

IN THE CHILD-GARDEN.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A KINDERGARTEN TRAINING.

Learning by Doing—The Fallacy of the Excuse, "What is Good Enough for Us is Good Enough for Our Children"—An Appeal to St. John Parents.

It seems a strange thing that in enlightened St. John so little interest should be taken in the kindergarten movement, and so little done to further it.

Most of the neighboring cities and towns rejoice in flourishing kindergartens, where their children are trained to use all their faculties, and with minds bright and active, pass into the schools, where the habits of observation, reasoning, and thinking, which have been inculcated, aid them materially.

Take a child of five years old, just through the Primer, ready to enter the second grade: what can she tell you of the wind, the way the flowers grow, and the baby seeds are cared for!

The business men of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island should awaken to the importance of this question, as only by presenting a united front to the common enemy in a commercial way—viz., their neighbors of the States and their friends of the upper provinces—can they hope to regain and hold the supremacy which is theirs by right of priority, position and natural advantages.

The annual meeting of the Truro, N. S., board of trade, was attended by one hundred members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, C. E. Bentley; vice president, E. E. McNutt, W. E. Bligh; secretary, treasurer, G. A. Hall; executive committee, G. Walker Smith, R. L. Turner, P. McG. Archibald, D. J. Thomas, S. M. Bentley, Wm. Craig, R. T. Craig, J. E. Bigelow, F. McClure, T. G. McMullen.

The secretary's report showed the board to be in a healthy financial condition, and the membership increasing. A number of questions affecting the interests of Truro were submitted and assigned for discussion at the next meeting, among others the necessity for taking steps to add new industries to the town.

Elephantine Nurses in Siam. The women of Siam entrust their children to the care of elephant nurses, and it is said the trust is never betrayed. The elephant, not being susceptible to the charms of the sauntering policeman nor the social claims of its friends and relations, is consequently able to devote its entire attention to its charge.

Cycling to a Christening. The promenaders along the Avenue de la Gare, Nice, witnessed a somewhat curious spectacle the other day. A bicyclist, carrying a baby clothed in white, was followed by nearly fifty persons, men, women, and children, all on cycles.

Breaking it Gently. "Did you ever pay any attention to theosophy," Mr. Slogg?" she asked, with deadly sweetness in her tones. The young man admitted that he had not. "Oh, it is just lovely," she continued. "I have often thought how perfectly charming it would be to send one's astral self down into the drawing room to entertain while one's real tired self was sound asleep."

Too Good for Earth. Binks—"Sad affair, Goodman's death. I don't believe he had an enemy in the world." Jinks—"I don't believe he had, either. Why, even his relatives spoke well of him."

A BOOK FOR MOTHERS.

It Gives Good Advice as to the Care of Children.

The very large number of Canadian mothers who so eagerly welcomed the helpful little volume called "A Baby's Requirements," published two or three years ago by Miss Elisabeth Robinson Scovill, superintendent of the Newport Hospital, will be sure to accord a no less warm reception to the larger and more comprehensive volume on the same subject which is the latest product of her pen.

As might well be imagined "A Baby's Requirements" brought down upon the author a fresh shower of eager inquiries as to the care of larger children, and it is recognition of this need of more information so important a subject that Miss Scovill has given her more extended work to the world.

"The Care of Children," besides embracing nearly all the matter contained in the original volume, gives a most comprehensive and clearly written description of all the requirements of a child from the hour of its birth until it reaches maturity. The author's long experience as a hospital nurse has made her especially qualified to advise and help mothers in the anxieties and perplexities which beset all those who have the care of young children, and her advice as to the proper care of sick children is invaluable.

No solitary requirement of a child's life has been left unnoticed by Miss Scovill, from the proper diet for the tiny baby of a few hours old, to the physical exercise required to develop the frame of the healthy well grown boy or girl, and the very fullest and most explicit directions are given on such vital subjects as the resuscitation of the partially drowned, the treatment for poison, for bleeding at the nose, for hemorrhage of the lungs, convulsions, dislocation, burns, and even fractures; while special attention is devoted to the care of all diseases, and the proper management of the sick room.

Working Under Difficulties. While building part of the new Siberian railway, which has recently been extended from St. Petersburg to Omsk, a distance of 2,200 miles, the men had often to carry their food with them, and sometimes had to be lowered in baskets in order to prepare the track.

As an Encouragement. A North Carolina judge tells this story of his early days at the bar. When he made his first appearance, the solicitor, as is customary in that state, asked him to take charge of a case for him. The young lawyer did his best, and the jury found the defendant, who was charged with some petty misdemeanor, guilty.

TYPHOID FEVER. The After Effects of the Disease Often More Serious and Fatal Than Typhoid Itself. HUMBERTSTONE, Ont., Feb. 4.—Typhoid fever is a disease to be dreaded because of its dangerous nature as well as for the fact that some disagreeable results usually supervene when the patient has escaped from the clutches of the disease.

His Opening. Ada (pensively)—"I hope you'll invite me to the wedding when you get married." Jack (boldly)—"I'll invite you the first one, and if you don't accept there won't be any wedding."

No Faith in Insurance. Canvasser—"You don't seem to have much faith in life insurance, Mr. Dooley." Mr. Dooley (excitedly)—"Phy should Oi? Look at me poor brother Moike, rist his sowl! Atther puttin' in hundreds of dollars he lays down and doies ioike anny one else; and phut does the company do but give his widdy two 'ousan' dollars to gallivant 't'roo' wid anither husband!"

A TALE FROM WINNIPEG. HOW TWO PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THE PRAIRIE CAPITAL REGAINED HEALTH. One Suffered From the Effects of Malaria And Indigestion, the Other From Nervous Prostration—Their Story as Told a Tribune Reporter.

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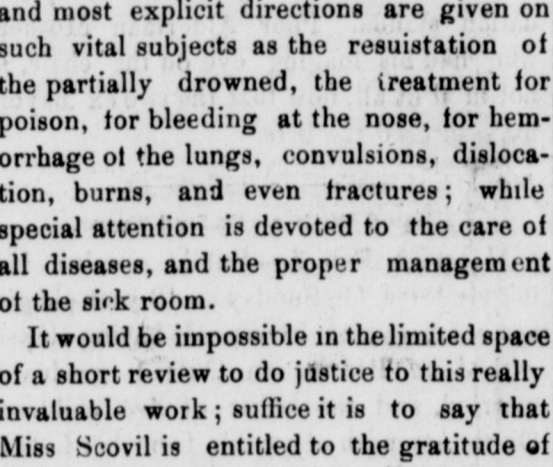
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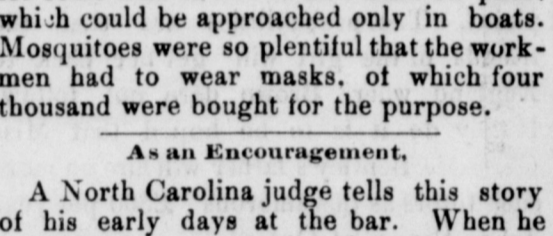
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