

THE EDUCATIONAL HORIZON

PRESENTING NEWS AND VIEWS OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND ALL OTHERS SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION

IN DEFENCE OF GOOD TEACHERS

A gentleman, ere he take a cook in his service, he will first examine him diligently, how many sorts of meats, potages, and sauces he can perfectly make, and how well he can season them, that they may be both pleasant and nourishing. Yea, and if he be a falconer, he will scrupulously inquire what skill he hath in feeding, called diet, and keeping of his hawk from all sickness, also how he can reclaim her (train her to come to call) and prepare for flight. And to such a cook or falconer whom he findeth expert, he spareth not to give much wages, with bounteous rewards.

But of a schoolmaster, to whom he will commit his child to be fed

STARVE THE SCHOOLS, STARVE THE PEOPLE

If the schools will starve the schools, the people will retaliate by letting the people starve, mentally, then morally, and in a measure materially also.

Sir John Lawes expressed the opinion that if the plants which furnish human food should be all left without human care and culture for fourteen years, there would be hardly any of the cultivated plants fit for food. For even the bare maintenance of human life there is need for practical education; and for the maintenance of all our institutions and means of culture, there is need for practical education. What better use can be made of money than to keep up good schools?

Taxation among a free people is

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everybody chipping in to do what no one could do alone, but which all can do together with great benefit to each. Such taxation increases the value of property; and more than that, it enlarges the capacity of the people to manage and to enjoy life. It is just as essential in the long run that the people should support the schools willingly as that their children should attend them. Let us learn to think live and labor for the future of our children who are here now. Stand up for provincial rights, for the rights of your children, for the rights of the young who cannot defend themselves, for the rights of the children to be trained by the best of your own people well paid for that service.

HOMONYMS

In the following sentences, cross out all but the correct forms of homonyms given in parentheses.

- I shall keep (won, one) (ore, ear, o'er) to put (ore, o'er) the mantel to remind me of (our, hour) adventure.
- These trees we shall (horde, board) until we have made (mettle, metal) (axis, axes) sharp enough to cut a (bored, board).

FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE FOLLOWING

Fill in the blanks in the following:

- The largest lake in England is Lake _____.
- The second largest city in the British Isles is _____.
- Drakensberg National Park is in _____.
- The largest city in the Union of South Africa is _____.
- The highest mountain in Africa is Mount _____.
- Sisal hemp is the fiber obtained from the _____ plant.
- _____ and _____ produce most of the world's cloves.
- The third largest city of India is _____.
- The largest city of India is _____.
- _____ is the world's leading centre for jute manufacturing.
- The ocean gateway for the Plain of the Indus is the seaport of _____.
- The sacred river of the Hindus is the _____.
- India's "Pittsburgh" is _____ a newly built city at the place that was chosen for the blast furnaces, coking plants, and steel mills.
- The city of _____ is called the "Gateway to the Orient".
- The third largest city in the British Commonwealth is _____.
- Australia's cotton-growing state is _____.
- The orchard state of Australia is _____.
- The three leading mining countries of the world are _____, _____, and _____.
- The "Iowa of Europe" is _____.
- The largest city in Africa is _____.
- The world's greatest producer of oil is the _____.
- A method of representing the surface of the earth on a chart, in which the lines are projected as if the chart were rolled into a cylinder about the earth is called a _____ map.

IRON

It is one of the most common elements. We have seen that meteorites are composed almost entirely of it. Iron is present in all natural waters; lakes, rivers and the oceans. It is an important part of our bodies and the hemoglobin of the blood. The body of a man is said to contain from a quarter to a half an ounce of iron. All plants and animals contain iron.

About one-twentieth of the earth's crust is iron and it is the fourth most abundant element. Only oxygen, silicon and aluminum are present in larger amounts. Scientists tell us that the inside core of the earth is composed of almost nine-tenths solid iron. On the surface of the earth, iron is mixed with many minerals and rocks.

When iron is exposed to moist air, it combines with oxygen to form rust.

Iron ore is found on every continent and in almost every country. In the United States, the Lake Superior District, including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, supply most of the ore that we use today.

The ore mined in the United States usually contains over 50 per cent iron. In some European countries the ore is used when it contains only 25 per cent of iron.

HOW ELECTRICITY IS MEASURED

Electricity is generated in immense quantities in large modern power plants. Like all other forms of such energy, the electric energy so generated can be measured in terms of what it can do. The strength of an electric current, for example, can be measured by the rate at which it flows through a wire. The flow of electricity is measured in amperes, a term taken from the name of Andre Amper, a French student of electricity. An ampere is a definite amount of electricity that passes through a wire in one second.

As an electric current flows through a wire there is always a resistance. Just as water flows out of a large pipe with less resistance than out of a small pipe, electricity

ar. Just as we measure the force of water in a pipe as so many pounds of pressure per square inch, we measure the force of electricity in a wire as so many volts. A volt is defined as the force necessary to drive one ampere of current through the resistance of one ohm.

Another term of electrical measurement which you have probably heard is the watt, named after James Watt, the Scottish engineer who invented the steam engine. The watt is a measure of the rate at which electric energy works. The measurement of the rate of work is very important in determining the strength of any kind of energy.

Let us say, for example, that by hard work you can chop a cord of wood in eight hours. A woodsman is stronger than you and is able to do the same job in four hours. He does it in less time than you can

do it because he is more "powerful" than you. The term "power" is applied to the rate of doing any kind of work.

The watt is the unit of electric power. It is the quantity of electricity that flows past a given point in one second (amperes) multiplied by the pressure, or force, with which the current is flowing (volts). People who work a great deal with electricity are continually dealing in watts. They find it convenient to remember the definition of a watt simply as amperes times volt equals watts.

The future of our community, our Province and our nation lies in the hands of those who teach our children. It is for the most part, the daughter of idleness. He who knows most grieves most for wasted time.

ALBERT MICHELSON

Michelson was born of German-Jewish parents in a little German town. He came to the United States as an infant. From his school days on he showed unusually keen scientific ability. At Annapolis he soon found out that he was not fated to become an admiral. After going on his midshipman cruise and teaching at the Academy for awhile, his scientific work became so important that he resigned from the Navy.

Before he was thirty he became widely known because he measured the speed of light with greater accuracy than all learned men of the time had been able to do. Measuring the speed of light became his most important life work and at the time of his death in 1931 he was still active in improving the accuracy of his measurements.

DRAGONS

Dragons have been familiar monsters to us all from our childhood. The dragon that guarded the golden apples of the Blessed Isles and was slain by Hercules; the dragon conquered by St. George, and the one that gave Siegfried the Dragon-slayer his title are all well known to us. They have often been shown in pictures and sculpture, when they usually possess one feature, at any rate, in common with the real creatures which are sometimes called dragons today — they are clad in scales. In other words, they are reptiles; for scales form the typical covering of reptiles, just as feathers do of birds and fur of beasts.

What are the modern dragons? In 1912 scientific men became acquainted with a huge lizard, found on one or two islands in the Dutch East Indies, which grows up to ten or even twelve feet in length. From the name of one of the larger of these islands, Komodo, this great lizard was given the name of Komodo dragon, and it seems probable that these creatures, or even larger types now extinct, were the originals of the dragons which occur so frequently in Chinese art. With its long flexible neck and long darting tongue, deeply forked like that of a snake, the Komodo dragon, is so far as appearances go, quite striking and formidable enough to have given rise to some, at least, of the dragons of legend. Very few people can have the chance of studying these creatures in their native homes.

LOOSE SENTENCE

In a Loose Sentence the main idea occurs first, and then we limit it in some way, or add details. The loose construction is the more natural form of a sentence. "A dear little plant lay fast asleep in the heart of a buried seed." (Loose sentence).

The Periodic Sentence places the main idea last, and the reader's interest is thus sustained over the

GHIZEH

Ghizeh is one of the ruined places of Egypt. Once it was a busy commercial centre but now it contains only a few cafes, decaying

THE PYRAMIDS OF GHIZEH

These are three in number and they are the tombs of three kings — Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus. These three pyramids are among the architectural wonders of the world. They were built in the 27th century B.C. The Great Pyramid of Cheops is 480 feet high and covers thirteen acres of land. In the

THE GREAT SPHINX

The Great Sphinx stands a quarter of a mile from the Great Pyramid and guards its platform. The Sphinx was a common Egyptian symbol of power. Its features are those of a woman joined to the body of a lion. It is hewn out of the solid rock and between the monster's paws once stood a temple, believed to be older than the Great Pyramid. Today the Sphinx's features are much mutilated. However, in spite of the loss of helmet, nose and beard, it remains one of the most impressive monuments in the world.

"A statue lies hid in a block of marble, and the sculptor only clears the superfluous matters and removes the rubbish. The figure is in the stone; the sculptor only finds it. What sculptor is to the human soul." — Joseph Addison.

WEST GERMANY

4. Young People. Many older Germans, whose lives and thinking have been largely conditioned by strict military and political discipline, will never be good democratic citizens. Consequently, the young people of West Germany offer the best hope for the success of democracy. But there are serious problems. One is that of education. Most students must go to school in shifts, because schools and teachers are scarce. A second problem is that of jobs. Nearly 90 per cent of German students leave school to seek employment at the age of 14. Today, work is hard to find, and many youths are jobless.

A third problem is homes. An estimated 80,000 homeless young people, tragic victims of the war, are wandering about the country now.

The Western Allies and the German government are acting. Train-

ing workshops are operated in many areas to teach young people trades. Cities are building youth centers, which provide both training and housing facilities. American, British, French, and German educators are working together to teach democracy. Success of the program for youth can do much to guarantee the continuation of German democracy in the future.

5. The Women. Because millions of German men died in World War II, the women far outnumber the men in Germany today. In West Germany alone, there are nearly 3½ million more women over 21 than men. Because of their numbers and because they can and do vote, the German women play a powerful role in politics and industry.

A large number of these women, for example, do not want their country to form an army of any

Midgell and Vicinity

Friends of little Helene Dingwell were sorry to hear she has been sick at her home here recently.

Mr. Sterling MacSwain and Mr. Kenneth Anderson, of Marle, were in Church Road on business recently.

Dr. M. Beck of St. Peter's was in Church Road recently attending Mrs. Irving Sanderson who has been quite ill at her home here.

Mr. Harry McEwen, painter, of St. Peter's Harbor has spent some time in Midgell recently where he was employed.

Mrs. Freeman Jay and small son, Wayne, of Morell, left recently for Halifax where they will spend some time.

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Mr. Philip Long, who has been working in Charlottetown for some time, spent a recent week-end at his home in Milburn.

Friends are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Emily MacEwen of St. Peter's who underwent an operation in the hospital in Halifax some time ago.

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