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THE KINDERGARTEN, OR CHILDREN'S GARDEN.

"Mutter ist der Genius der ersten Kindheit."

Fröbel, born in 1782, was a pupil of Pestalozzi, and left us the legacy of the Kindergarten. As its name implies, it is a children's garden. Tuition is given not by book-learning, but by pleasant associations and agreeable instruction, in the open air, or indoors, made fresh and pleasant by the cultivation of flowers, &c. Wordsworth says, "The child is father to the man." Man receives the heritage of vigor or debility, of health or illness, which his childhood has bequeathed to him; and, therefore, we cannot be too careful to watch over this decisive period of life. In this respect, a day of childhood is worth a month of adolescence in its influence upon his future health.

Montague says, that "those who separate the education of the mind from that of the body do a great wrong."

M. Dupanloup, in his celebrated work, published thirteen years ago, compared "education to a skilful gardener, who places the plant confided to him in a good soil, sprinkles it with water, surrounds it with favorable conditions, nourishes it and shelters it with care, that it may produce its fruit or flowers in due season," and, as Education is the handmaid who undertakes the grave work of transforming the child into the man, it must be considered under its physical as well as its mental conditions.

Montague again says that "Health is the factor which gives value to all the zeroes of education." Thus we see the great value these truly philosophic men attached to the physical education at the same time that the mental endowments were being developed in the tender plant. Hufeland has laid down the fol-