

Question Drawer.

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THEDFORD.—There is, to the best of our knowledge, no such word as *alright* in the English language. It is not, therefore, "all right," by any means.

W.E.B.—The sentences may be analyzed as follows:

Subj.	Mod. of Subj. (adj.)	(cop)	Pred. (adj.)	Mod. of Pred. (adv.)
This	***	is	good	enough
She	***	is	punctual	seldom
Boy	the, idle,	is	mischievous	generally

To live in suspense is wretched. "To live" is, of course, the verb-noun, or infinitive, and "in suspense" is an adverbial phrase made up of a preposition with its noun, and modifying the verbal noun.

C.H.C.—(1) No copy-book for writing is specified for fifth-form pupils.

(2) We do not suppose that teachers would be allowed to substitute the H. S. Algebra and H. S. Geometry for the authorized text-books on those subjects in the Public Schools. Of course there is nothing to prevent the teacher from giving his classes the benefit of his own study of those books, or to prevent any pupil who can do so profitably from using them for reference in the preparation of his lessons at home.

(3) As there are several excellent works competing for first place as English Dictionary, such as the Imperial Standard, Webster's International, Funk & Wagnalls' Standard Dictionary, etc., it would be out of place for us to express a preference for any one of them. If a smaller and cheaper work is required, for constant use, it is doubtful whether any better can be found than the Concise Imperial, price \$2 to \$3.25, according to binding. We use it more than any other.

AN INQUIRER, whose initials we have forgotten, wishes us (1) to recommend a grammar which would "throw some light upon the subjunctive mood." Have you tried the H. S. Grammar or Bain's Higher Grammar? Perhaps some teacher who has tried many will aid you by recommending some one as best. The better way is always, if one can manage it, to depend on no one book, but to compare several of the best procurable, and then form one's own conclusion.

(2) To say, if we understand the question, whether the locations assigned to Thunder Bay and the Gulf of California, in Marquis' "Stories from Canadian History," are geographically correct. Not having a copy of the "Stories, etc." at hand (the quotations should have been given), we cannot answer specifically. But the question should be easily answered, as there is but one Gulf of California, and there are but two Thunder Bays on this continent (one on Lake Superior, in Canada, the other in Michigan, U.S.), the geographical positions of which are easily found.

(3) To indicate the pronunciation of the following words, which we do by the accent or in the brackets: *Sén-lac*; *Tenchébrai* (tansh-bra'); *Abenaquis* (Aben-a-ke (?)); *Talon* (tāl-'ong); *St. Malo* (san ma-lo'); *Pontgrave* (pen-grav-a' (?)); *Arbeuf* (bra-bef); *Lalement* (Lal-mon'); *Jaques* (zhög).

Literary Notes.

The *Review of Reviews* for September, in discussing the recent British elections, shows that the Liberal reverse was greatly exaggerated, largely because of the unparalleled series of disasters to the chief party leaders. The *Review* declares that the defeat of the Liberals was due to a "change of mood, not a change of principle."

The *Review of Reviews* for September calls attention to the change in European sentiment on the liquor question, as shown especially in the establishment of the French monopoly of the manufacture and wholesale supply of strong liquors, in the work of the Belgian commission, and in the still more important action taken by Russia in setting up a government monopoly of the entire wholesale and retail traffic in liquors throughout the empire. "Everywhere in Europe," says the editor of the *Review*, "the fact is becoming recognized that liquor selling is not only an unbecoming business, but one that is socially and politically dangerous—requiring new and rigid regulation or else total suppression."

The appearance of a fourth series of "Lessons in Entrance Literature" is conclusive proof that the teachers of Public Schools find the aids given by these annotations very helpful in their work. The series just published covers the selections prescribed for the Entrance examination of 1896, the notes and exercises being given by the following well-known educators: A. W. Burt, B.A., Gertrude Lawlor, M.A., E. J. McIntyre, B.A., A. M. MacMechan, B.A., Ph.D., Nellie Spence, B.A., J. A. Stevenson, B.A., F. H. Sykes, M.A., Ph.D., and W. J. Sykes, B.A. Dr. T. H. Sykes is, as before, editor. (Toronto: The Canada Publishing Company.)

The complete novel in the September issue of *Lippincott's* is "A case in Equity," by Francis Lynde. "Morning Mists" is one of Julien Gordon's strongest tales, though it has a very mature heroine and a very young hero. Charles Newton tells "How the La Rue Stakes were Lost," in a way highly creditable to the losers. Helen Fraser Lovett, in "A Mute Milton," gives a revised version of a classic fairy tale. "The Literary Woman at the Picnic," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, evidently contains more truth than fiction. Charles

Stuart Pratt relates the history of "Napoleon and the Regent Diamond," which was of importance to the conqueror and to the fate of Europe in more ways than one. Ellen Duvall writes on "Molière." Edward Fuller has a sharp article on "The Decadent Drama." Calvin Dill Wilson tells all about "Crabbing," especially as practised in Chesapeake Bay. "The Survival of Superstition" is described by Elizabeth Ferguson Seat, and the rise and progress of "Clubs" by Lawrence Irwell. The poetry of the number is by Susie M. Best, Carrie Blake Morgan, Clarence Hawkes, and Charles G. D. Roberts.

The September *Arena* opens with a vivid description of the wordy battle now being waged in the legislatures over the agitation for raising the age of consent. Prof. Joseph Rodes Buchanan, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the number, contributes a striking and valuable article on "The Marvels of Electricity." In his paper called "After Sixty Years," Mr. B. O. Flower, editor of the *Arena*, touches upon the disillusionments of the career of the reformer. Stinson Jarvis tells "How Evolution Evolves." Henry Wood, the author of "Natural Law in the Business World," and other popular metaphysical works, writes on "Omnipresent Divinity." Prof. Frank Parsons, Law Lecturer at the Boston University, contributes his second study of the "Economy of Municipal Electric Lighting." He shows the enormous saving to the taxpayers and diffusion of public benefit which would result from public ownership of electric lighting. A symposium of clergymen and other writers deals with Prof. George D. Heron and his work. These gentlemen defend his position. They are Rev. J. R. McLean, Rev. W. W. Scudder, Jr., Rev. J. Cummings Smith, Rev. J. E. Scott, Elder M. J. Ferguson, Rev. R. M. Webster, and James G. Clark, the poet. The Hon. John Davis writes on the career of Napoleon Bonaparte from the psychological point of view, and condemns him as simply a criminal genius, utterly worthless to humanity. F. W. Cotton discusses "The Labor Exchange," and Rev. Dr. Marion D. Shutter deals with "Progressive Changes in Universalist Thought." The Books of the Day, World of Books, and Practical Progress Notes complete an excellent and well-balanced budget of good reading.

In *The Popular Science Monthly* for September, ex-President Andrew Dickson White reviews "The Closing Struggle" of the theologians and the higher criticism; relating the stories of Bishop Colenso, Professor Robertson Smith, Renan, the work of the Italian critics, and Pope Leo's Encyclical on the Study of the Scriptures. In his fifth paper on "Professional Institutions," Herbert Spencer shows how history and fiction have been evolved from biography, and literature has been ultimately derived from it. Mr. Morse's article on "Apparatus for Extinguishing Fires" is concluded, with accounts of the latest improvements and the methods now in use. In "Trades and Faces" Dr. Louis Robinson discusses the influence of occupation on expression. Mr. James Sully studies the "Material of Morality" in childhood. Mr. Alexander McAdie treats of the clouds as "Natural Rain-Makers." Gertrude Crotty Davenport writes of "Variation in the Habits of Animals," and Frank M. Chapman of "The Study of Birds Out-of-Doors." Articles are given on "Ancestor-Worship among the Fijians," by Basil H. Thomson, and "Fruit as a Food and Medicine," by Dr. Harry Benjafield. A biographical sketch of Edward Hitchcock and a short notice of Dr. Hack Tuke are accompanied by portraits. The articles in the Editor's Table are on "The Pros-

pects of Socialism" and "Sham Education." New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

The opening article in the September number of the *North American Review* is by the Right Rev. William Croswell Doane, Bishop of Albany, who forcibly illustrates "Why Women do not Want the Ballot." Admiral P. H. Colomb, of the Royal Navy, discusses "The Evolution of the Blue-jacket," while in "Reminiscences of Professor Huxley," Sir William H. Flower throws a charming light upon the private life of the great scientist. "The Christian Endeavor Movement" is prominently brought before the public by the Rev. Francis E. Clarke, D.D., the president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and in a thoughtful paper, entitled, "Trend of National Progress," Professor R. H. Thurston, of Cornell University, asserts that the tendency of the United States is toward a future of large and well-distributed wealth, culture, and content. Henry Farquhar, assistant statistician of the Agricultural Department, writes interestingly of "Crop Conditions and Prospects," Max O'Rell very wittily gives his opinion of "The Petty Tyrants of America," and Edward W. Blyden, Librarian Minister to the Court of St. James', eloquently dwells upon "The African Problem." The Hon. James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, writes hopefully of "Our Reviving Business," while in "A Brush with the Bannocks" Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U.S.A., favors the *Review* with a chapter from the advance sheets of a forthcoming book. The ninth instalment of the "Personal History of the Second Empire," by Albert D. Vandam, deals with the "Intrigue and Corruption" of that eventful period. "The Situation in Cuba" is described by Senor Don Segundo Alvarez, late mayor of Havana. A most important contribution to the political literature of the day is that on "The Outlook for Ireland," by the Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe (Lord Houghton), late Lord Lieutenant of Ireland under the recent Liberal Government. Other topics considered are: "St. Anthony's Bread," by Charles Robinson; "Then and Now," by Edward P. Jackson; and "Country Roads and Trolleys," by John Gilmer Speed.

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