

of people spoke German, 30,000,000 French, and 15,000,000 English. Professor S. A. Marsh says that more than one-half of the letters of the world's postal service are now written and read by English-speaking people. Jacob Grimm, one of the ablest historians of language says: "The English speech may with full right be called the world language."

—The following geographical game is worthy of note:—It has for a foundation some directions found in an old school paper years ago. Each pupil is to be prepared with pencil and paper. I allow a certain time, say five minutes, for writing all the geographical names beginning with a certain letter which I name, after all directions are given. At the end of the time, the one who has the largest number of names tallies ten. One pupil is called upon to read his list. As he names each, those who do not have it, raise hands. If no other has the word, if he can tell of what it is the name and where it is, he tallies a number equal to all in the game excepting himself. Otherwise each of the others tallies one. After his list is finished, others are called upon, until all names are read. Then tally marks are compared and the winner announced.—*Educational News*.

—An elderly Quaker gentleman used to say when he met a boy with dirty hands, "My boy, dost thou study chemistry?" Of course the boy would know nothing about chemistry, and the Quaker would say, "I will teach thee how to perform a curious chemical experiment. Go home, take a piece of soap, put it in water, and rub it briskly on thy face and hands. It will make a beautiful froth, and thy skin will be very much whiter. That is an experiment in chemistry which I advise thee to try."

—The following rule is said to be in the Talmud: "If the number of children does not exceed twenty-five, the school shall be conducted by a single teacher; for more than twenty five, the town shall employ an assistant; if the number exceeds forty, there shall be two masters." This would not be considered unsound doctrine even in the full blaze of electric light.

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To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD:

SIR,—The last Teachers' Convention in Montreal was a very interesting and instructive one in many respects, but I, like others, regret that the amount of practical work accomplished was so small. The speech of the Honorable Justice Lynch was admirable, shewing, as it did, the loose way in which the distribution of grants is made. The Pension Act was the most important question before the Convention, but no time could be given for its discussion until the last session, which being devoted to superior education was attended by only a few of the Elementary Teachers. As these feel the burden of this unjust tax the most, and reap comparatively no benefit from it, it seems a pity that the discussion was not brought up before a full