

La mort prématurée de son père ne lui a pas permis de régler ses affaires et l'a laissée dans une position voisine de la misère.—Son éducation soignée lui permet de se mettre dans l'enseignement et de gagner sa vie honorablement.

Réflexion sur la position de l'institutrice, qui est bien humble, très peu appréciée, mais dans laquelle on peut rendre les plus grands services à la société et à la religion.

DICTÉE ANGLAISE.

BLANCHE OF CASTILE.

Blanche was the daughter of Alphon-sus IX, King of Castile, and of Eleanor of England. From her childhood she displayed great firmness of character, and an austerity of manners far beyond her age. She was married at the age of thirteen to the young prince Louis, eldest son of Philip Augustus, and who afterwards reigned under the title of Louis VIII. This union, which took place on the 23 rd of May, 1200, was one of the conditions of the peace concluded the same year between this monarch and the king of England, uncle to the bride.

She was conducted to Normandy, where the marriage took place with a magnificence worthy of the three kingdoms interested in this alliance. Every *fête* and amusement then in vogue was inaugurated in honor of the occasion; but the two betrothed were their most beautiful and graceful ornament. They were of the same age, and gifted with every quality which could attract the esteem and love of those who surrounded them.

The most flattering eulogy has been pronounced on them, that they lived together for twenty-six years without a single disagreement.

But the wit and wisdom of Blanche were no less remarkable than her beauty and nobleness of character; so that

her father-in-law, the king, would often consult her, and pay the greatest deference to her advice; and so great was the ascendancy she acquired over her husband, that he would insist on her presence in the council-chamber, and even on his military journeys.

COMPOSITION ANGLAISE.

SUJET : *St. Patrick's Day.*

ARITHMÉTIQUE.

1. Une certaine somme placée à 4% d'intérêt a produit £427-10 en trois ans; quelle était cette somme ?

Réponse : £3562-10.

Solution :

$$\text{£}427-10 \times \frac{100}{4 \times 3} = \text{£}3562-10.$$

II. Un homme achète pour \$6210 de grain. Il donne $\frac{1}{2}$ de cette somme pour du blé à \$1.25 le minot; $\frac{1}{4}$ pour de l'avoine à 75 cts, et le reste pour de l'orge à \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$; Combien de minots de chaque sorte de grain a-t-il achetés ?

Réponse : 1656 minots de blé.

2070 " " avoine.

2300 " " orge.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \text{ de } \$6210 &= 2070, \quad 2070 \div \$1.25 = 1656 \\ \frac{1}{4} " \$6210 &= 1552.50, \quad 1552.50 \div .75 = 2070 \\ \frac{1}{2} " \$6210 &= 2587.50, \quad 2587.50 \div \$1.12\frac{1}{2} = 2300 \end{aligned}$$

PREUVE :

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1656 \text{ minots à } \$1.25 & = & \$2070.00 \\ 2070 & " & .75 = 1552.50 \\ 2300 & " & 1.12\frac{1}{2} = 2587.50 \\ & & \hline & & \$6210.00 \end{array}$$

ALGÈBRE.

I. Divisez $24a^2 b - 12a^3 c b^2 - 6 a b$
par $-6 a b$.

Réponse : $-4a + 2a^2 c b + 1$.