

his wickedness was made "to eat grass as oxen, and 7 times shall pass over thee." The golden candlestick had 7 branches. 7 troubles; 7 abominations; 7 women; horn 7; punish 7 times for your sins; 7 other spirit. No Jewish child was circumcised till after the 7th day. Elijah ordered his servant in looking for rain to "go again 7 times." "Heat the furnace one 7 times more than it was wont to be heated." 7 devils cast out of Mary Magdalene. In many instances the number of animals offered in sacrifice were limited to 7.—Perfection is likened to gold 7 times tried.

The number *seven* in scripture is often put for any round whole number; and in all solemn rites of purification, purgation, and consecration, the oil or water was 7 times sprinkled.

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF THE NUMBER SEVEN.

There are 7 avenues in the head of man, two of seeing, two of hearing, two of smelling, and one of eating; there are twice 7 bones in the head of man. The teeth of a child spring out in the 7th month, and are shed and renewed in the 7th year. At three times 7 years the faculties are developed—manhood commences, and man is legally competent to transact business; at four times 7 man is in full possession of his strength, at 7 times 7 he is in his apogee, at eight times 7 he is in his first climatrix, at nine times 7 he is in his great climatrix, or years of danger; and ten times 7 or 70—three score and ten, by the prophet has been set down as the natural period of longevity of human life.—There are 7 notes in music.—7 sacraments in the Catholic church.—Some simple people say that the 7th son of the 7th son possesses power to heal diseases spontaneously.—By the laws of some countries, if parties married have not heard of each other for seven consecutive years, they may marry again.—7 jurymen are empowered by the laws of some countries to try causes.—Geographers, in arranging maps of the world, have placed thereon 7 imaginary lines, as north pole, arctic circle, tropic of cancer, equator, tropic of capricorn, antarctic circle, and south pole.—Physiologists say that the 7th day is absolutely necessary as a day of rest.—Rome is built on 7 hills.—There are a people denominationally called 7th day

Baptists.—Every child in Prussia is bound to attend school at the age of 7 years.

NATURAL HISTORY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

'There is in the life of every child' a time when the thoughts are fixed on external and visible objects. The artless prattle is all about some favorite dog, or pet chicken; something which has been *seen and heard*, fondled in the arms, or led by a string.

Every teacher of a public school has sometimes little gifts of flowers from the pupils; common, perhaps, and wilted by too close pressure of little hands,—but *flowers still*, and tokens of love. Let them not be lightly esteemed.

You are now yourself a teacher, can you not recollect some sunny morning, far back in the past, when with childish delight you gathered violets and daisies to grace the desk of the little country schoolhouse?

I shall never forget *one* such morning, when a large bouquet of buttercups, which I had just presented to our teacher, was hastily thrown out of the window! nor the mortification and grief which followed the disposal of my gift. Do not throw away the flowers: but, on some afternoon when it is best to leave books for a time, select one for the first simple lesson in *Botany*.

Tell the children that a little *seed* was buried in the earth, that the sun warmed it, and the rain came down to moisten it till at length, from one part came forth a stem tending upwards; from another, a root pressing downward. Tell them that the little fibrils took from the soil just the nourishment needed by the plant; and the sap ascended, and the green leaves appeared to feed on the air by day, and drink the dews at night; and as the plant grew strong, in its own appointed season it put forth a tiny bud, which swelled and expanded till it burst into the perfect flower.

Show them the delicate petals, painted by the "Heavenly Artist," and tell them how closely they are folded at night, as if the flowers were going to sleep, like little tired children.

Almost any one can have at command a small magnifying glass, and it will be found of great assistance in examining the structure of the more delicate parts.