

PLUTARCH'S OPINION OF PARENTS WHO EMPLOY IGNORANT TEACHERS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.—"There are certain fathers now-a-days," he says, "who deserve that men should spit upon them with contempt, for intrusting their children with unskilful teachers; even those who, they are assured beforehand, are wholly incompetent for their work; which is an error of like nature with that of the sick man who, to please his friends, forbears to send for a physician that might save his life, and employs a mountebank, who quickly dispatches him out of the world."

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"I NEVER READ AN ADVERTISEMENT."

Don't you? Then you deprive yourself of much useful information. It is often the case that you may take up a paper and read the various columns of editorial and selected matter without deriving any real information, or being in anywise benefited thereby. But turn to the advertising columns, and there, our word for it, you will find something to amuse, to instruct; a chronicle of new and useful inventions; where goods can be bought the cheapest—for it is only those who advertise extensively, and by that means do a large business, that can afford to sell goods at a small advance upon the first cost. Those who do not advertise are less known, and consequently do a smaller business, and are obliged to charge a larger profit.

A man once said (and it was a sensible remark) that he enjoyed, was more entertained and instructed by reading the advertisements in the London Times than he was by the leading articles and heavy editorials in the same paper. Never fail to look over the advertisements in your paper; you can always learn something by it. For instance, if you are a merchant, you ought to know what there is in the market, so that you may be enabled to offer your own, or to buy other goods to advantage; or, we will suppose you the wife of an amiable husband, and the head of an interesting family of children, who look to you either to make or direct all their purchases: how necessary is it, then, that you should know who keeps and where to obtain the cheapest and best goods to supply your family! It is difficult to imagine a position a man can be placed in where he can consider that he is exempt from some sort of commerce with the world. Does he want a wife? He can find one advertised; and should he be fortunate or unfortunate enough to commit matrimony, he may find, by looking in the public prints, the best place to supply his future wants, be they stoves, preserves, cradles or crinoline. By all means read the advertisements.

A GOOD IDEA.—We are glad to know that there is a movement among the conductors of boarding schools, tending towards the physical improvement of their pupils. In several seminaries, which take rank as among the first, the preceptors examine the condition of their pupils, and if they are found to have diseased or decaying teeth, they are required by the usages of the school to have such teeth attended to by a skilful dentist. This, we think, is very sensible; for, while the mental faculties are being trained to a state as near as possible to perfection, the physical system should by no means be neglected. A volume might be written upon the proper development and management of children; but we have opportunity only at present to allude to the subject.

THE SIGN OF THE GOLDEN TOOTH.—If the person or persons who a few weeks ago stole the large golden tooth from over our door, (we suppose they must have thought it was of solid gold,) finding it worthless, at least to themselves, will return it, we will not only suitably reward them for their trouble, but we will extract all their teeth without charge. This was the largest tooth ever extracted, and was originally removed from the mouth of the Kennebeck River; and its loss has caused our cheeks to fall in very much. If the tooth is not returned to us soon, we shall have to supply its loss by an artificial tooth of our own manufacture.

OUR PAPER.—We have time now only to say that our paper has met with a favorable reception, and that we shall spare no pains to make each number an improvement upon its predecessor. We return thanks to the editors of the various sheets for the kind manner in which they noticed our advent into the great world of newspaperdom; among which were the editors of the *Christian Messenger*, *Morning Journal*, *Liverpool Transcript*, *Western News*, and last, but not least, the *Bridgetown Examiner*.

"THERE IS A YOUNG LADY in Harrisburg, Penn., called good looking, who has a double set of teeth, two rows projecting from the upper jaw and two from the lower one." This is the only case of the kind we ever heard of; but we once knew of a dentist who advertised to insert double sets of artificial teeth.

THE PRESENT NUMBER of this paper is printed on Messrs. Bowes & Sons' new steam printing press.

WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION to the card of Mr. Chase in another column. Mr. C. is, we believe, considered the best artist in his line in the province. Strangers coming to town should not fail to call at his rooms, and examine his beautiful specimens of art.

MR. JAMES REEVES, No. 78 Barrington street, wholesale and retail dealer in choice Teas, &c., has also on hand a large supply of Havana Cigars. We have never smoked any of these cigars, but presume they are nice ones. One thing, however, we are certain of, and that is, Mr. R. is an enterprising man, and worthy of patronage. See his card in another part of this paper.

MR. HUNTER, whose card may be found in another column, has a large supply of Gas Fixtures and Lamps of nearly every description. Mr. H. deals also in the best Colza Oil, Moderator Lamps, &c.

SEVERAL ARTICLES are crowded out of this issue for want of room. In our next number, which will be that of February, we will try and find a place for them.

OUR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS.—Dr. Macallaster having returned from St. John's, N. F., will, after a short stay in Halifax, visit Bridgetown, Middleton, Cornwallis, Wolfville, and, if possible, Horton and Windsor, commencing at the first-named place about the middle or last of December. Further notice will be given, in due time, through the columns of the *Bridgetown papers*, and of the *Christian Messenger*.

We have made arrangements with Dr. Parker of Bridgetown, and Dr. Freeman of Cornwallis, to prepare mouths, by extracting the old roots and stumps, preparatory to having artificial teeth of our own manufacture inserted. Those who contemplate having teeth inserted will do well to hold themselves in readiness, as our engagements are such as to preclude the possibility of stopping beyond the stipulated time in each place. Our office in Halifax will be open as usual, where all operations pertaining to the dental profession will, as heretofore, be performed with care. For the very liberal patronage we have received we beg to return our sincere thanks.

TOOTH POWDER.—In answer to the many calls for our Tooth Powder, we wish to say that by the middle of December we hope to have a quantity on hand sufficient to supply our patrons, and any druggists who may desire to act as our agents. This Powder has never before been advertised through any public print; yet it has been highly spoken of by thousands who have tried it; and after using it for years, we feel safe in recommending it as the best preservative of the gums and teeth we have ever found.

SHOW THE JOURNAL OF THE TIMES to your friends. If you should have a few copies sent you, pass them round, and let as many as possible have the benefit of them.

SELECTIONS.

- ... Every art is best taught by example; good deeds are productive of good friends.
- ... In order to live justly, and be respected, we must refrain from doing what we blame in others.
- ... Every kind of employment requires a particular kind of genius.
- ... Riches increase in proportion as you give to the poor.
- ... Every day brings its labor, and happy is he who loves his duty too well to neglect it.
- ... There is not a heart but has its moments of longing, yearning for something better, nobler, holier than it knows now.
- ... Those who apply themselves too much to little things commonly become incapable of great ones.
- ... Habit is everything. It either makes or breaks a man. If they are good, he goes starwards; if bad, mudwards.
- ... Hurry and Cunning are the two apprentices of Dispatch and skill; but neither of them ever learn their master's trade.
- ... A miser grows rich by seeming poor; an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.
- ... We go to the grave of a friend, saying, "A man is dead;" but angels throng about him saying, "A man is born."
- ... He who in this world resolves to speak only the truth, will speak only what is too good for the mass of mankind to understand, and will be persecuted accordingly.
- ... The science of government is merely a science of combinations, of applications, and of exceptions, according to time, place, and circumstances.—*Roussau*.