

has recently appeared, and which was reviewed in a late number of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, "Mechanical Drawing," by S. A. Morton, M. A., Halifax, N. S. It might be well to use this work as an introduction to, and in connection with, the texts in geometry at present in use in the schools of the Atlantic provinces. Nevertheless, there are series by the same author which combine both the inductive and deductive elements, either in one book or in two. One of this character would perhaps form a safer guide for teachers who are just entering the profession. Take, for instance, "The Elements of Geometry," by Lachlan and Fletcher, London, Edward Arnold. Would it not be a good plan for our textbook committee of the N. B. Provincial Educational Institute to suggest a good work? At present the subject is on the N. B. course of study, but the scheme needs elaborating. I have no doubt this scheme will have the sympathy and co-operation of the Provincial Normal School. We might ask them to set every year some questions on the subject for the entrance examinations.

A HINT TO TEACHERS.—A little girl sat listening to a poem. Her mother stopped frequently to explain and simplify. After quietly submitting for a time the little one said: "Mother, dear, I could understand so much better if you would please not explain."

### Guess the Name of the Poem.

- Guess the name of the poem that tells you the time,
- The poem where two are made one,
- The poem by which a wide river is crossed,
- The poem with which yarn is spun.
- The poem whose anvil rings loud 'neath his blows,
- The poem that falls from the sky,
- The poem that shines where the moon has grown old,
- The poem that cannot be dry.
- The poem where forests are stripped of their leaves,
- The poem that follows the deer,
- The poem that sails without captain or crew,
- The poem that rings once a year.

### The Swallows.

"Gallant and gay in their doublets gray,  
All at a flash like the darting of flame,  
Chattering Arabic, African, Indian—  
Certain of springtime, the swallows came!"

"Doublets of gray silk and surcoats of purple,  
And ruffs of russet round each little throat,  
Wearing such garb they had crossed the waters,  
Mariners sailing with never a boat."

—Edwin Arnold.

### Something for a Lazy Afternoon.

It was a hot afternoon in August. The glowing sun sent its scorching rays on the roof and sides of the little white rural schoolhouse which was unprotected by even a tree. In the schoolroom it seemed too hot to breathe, and the nineteen restless pupils, varying in age from five to sixteen, were lounging in their seats. As I tapped the bell for afternoon recess, and as the children filed listlessly past me, I realized that the language lesson on coal which I had planned for the last hour would be an utter failure.

Some interesting work must be given the children, something that would cause them to forget the heat; but when the children had taken their seats my heart sank with despair, for I was myself too tired to originate any instructive occupation.

Suddenly I had an inspiration. One class was studying map drawing by scale. Giving to the three little folks some colored shoe pegs for work in stick laying, I sent the rest of the pupils to the board with their rulers. Who ever saw a child who did not like to draw on a board? I had each child measure off a two foot space, and we called it a meadow. I then asked each to draw a picture of a tree, and we would see if any one could tell what tree was represented. How hard they thought! As I watched the trees grow on the board, some looking as if a west wind had broken them, and others as if they had been struck by lightning, I realized that these country children surely had "eyes that see not." Two of the drawings, one of a maple and one of a pine, were very good. As I asked them to prepare for dismissal, one large girl involuntarily exclaimed, "It isn't time to go home?"

As the pupils filed out and were on their way, they watched the trees and made comparisons that would enable them to draw trees more correctly in future.—Adapted from an Exchange.

SPELLING.—Summary, arrival, corridor, efficient, Schenectady, betrayal, conceivable, arraigned, pavilion, lunatic, assimilate, laudanum, Delaware, corroborate, accessible, citadel, excelled, clumsy, luncheon, livelihood, carnival, amateur, rehearsal, umbrella, piteous, cemetery, Manhattan, particle, cocoa, erroneous, legacy, tournament, embezzle, illuminate, irrevocable, courteous, relegated, annoyance, reverence, dropped, inevitable, concede, outrageous, electricians, interference, conferring, counterfeit, yachting, standard, etymology.