, and that it was not possible to know the truth, but it was possible to know which was false. That which was false could only be believed, such as 2 and 2 are 5, and the knowing of the truth about this or any matter destroys the faith.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Eaton spoke of the debt which the world owed to the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy, for restoring this primitive healing and saving religion of Jesus the Christ, which had healed thousands in all manner of diseases by correcting their false concept of God, man and the universe, and substituting the truth

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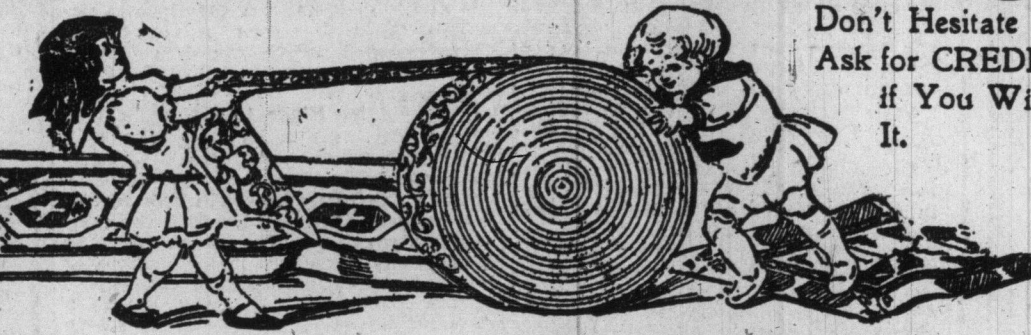
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White Damask Table Napkins, hemmed ready for use, floral designs, 22x22 inches; regular price \$2.00 per dozen, Monday at, per doz... **1.39**

Table Napkins, fully bleached, 23 x 23 inches, floral designs; regular price \$1.40 per dozen, Monday at... **1.15**

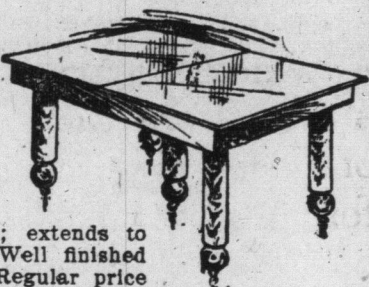


# Keep a Date Open Next Week For Our Birthday Party You Are Going to Be Invited

## DINING-ROOM FURNITURE

### Extension Table only \$7.90

Same as the illustration. Made of hardwood, with a quarter-cut golden oak finish. 40x44-inch top; fitted with five plain heavy colonial legs; extends to eight feet. Well finished throughout. Regular price \$11.25, Monday, special... **7.90**

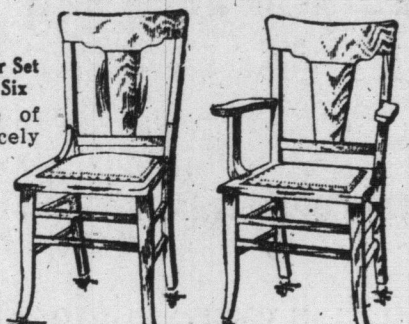


### This Elegant China Cabinet 22.45

A good design cabinet—exactly like the illustration—made of selected quarter-cut oak, fitted with British bevel edge mirror in top, five shelves, has bent glass sides and large glass door. Neatly carved and hand polished. Regularly sold for \$32.50. On sale Monday... **22.45**

### Dining Chairs only \$15.90

Exactly like the cut. Made of selected quarter-cut oak, nicely finished. Has large upholstered seats in best imitation leather. Shaped legs, strongly supported. Regularly sold for \$20.00 per set of five side chairs and one arm chair. Monday, special... **15.90**



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"Premier" Treasure Range—The finest and highest grade steel range on the market, has every modern equipment, including sectional top, with lift-up broiling and toasting front, balanced drop oven doors and other new features, besides Duplex grates, large heavy steel warming closet, asbestos lined oven, patent register screw drafts, etc., is made of the finest Bessemer steel, ivory finish and elaborately nickel trimmed; regular price \$55.00, Monday, special at... **46.75**



## Monday's Inducements to Buy DRAPERIES



Many new and beautiful novelties arriving daily in this department. Not necessarily expensive things, but they all carry an air of art and tone just the same as the highest priced goods.

Here are some underpriced for Monday's selling:—

### Luxurious Lace Curtains

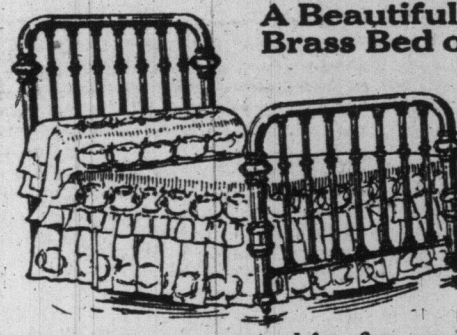
Lace Curtains, Irish Point, Point Venice, Point Arab, Cluny and Battenburg Lace Curtains, a collection of the newest designs, in two-tone ivory and white; regularly priced up to \$18.00 per pair, special to clear Monday at, per pair... **12.95**

### Made-to-Order Portieres

Portieres, in genuine French linen velours, splendid finish, new shades of rose and green, lined with French silk moire in all the popular shades, silk corded edge, made to measure for any size arch up to 7 feet in height, including hanging; reg. price \$29.00, Monday for... **23.75**

## BEDROOM FURNITURE

### A Beautiful Brass Bed only \$26.75



Same as illustration. Fitted with two-inch continuous posts, in choice of bright or satin finish; best English lacquer, seven 1/2 fillers in head, and an equal number in foot; heavy busks, full drop extension foot, malle-

able castings; guaranteed for five years. Regularly sold for \$38.00. On sale Monday for... **26.75**

### This High-Grade Design Dresser and Stand \$29.75



A handsome design—just like the illustration—in selected polished golden quarter-cut oak, 44-inch case, full serpentine front, three drawers (top one subdivided), shaped British bevel mirror; large combination stand. Reg. price \$45.00. On sale Monday for... **29.75**

### A Fine Big Chiffonier, only \$16.95

Here is shown a splendidly designed Chiffonier. It is made in selected polished golden quarter-cut oak, highly polished finish, contains five drawers (top one well), shaped British bevel mirror, fitted with plain brass trimmings. Also a choice of two other designs. These are sold regularly for \$26.00. Monday's special price... **16.95**

## The Final Word in Real Bed Comfort—a "Featherbed" Mattress

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thereof, as found in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy.

The lecturer was very appropriately introduced by Mr. G. W. Allan, First Reader of the Christian Science church in this city, under whose auspices the lecture was given, and who spoke briefly of the importance of the subject of Christian Science presented by one who was so competent to do so as Mr. Eaton.

### Most Powerful Naval Gun.

In a certain respect big guns are like big battleships, says the Scientific American. At the time they are being built, it would seem that the limit of size and range had been reached; as indeed they have, for the time being. The progress toward improvement is

so rapid, however, in these days, that hardly has one construction reached its support limit, before work is begun on another, bigger and better. A good illustration of this fact is had in the making of the largest and most powerful naval weapon in the world, namely, our new 14-inch, breech-loading gun. This powerful gun was delivered to the navy department in October for official tests at the Indian Head proving grounds.

The penetration of the new 50-caliber 12-inch guns to be installed on the new 26,000-ton battleships of the Arkansas class is given at 11 inches of Krupp steel at an extreme battle range of 9000 yards. The thickness of the armor plate on the British battleship Dreadnought and her successors in the British navy is 11 inches at the maximum. This thickness of armor is being used on the new American warships

now under construction. Up to the time of the construction of the 14-inch gun, the new American 12-inch gun, with its penetration of 11 inches of Krupp armor at 9000 yards, was our most powerful gun. But that it has been greatly surpassed by the new piece is shown by the following figures: The new 14-inch gun weighs nearly 61 tons, or 10 tons more than the 12-inch rifles built for the battleships North Dakota and Delaware. Its total length is 53½ feet. The capacity of the powder chamber is 15,848 cubic inches, and it will require 365 pounds of smokeless powder to hurl the projectile of 1400 pounds. After this huge shell is fired it will travel a distance of 542 inches within the bore of the gun, and after leaving the muzzle it is good for a 25-mile flight. The range at which it would be fired in actual battle, however, would be about 9000 yards, or five miles. The range of naval battles has trebled since the Spanis-

American war, at which time 3000 yards was the estimated range for a naval conflict, the guns being built accordingly. But now to outrange the "enemy" it has become necessary to build all American naval guns with a range of five miles.

The shell will leave the muzzle of the 14-inch gun at the rate of 2690 feet a second, and its muzzle energy will be 65,606 foot tons. This is 13,000 more foot-tons energy than that designed for the latest 12-inch weapon. So great is the penetrative power of this rifle that when fired with a full charge the projectile will penetrate 22½ inches of the best Krupp steel armor plate at the muzzle, and at the range of 9000 yards would pass right thru a piece of armor 13 inches in thickness.

### THE CHOIR AT PIXLEY

The choir we had in Pixley wasn't much for looks an' style.

But to-day if I could hear it I would walk a hundred miles; There wasn't a singer in it that could boast she'd crossed the seas To study with the masters an' to learn to take high C's;

There wasn't no variations, wasn't no trills that folks think grand; Warn't no singin' operate that no one can understand; But just plain gospel singin' like the music of the birds.

An' the congregation didn't have to strain to catch the words. There were jes' four people in it,—Mrs. Thompkins, Mrs. Bots, Arthur Tweedie was the tenor an' the basso Jeptha Watts. Oh, 'twould do you good to hear 'em singin' 'low 'Abide With Me,' An' 'Jerusalem Or Golden' an' 'The City by the Sea.' There was nothin' high-falutin' 'bout

th' songs they used t' sing, Jes, sweet, humble hymns of praises to the Master an' the King; Jes' sweet simple strains o' music, but my soul they always stirred, An' I liked it better, maybe, coz I understood each word.

An' I mind the day in Pixley when when a city woman come To our little church to visit, an' I mind her burnin' shame, When she sneered about th' singin' An' I mind the way she sneered an' the way she roused my ire, An' how I up an' told her that the music she thought grand Was the music that she paid for an' she couldn't understand; An' I said that choir ain't singin' now for you an' never would, But it's singin' for the Master an' I guess He'd call it good.