

with teaching or being taught, after the words table, breakfast, lunch, dinner, supper, meal, dessert, etc., the names of all comestibles or articles of food, they being all there before our eyes to suggest the inquiry as to their appellation, as bread, meat, potato; or following out the menu or bill of fare: soups, fishes, meats roast and boiled and fried, vegetables, salt, pepper, vinegar, etc., — puddings, pastry, fruit, not forgetting ales, wines and porters, liquors, tea, coffee, creams and so on. There is one category gone through and all and easily in a single lesson with much more to follow. And you are already in possession of many words you may require the use of at a restaurant or elsewhere as apple, orange, cheese, etc.

And what should prevent the father, mother or elder of the children from thus imparting to the younger so much knowledge in so easy and unobtrusive a manner; and why should the master mistress, nun or priest or minister presiding at the noon-day meal or other, not do the same.

We have just seen how the first category of words or family of names includes all articles of solid or liquid diet — and now for the vessels that contain them, the implements of every kind made use of in their ministration to the wants of man: as plate and knife and fork and spoon and carver and all and every other article on the table or adjoining buffet or étagère, not forgetting cork and cork-screw, table cloth or table napkin and the like.

And now you are already in a position, after a single lesson or only part of one, to club your words or some of them and make sentences or the embryos thereof or portions of a phrase, as "glass water," bottle beer, plate cheese, cup coffee, saucer cream. Never mind the article as yet or the word *some* or the preposition *of*. They can be done without until you have got on further with your nouns; but for variety sake and to prevent monotony you may strike off into some side issue and learn, as another group, the days of the week, the months of the year, and how to count from one to ten or twenty and then to a hundred and a thousand and so on, and then the ordinals as first and second, third, fourth and fifth, &c.

Again returning to our names of things, take up another series, to wit: the articles of furniture, as couch and clock and picture, desk and drawer and book case; and then you can ask for two chairs, three glasses or allude to the third day, fourth month, fifth year. Now another grouping of things that are together, and which you should not separate in their nomenclature: the house you live in or any other or the hotel, it matters not, the same or similar component parts make up the whole, as window, door, stairs, wall, partition, kitchen, hall, billiard room, bed room, floor, ceiling, basement, attic, dormer, counter, and front and rear and up and down and right and left; and then can you say up stairs, down stairs, front door, second floor or story, attic window &c.

And now go out upon the street and ask what, in the language you are endeavoring to pick up, is a church, a bank, a theatre, a