

Dictation.—Ducks and hens are found together in every farm yard, living in perfect peace with one another.

Nothing, however, could be more unlike than the habits and mode of life of these useful and valuable birds.

The ducks are regular water-birds, being capital swimmers and divers, whereas the hens live upon the land, and will not put a foot into the water if they can help it.

Sometimes the farmers's wife puts the eggs of a duck under a hen, and the poor bird never knows the difference at the time.

When the little yellow ducklings come forth out of the eggs, they can run about at once, and they soon take to the water and paddle about in it as if they were quite at home.

Writing.—Write the first two sentences of the dictations.

Arithmetic.—(1) Add $\begin{array}{r} 237682 \\ 476349 \\ 583924 \\ 845763 \\ \hline 368575 \end{array}$ (2) From $\begin{array}{r} 87643245 \\ \text{Take } 62817628 \\ \hline \end{array}$

(3) $\begin{array}{r} 4276345 \\ \hline 476 \end{array}$ (4) $97704 \div 354$

(5) Reduce 6 tons, 12 cwt., 3 qrs., 20 lbs., to lbs.

(6) Find the sum of $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{6}{7}, \frac{7}{8}, \frac{8}{9}, \frac{9}{10}$.

(7) Simplify the following expressions, $\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{1}{3}}{1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}}$.

(8) Find the simple interest on \$375.25 for 3 yrs. 8 mos. at 6 per cent. per annum.

Map Drawing.—Draw an outline map (a) of North America, (b) of the Dominion of Canada, (c) of the Province of Quebec.

English Grammar.—(1) Write out (a) the nouns, (b) the adjectives, (c) the verbs in the dictation exercise.

(2) Parse the words of the first sentence of the dictation.

North American Review.—In the January number General Beauregard will give a History of the Shiloh Campaign, and will comment upon the accounts given by Grant and Sherman. Canon Farrar has an article on the Church in America. The Marquis of Lorne, Col. Ingersoll, Cassius M. Clay, Sir John Macdonald, and Frank B. Sanborn also have articles in the January number.