

The struggle was here known as 'King George's War.' " After reading this, let the scholars close their books, and express their opinions as to the capitals and punctuation-marks to be used ; then re-open them and compare their own views with the passages as printed. Such an exercise will take but a few minutes, and will tend to make scholars more observing as they look at the printed page.

A supply of short stories for Primary Schools and " Cards of Information " for Grammar Schools, both to be used for *silent reading*, would be another means by which a waste of time might be prevented. It often happens that individual scholars finish their work before others of their class. These stories and cards could be used to occupy such unemployed time.—*Selected.*

SOMETHING FOR COUNTRY TEACHERS.

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In the majority of our cities and larger towns, the school-rooms are clean and cheerful, with pictures on the walls, growing plants in the windows, etc. But there are still a large number of country school-houses whose walls are dirty, defaced by rude drawings or paper wads, and whose general air of neglect is certainly not very inviting to the children. It is for the benefit of those who teach in such school-rooms that these suggestions are offered.

As soon as you have engaged your school, visit the school premises and carefully note the necessities and possibilities. Then find out exactly how much the trustees will do for you and how much will depend upon yourself. If you are acquainted in the neighborhood your task will be much easier. If the school-house is in a village your plans will be much more easily carried out. But let us suppose the most unfavorable conditions. We will suppose that you are a woman, that the school-house stands in the country, and that you are not acquainted with the people in the district.

If it is at all possible, go to your boarding place a week before school opens. Set before yourself two objects, viz: a clean, neat room and a good black-board. Get a peck of lime and white-wash the walls and ceiling. Wash the desks and windows and scrub the floor. From the store in the nearest village get a common wooden packing box—a rather long and narrow one is best. Get the store-