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MANUAL TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We are all interested in education, or we all should be, and the problem of introducing some form of manual training into our public schools should attract attention everywhere.

At the last meeting of the Carleton County Teachers' Institute Prof. E. E. MacCreedy explained the methods of the manual training in the form of wood work combined with drawing, which is now established in many schools in the United States, and which efforts are being made to introduce in Canada.

During the last two terms Miss Gertrude O'Brien, teaching at the Inches Ridge school, near Benton, has given instruction in manual work with the most common carpenter's tools, and her report on this work is interesting and encouraging.

While the benches themselves prove quite an addition to the appearance of the school, being made of maple, varnished, the sight of the tools, which are arranged on brackets around the walls, prove an endless source of joy to the boys who are not taking the work.

It is rather early to determine what good results we will obtain, but we know that it has already increased the regularity of attendance. Not only is the pupil more anxious to come to school but the parents seem more particular in sending them.

Three hours each week are devoted solely to this work, from three until four, the younger pupils being dismissed at three o'clock on these days.

Two of the larger girls, who during previous terms showed no interest whatever in school, and went simply because they were sent, now show a keen interest in their school, and are much more particular about the preparation of home lessons, and will now without being told, hunt up all the information they can of a lesson outside of what is given in the book.

get them to attend. These girls were not studying with any particular object in view and seemed to lack ambition. In this work they feel that they are accomplishing something and have a definite object in view and thus a motive for coming to school is supplied.

That "stand-offishness" so common between pupil and teacher in a country school is entirely set aside, and you seem to get much nearer your pupils and they seem to forget that they are in school and must do such and such things, and they go to work with a zest often lacking in some of the other subjects, and show an interest which the most careful preparation by the teacher could not obtain.

How to Deal With Your Mother-in-Law

Somebody should arise and champion the cause of mother-in-law. From time immemorial they have the target of the humourist. Now Max O'Rell gives his opinion in the New York Journal. He says:—

"Adam, they say, must have been a happy man; he had no mother-in-law.

"I once heard a Frenchman give the following definition of the difference that exists between an accident and a misfortune. Suppose you walk along the bank of a river in the company of your mother-in-law. If she should fall into the water and be drowned it is an accident; if she fall into the water and be pulled out alive it is a misfortune.

"Was it not in America that I heard the following story? A man enjoyed the possession of a beautiful and loving wife and a very ungenerous mother-in-law. The latter fell ill, and the daughter went to nurse her. At last the husband received the following telegram—'Mother dead; shall we have her embalmed, cremated or buried?' The husband wired back—'Do the three; take no chance.'

"I recommend the following plan—it proved a big success with a friend of mine. A short time after his marriage his mother-in-law arrived and installed herself in his house. My friend welcomed her, and lavished the most assiduous attention upon her. He was not a churchgoer; he went to church and insisted on carrying the excellent lady's book of devotion. When a walk was taken, it was to her he offered his arm. 'Your mother is old,' he said to his wife, 'and so kind, too! I am getting awfully fond of her.' In the evening, after his wife had retired, he sat up with his mother-in-law and took a hand at picquet. At the end of the week the mamma-in-law had vanished as if by magic. The young and neglected wife had managed the affair.

"But for a woman to get rid of her mother-in-law I am afraid I have no advice to offer, not even that offered by the greatest French dramatist, Victoria Sardon, who says in that delightful play, 'Seraphine':— 'If ever you have to choose between living with your mother-in-law or shooting yourself, do not hesitate a single moment—shoot her.'"

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