

be made by any teacher for the trifling cost of seventy-five cents. The following materials are required: one pint of glycerine, four ounces of gelatine, and a tin pan 8 x 12 inches. Dissolve the gelatine in a pint of cold water. Then add the glycerine. Put upon the stove, stirring that it may not burn. When it comes to a boil pour into a shallow tin pan to cool. Beware of air bubbles and you will have a smooth, hard, sticky surface. A shallow caramel pan with upturned edges is just what is desired in the way of a pan. Eight by twelve inches, the suggested dimensions, correspond with those of the blocks of unglazed paper sold for the hektograph.

Directions: Use hektograph ink and a coarse *stub pen*. See that every stroke of the pen shows a green metallic lustre when dry, else the work will not "take." Write or print the reading matter to be used, and when the ink is quite dry lay the sheet face down upon the hektograph. Press gently over the whole surface with the hand or a soft cloth. After from two to five minutes (according to the number of copies desired) gently peel the paper off. From the impression thus made, reproduce all the copies required, laying one sheet of paper on the surface at a time.

INK-STAINED FINGERS.—A simple way of removing ink-stains from the fingers is to rub vaseline well into the skin at the stained points and then rub off with a piece of soft paper before applying soap. In this way the hands may be washed perfectly clean.

—A COUNTY commissioner of schools in Michigan has addressed the following suggestions to the teachers in his district:—"Let each teacher see to it at once that the stove and pipe are black, and well put up, curtains neat, windows in order, pictures on wall the whole room made neat, bright, cheerful and inviting. Impress your personality upon your schoolroom. Have small flags on walls of room, and have two crossed over the clock any way. Start a library entertainment. Get a five dollar library. Study at night. Get up your work. Don't let the place of death reign in your school. Have an occasional social evening gathering of pupils and parents at the schoolhouse. Don't mention money matters at such meetings. Dare to have an original idea in your class work. Read Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching. Consult the dictionary more. Teach the best term of school you ever taught. Do your