

Hence, in practice the \times 's can be omitted, except the last, which is the final answer. When pupil fully understands the separate question, the matter in parentheses may be omitted, and allow the question to hinge on the relation of the *two* terms of element under consideration.

—We shall never learn to feel and respect our real calling and destiny, unless we have taught ourselves to consider everything as moonshine compared with the education of the heart.—*Sir Walter Scott*.

—After learning a new word in class, slips of paper, each with a script lesson of simple words on it, may be given to the pupils. They are told to take them to their seats, and look for the new word, and put a mark on their slates every time the given word is found. After this, they look for other words previously learned, which the teacher will designate. A number of slips of paper, each having one word on them may be given to each child. He will assort the papers, putting together on a pile all slips having the same words. The same may be done with papers or numbers, and with colored glass, ribbons and paper.—*Ex*.

—What are the best books for dinner reading? asks the *Pall Mall Gazette*. The question is suggested by the story of Lord Beaconsfield which Dr. Kidd tells in the new number of the *Nineteenth Century*. Dr. Kidd was visiting his patient at Hughenden, when Lord Beaconsfield—"One evening took out a rare old copy of Virgil, and opened up his treasures till I began to share his enthusiasm, 'Dining here often alone,' he said to me, 'I have an understanding with my cook that there is to be ten minutes' interval between one course and the next. That ten minutes I invariably devote to reading one of the great authors of antiquity; and I can say that for many years I have listened to many of the greatest wits and orators of the age, but I have derived more pleasure from Homer, Virgil, and Horace than from all the living celebrities I have met in my life.'" It would be interesting to know how many other distinguished men follow Lord Beaconsfield's recipe, and what authors they thus invite to their dinner-table. It is said, indeed, that reading at meals is a bad thing, as interfering with digestion. But is this really so? At any rate, it prevents you bolting your food. Indeed, for all we know, it may have been the company of Homer, Virgil, and Dante that taught Mr. Gladstone his great secret of thirty-six (or was it forty?) bites as the sovereign rule of health?

—The human voice is an important element in the teacher's personality. Everyone admits the potency of the charm that attaches to a well modulated organ, and pupils are not less susceptible than adults. Harsh, strident tones do much to promote mischief. The teacher whose voice is firm but low, whose tones are conversational, will command attention much more easily than the one who elevates his voice and utters his commands in a loud key. There are some tones which rasp the nerves more than the filing of a saw, and which of themselves make pupils irritable and restless.