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seen, to be admitted into the council of "Great Powers" in Europe, China is asserting her position as a power in the east, and in a very practical manner. She claims the rights of suzerainty over Annam, which is really part and parcel of China after all, as much as Wales is of England, and even more so, for the Annamese are really Chinese under another name. The present rumor is that Chinese troops have crossed over the very debateable ground which is supposed to cover the imaginary line between China and Annam, or Tonquin, and will try conclusions with the French near the sea coast. One particular point brought out in the latest telegraphic despatches there is, which may be worth looking at for a moment.

A New York reporter has been interview ing Wong Chin Foo, editor of the Chines American, and the latter, as in duty bound speaks out patriotically for his country, One point he makes is worthy of special at tention. The government of my native country, he says, could order into the field at a day's notice no less than 150,000 fight. ing men, and besides it has a well filled treasury. No other country than China is at the present time without an enormous national debt. With the great amount o wealth which it possesses, sufficient men could be hired to fight twice the number of men that France could send to that country. With a couple of weeks notice they could

that. Here is a peculiarity of the situation worth hoking at. If war there is to be, Chica has barrels of money-silver money who will promptly fill orders for often cannot sing." His next attempt is on cash. With the money making American s cow, He objects to cows thinking. "She citizens who constitute these companies quietly crops the sweet grass until she sentimental regard for France would count thinks she has had enough"-"all of which." as little as British patriotism does with the he says, "means that a cow thinks has Birmingham gun manufacturers, who reguharly export arms for sale to far distant, slogic with a vengeance. If nothing has savages engaged on the hostile side in Bri- an immortal spirit except a thing that taju's little wats. Now, would French hinks, we very much fear there is a great men-of-war venture to seize American ships blank in store for Mr. Collins All the carrying arms to China? Or, supposing boys in this village are sure that cows, dogs, they were to attempt such a blockade, sheep, and some human beings think; and could the French send naval force enough fail to see that all these of necessity to these seas to prevent the swarms of pirat- possess an "immortal spirit." Evidently ical Chinese craft in the Gulf of Tonquia Mr. Collins has never been a teacher- or at and thereabouts from receiving and carry- least a good one-else he would see the ining arms to corners of the Chinese coast tention of the phrase "chews it over again. where the blockade would be non est in- It is one of the best sentences in the book, ventus? We should say not; but perhaps for causing pupils to inquire into the way a the experiment is not to be tried this time

The one point most worthy of present most improved war material which China's vast accumulation f hard cash enables her immediately to buy. Perhaps this particular reserved force of China is not destined to be used on this occasion But that it

THE TORONTO WORLD future occasion not very far distant, nobody who observes Chinese movements need doubt. The thing may not come now; but it is destined to come before long.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING

The Mail in its issue of yesterday charges that the Ontario government "is working a printing job just now." That "instead of advertising for tenders for the work the government has issued private circulars to four or five firms calling upon them to make offers," and goes on to assert that "there is no guarantee that the lowest tenderer will receive the contract;" on the contrary, the state of the post to wine. The apples "almost as large as gooseberries that hang in clusters from the vine tops are the fruit of the potato." I do not charge Mr. Collins anything for teaching him this fact.

His nex: on "Sugar" need not create surprise. When a man, posing as a critic prise. When a man, posing as a critic does not know what "potutoes" are, how "that Mr. Mowat has his arrangements so made that he can give the contract to whomsoever he pleases to favor." Is the Mail in the confidence of Mr. Mowat, that it got the fac a t such an early date? The truth seems to be that an official of the government sent out copies of the specifications.

"Sugar" is from?

Mr. Collins again rushes into philology in, "It is very nice to see a squirrel eating a nut." Now, following his lead in giving English words from Latin roots their original meaning, I am tempted to say "Mr. Collins is a nice map," viz., "he is a man he heave nothing viz. an—; for does ment sent out copies of the specifications upon which the last printing contract was awarded, with the view of eliciting suggestions having in view their modification so as to render them as clear and concise as possible in the interest both of the government and contractor for the future. The Mail says "the system of tendering, with the immense power which the government wields in awarding the contract, is unfair to the public and grossly unjust to every persystem of tendering" is all right, but such a system as outlined by that paper would be all that it alleges. Dubtless when the proper time arrives it will be found that, as is usual in such cases, that tenders for this work will be advertised for, and that it will

as teachers. At the meeting on Tuesday night one of the trustees demanded a bill of particulars. Accordingly the chairman befor two directors and a cook for years, Mr. Collins is? though what teaching they did was not

REPLY TO ME. COLLINS CRITICUM

OF GAGE'S CANADIAN READERS. SIR: In The WORLD of Aug. 22d ap. peared an article on Gage's Canadian readfight. Besides, the Chinese are good soldiers and used to the climate, which will be in itself a tremendous advantage over he in itself a tremendous advantage over said J. E. Collins is. Undoubtedly some great man -likely a relative of Wilkie or China has no national debt, and, with perhaps of "John Collins." No matter, he avoids any ambiguity, and even without it the comma after eat would make the might do something more than would generally be expected. The great amount of ready hard cash which China possesses is the point. For nearly two bundred years the point. For nearly two bundred years corrections (?) I find agents of Campbell corrections (?) I find agents of Campbell corrections (?) I find agents of Campbell teaching him that "land" is a general term for country, and that countries sometimes have chandise in exchange, perhaps ten the article in question, and as no one reads per cent., certainly not over twenty-five it everyone believes it to bristle with errors. per cent, at the very outside. So, indeed, it does, but they are not from For the balance of say seventy-five the readers. He first points cut that "very" per cent., putting it at the very lowest, cours eight times in the lesson on "Birds." China takes neither Bank of England notes | There are five pages in that lesson-"very" nor American greenbacks. With the eight times in fiv: pages does not seem at "celestials" even gold does not fill the bill; all out of place "The" occurs more than they take nothing but silver. Now, the eight times in the same number of lines in accumulation of silver in China, received Mr. Collins' article, but I presume he was paid by the yard for writing that effusion, must by this time amount to something about it, they can only guess and make estimates; but that it must be some gigantic unknown quantity is certain. We can allow a good deal for returns to India in payment for opium and still feel sure that the accumulation of silver in China, on the balance of the tea trade bulance of government surpluses. Looking at the Chinese system, we may canclude that a very large proportion, of the tea trade bulance of greater proportion, of the tea trade bulance of trade on tea, must by this time have attained to something about it, they can only guess and make estimates; but that it must be some gigantic unknown quantity is certain. We can allow a good deal for returns to India in payment for opium and still feel sure that the accumulation of silver in China, on the balance of the tea trade bulance of government surpluses. Looking at the Chinese system, we may canclude that a very large proportion, probably the fargrenter proportion, of the tea trade bulance of greater proportion, of the tea trade bulance of the government or is otherwise promptly available for national purposes.

Paid by the yard for writing that effusion, so tretched it out. As Mr. Collins was pushing fellow (for did he not scream; in pushing a pushing fellow (for did he not scream; in pushing size columns of arrant nonsenses) I ten his kindly savice early in his critical set in wind and the his will add the his his alterious of the last ten his indications. Seen if your quotations. Be honced in your quotations. This is dealers. Be honced in your quotations. The best stands that the flush his all will are the the dealers of the commanded in the push of the co in payment of balance of trade on tea, paid by the yard for writing that effusion, 'Splendid" refers especially to richness of appearance. Indeed Crabbe in his English his country's wealth in ready money will be synonyms does not mention them together. freely used in the event of war. And doubt- He gives clear, lucid, bright, vivid as synless it will be, we may take his word for onyms, but no splendid. Hence the Gage Reader scores another point over Mr. Collins. He next states that the question, "What kind of songs have birds with bright plumage?" is not answered in the arms and ammunition of the day. In the le son, He evidently supposed that none United States there are several able and would take the trouble to compare the book enterprising companies engaged in the man- and the article. On page 11, line 8, the ufacture of just this kind of merchandise, snswer occurs, "Birds with bright c ors

mind, in short an immortal spirit" That cow chews her cud. Oi course no one is surprised that Mr. Collins does not know attention is the unlimited quantity of the this. His next on violets is so childish

having taught him how to make butter. I hope the poor man has found out by this time that the book is right again. His next is an objection to 'Potatoes are the underground branches of a plant." As Mr. Colins has convinced the public that he knows
nothing whatever of philology or of the
synonymous value of words, so he here
shows that he has no conception of the

does not know what "potutoes" are, could he be expected to understand

not 'nice' come from the Latin 'ne' not, and 'sciens' knowing. Had Mr. Collins opened his dictionary (but perhaps he does not know what a dictionary is) he would have seen that 'nice' has forty two separate and distinct meanings, and eleven different usages. I do not charge him for this informa-

His next is a point that an ordinary second book child could explain, viz.. the usage of these and those. Any little child will tell him that had the reference been to "nuts and acorns," the word would have been inserted. As i reference is to "nooks," etc., hence "these is used. Besides Mr. Collins, no not Mr. Col lins, but any intelligent person could see by the next sentence that the reference is to "nouks," etc.

His next is cured the same way as the ast. I do not know that I should explain be awarded to the lowest, irrespective of "the immense power that the government wields" in such matters.

For years the separate school board have been paying for twenty Christian brothers with the separate school board have been paying for twenty Christian brothers with the separate school board have been paying for twenty Christian brothers were first lesson in the book. Mr. Collins must have a very short memory, or perhaps must have a very short memory, or perhap he 'chums' it with his namesake "John" too

much!
His next would confirm our supposition gan to locate them but only succeeded in naming seventeen who were teaching. At length two others were discovered who it was claimed by the friends of the brothers were directors of the other seventeen. Well have not been told where it is." Remember the is on page 41. If the reader will where directors of the other seventeen. Well where was the twentieth? Mr. Gibson who has always voted steadily with the clerical party got up and with a blessed assurance said, "Oh, he is a cook." And it was further elicited that the board had been paying sons are graded on a system. I wonder who

Not content with making public his ig-norance of philology, of natural history, of botany, as well as of the ordinary rules of composition, he undertakes syllabication, and criticises Ca na da Well, Mr. Editor, I should just like to know how Mr. Collins would syllabify that word. If any other way than the above, then he would show at once that he has no idea of the simplest rules of syllabication. Ca na da is right and all others wrong. In his next he has to explain the multibling construction. dishonest, since he leaves out the clause, because they have not enough to eat, which occurs after 'winter.' That clause which occurs after 'winter.'

seas around them. Mr. Gage reserves the idiomatic use of "land" for page 48 of his 21 reader. The Royal Readers, for which Mr. Collias toots, use it on page 20 of their first

Collias toots, use it on page 20 of their first primer. Again the verdant critic dabules in philology—ia questoining "quiet light." I beg to refer him to the word "quiet" in any ordinary dictionary.

In connection with his next, I am inc ined to believe our man of learning tries to perpetrate a joke. He is again unfair, not to use a stronger term in omitting unstanting. use a stronger term, in omitting part of the extract. As Mr. Collins seems to be a pushing fellow (for did he not scrawl

but now I believe he is not from any part of this country. In his next he is consistent in being wrong again, and criticises the pronuciation of Newfoundland. Once more I refer him to the dictionary, where he may find the preferable pronunciation is with the accent on New at he Paular heat. The

rior."

1 shall not refer to his scornful reference to the beautiful passages from acriptum found on page 136. The fast that these extracts were, as Mr. Gage advertises, selection the leading clergymen of all denominations.

tracts were, as Mr. Gage advertises, selected by the leading clergymen of all denomina-tions in Teronto is conclusive proof of their suitability for the purpose. I shall concollege my remarks with a summary. Mr. Collins seems to have been hired and of course paid to point out the errors in Gage's Raders. I have, with one exception, shown that his criticisms are entirely groundless. Nay, fur her; that the book is correct in every case except the accontuation of the word "again" on page 21. That is the only error in the book and that could be corrected in half a minute.

Had I the perseverance of the "criti-cised," I might plod on through twe col-umns and show the childishness and folly of his remaining attempts at criticism. have not met more than the one mistal already referred to, and if any book can be found with only one slight mistake-then do you not think it is pretty carefully pre do you not think it is pretty carefully pre-pared? In any event the people in this locality have been using Gage's Canadian Readers too long, and are familiar with too many of their good points to be hoodwinked by any agent for a rival series Indeed, the following note from one of the teachers near here was sent me last week, and indicates what the few schools that adopt the Royals may be found doing in the course of some

"I have used the Roy I Readers for the last year, and find them entirely unsuited for our school. They are not well graded, nor are the lessons simple enough. I am very glad this board has adopted Gage's series, and I shall use them at once.

"J. T..........."."

Now, Mr. Editor, it is not my wish or intention to imitate Mr. Collins by becoming a critic of books, I shall simply indicate a few of the errore, etc., which abound in the "Royal" or Campbell-Nelson series which I received "complimentary" last

CAMPBELL-NELSON "ROYAL" READERS, Primer I. The following words entirely mintelligible to Canadian children occur: inintelligible to Canadian calidren occur: fen, lea, glade, gnats, moat, carp, maw, bilk. sine, rook, woud, gnome, tome, besides many others two difficult for a first primer as: guest, zest, wrest, throat souse, beach stretch, vetch, knack, sto k, hone, whoop, rite trings also

rite, twine, etc.

Primer II. Campbell-Nelson "Royal"
series. Besides being ungraded, and much
too difficult, there are the following in solublifying a large es other mistakes in syllahifying: horses, hol i day, chil dren, noth ing, dirt y, dats ies, han dles, present, places, weath er, broth er, moth er, (tather is correct). There are many more but these are enough for sample purposes. At I do not wish to play Mr. Collins, I refrain from being witty" and also from abusing the edito or publishers of the " Royals, The poetry seems very badly selected in

improprieties of the book, I shall simply give a cursory review. First, disgusting expressious seem to

"The young one screams like a cat," p 'You horrid ugly beast," p. 75.

"He actually spit with disgust at it."
"Mud and ditch water, I'm dead! Help!" "And I'm quite dead! Oh! my nose, my no-ose!" p. 117.
"You ragamuffin," p. 140. "You miser able beggar," p. 140.
"A wife! and have a snuggery all crowded with hungry youngs'ers," p. 169.
"Pikku Buck has broken his nose in the

adventure," p. 164
"A little yellow-spotted butterfly sat kiss ing a blue corn flower, to whom he was betrothed," p. 73.

"The hedgehog leared at the bee, shrugged his shoulders with compassion, and muttered in his beard, 'Oh fiel what a saucy little thing, and how ugly. "I escaped with my fright and a black

eye,"—page 36.
'I runned off. I's goin' to stay here,'

accent on New, as the Reader has it. The other mode is given second. Hence Mr.

Collins is wrong once more.

His criticism of got on p. 79 is wide of le son. There seems to be no gradation of the son. There seems to be no gradation of le son.

"John Collins," when he objects to the lines "Stay not for Pleasure when she fills her tempting beaker up." This beautiful poem by N. P. Willis is the beginning of a series of Temperance lessons.

In pursuance of the plan of the series the different words as "beaker," "brimming," &c., are explained at the beginning of the lesson. This is one of the great superiorities of these readers. The child is not left in ignoronce or referred to a dictionary. To other 'deficiencies' I regret having to pleas his objection to temperance poems.

Campbell Nelson Third Reader.—After reviewing the book carefully I find very many of the essons either too difficult or entirely unsuitable On page 33 occurs one sentence of ten lines, and on p. 32 one of eight. These words also occur on the same page: di-astrous, theumatic, novitiate, successfully, deviatizing, monotonous, influence, Arctic, extremely, difficulty, succeeding, privations, ghosts, shivering, establishments, succentibed.

I have not yet reviewed their fourth book esrefully; but am surprised to

this. His next on violets is so childish that even my little boy, not six years old, laughed outright at the Collins critic when I read the extract.

His next on "Food" is also the cause of surprise in this locatity. Both boys and pira wouder where Mr. Collins grew up, and also if he knows what butter is made of.

Mr. Gage sure y deserves his thanks for words are simply accented—as children can my statement that there is less objectionable

ing for a better condition of affairs before long, and also hat "right will prevail,"

NORTHERN TEACHER.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

To the Editor of The World. SIR: We cannot pay too much attention o text books, readers, etc , but I think i opportune to call attention to the necessity of rules for the guidance of teachers in the appointment of home work, and in order to prove the necessity, I give the following as an illustration which to my mind proves the pase: I have one child who has been in the fifth book two years, and another who has just taken that step. Yet the latter with no previous knowledge of the suli et had for home work the first 24 definitions of the first book of Euclid, while the former had the first 6. The result was-when they compared notes-an appeal to me at the unfairness shown in the unequal tasks of two children in the s me school, but in different rooms; and alas! there was the same disproporti in all through Is it any wonder that the boy so overloaded felt discouraged, and smarted under the sense of injustice; would such a feeling he'p him to overcome the difficulties? nay; it after a many atruggle undertaken pluckily he went couraged, having a bad headache; and arose this morning feeling just the sam and wished he was done with the school and wished he was done with the school, and would rather face hard work with ba f an education." Such, I maintain, is all wrong; our children have no right to meet with such difficulties as the above case presents. Had the two children had the same

sents. Had the two children had the same no such bitter feelings had been engendered. The way is hard enough without having such stumbling blacks thrown in their way. Again, besides the above he was expected to tearn the twelf h chapter of Canadian history, one page of dictation, English history (Charles the first's reign), one page of grammar, geography (the countries of Europe and their boundaries). To the teacher, with all these things at his fingers' ends—so to reach the above may seem as an easy home. all these things at his largers' ends—so to speak—the above may seem as an easy home lesson, but would any of your readers, who are not teachers, accomplish the feat in one evening? There is evidently work for the inspector and school board. Their business is to help on education by every wise incentive, order and discipline, and to win the confidence of the children by an exhibition of perfect fairness in the appointment of

of perfect fairness in the appoin ment of work and the distribution of awards. AN ANXIOUS PARENT. Toronto, Sept. 6, 1883.

OPULENT NABBATH DISPLAY. To the Editor of The World. EIR: The idea broached by O. P. Q is certainly one of s very solid and christianly character; but I fear the world is so wedded to the coaventional rules and customs of our forefathers-whether it be in unison with morality or our other progressive, altered circumstances-that the object of service for the rich in the mornings and other classes in the evening will not suit at all. There may exist one minister who might be induced to try and in time inaugurate the innovation to benefit the people debarred from attendance, and I know of no one but the reverend divine on Bond street who would be likely to introduce the novwho would be likely to introduce the layely. Like every other thing in life, the question of money is the ma'n point mostly. Unless these who could afford to double their offerings in the morning collection and allow none to be taken of the poorer in the evening it would not work. Should success follow: follow, this salvation army might early dis-band, as it only makes a mockery of reli-

there was opposition from Toronto but none from Lewiston. As there is now opposition from both points perhaps my experience will not be repeated. It may be well,

A 16 year-old Brooklyn wife wants a divorce from her 17 year old husband, and the latter has no objection, because every

Uses, di.vid.ed, leath-er. Six in one small leson. There seems to be no gradation of the mark, too. I shall again teach him. In ordinary questions or statements, as, "Have you got to go?" or, "I have yot to go "or, "I have yot got to go "or, "I have you got under your arm?" the word is perfectly legitimate, nay, more, it is necessary, being an idiom for 'placed,' ocnoesled,' or some kindred term. Our young critic's objection to Longfellow's beautiful poem on page 88 is simply ridionlous. The extract is short, very simple, and very beautiful for either children or grown persons. For more idiomaric pieces I refer the reader to the Royal series, first primer, p. 30, stanza 3, or p. 32, 34 and 36, or to the following from their second primer, p. 7; Out over the lake I swing.

Away from forest safe l turn, To the winds all cre I fling, All flare of hawk I spurm.

He also sneers at the poem "Look not Upon the Wine," p. 105 One would be convinced, slmost, that he is connected with "John Collins," when he objects to the lines "Stay not for Pleasnre when she fills her tempting beaker up." This beautiful poem she promose, the poem of the lessons either too difficult, moral, and degrading are mingled. The compiler made the or to speed to the lessons in the index would indeed at random as to follow the plan the did."

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