

SCHOOLS IN PHILIPPINES

Under the administration of President Taft, industrial education in the Philippines has made rapid progress.

The civil government finds its duties much less onerous now that the military invasion of the islands has been superseded by the educational.

The whole system of education in the islands is based on the principle that the children should receive training that will prepare them directly for the life they are to live.

The most important industry taught the boys is hat weaving. The schools do not attempt to replace hand machinery with modern apparatus.

The first thing the Filipino girl does in the sewing class in school is to make herself a complete outfit of clothing.

Nearly 400,000 pupils are engaged in some kind of industrial work in the islands.

UNCLE SAM SHOWS WAY.

Great Britain has asked a leaf from the book of United States as the pioneer in systematically destroying derelicts or floating wrecks along the coast.

At numerous international maritime conferences the construction of derelict destroyers has been recommended.

ALL KINDS OF DOGS.

The following advertisement appeared in a local paper the other morning:

Lost or strayed from the Russian Embassy, 1201 K street, a gray Yorkshire terrier, 8 years old.

A stream of persons accompanied by dogs started toward the Russian Embassy. Every sort of dog, from a ten-ounce spitz to a two hundred pound mastiff.

Removing Ink Stain From a Book. You can quite effectively remove the ink stain from an injured volume by applying a dilute solution of oxalic acid.

Doctor Knew. "Doctor, my husband is losing his mind, I fear. He continually mumbles and mutters to himself."

"Yes, he mutters to himself, and when you speak to him he stares at you blankly."

TOLD BY PASSPORTS

Cards Signified Much to Those Initiated.

French Minister of Foreign Affairs Under Louis XVI Devised Ingenious System, Described by a Writer in the Century.

The mysterious cards employed by the Count de Vergennes, who was minister for foreign affairs under Louis XVI, in his relations with the diplomatic agents of France exhibit great ingenuity in their arrangement.

The card told more tales than the words written on it. Its color indicated the nation of the stranger.

Yellow showed him to be English; red, Spanish; white, Portuguese; green, Dutch; red and white, Italian; red and green, Swiss; green and white, Russian, etc.

The expression of his face was shown by a flower on the border. A rose designated an open and amiable countenance.

Reduced Mortality From Cancer. "Cancer has at last, by a steady and uniform increase year after year, reached a mortality of eight thousand."

Machine to Write Music. A German musician has invented a machine which, he states, automatically registers the notes emitted by the piano.

Novels and Plays. An English writer describing the difficulties that lie in the way of a successful novelist becoming effective as a playwright notes that a novelist is free while the playwright is limited by the stage.

Fostering Canal Traffic. In order to take care of the traffic on the New York state barge canal, which will be completed in 1915, an expenditure of \$18,800,000 has been authorized for canal terminals in New York city and other cities along the canal.

MRS. HARRIMAN GUARDIAN OF IMMENSE FORTUNE

From a home-loving and comparatively unknown woman, Mrs. Mary Averill Harriman, the widow of the great American financier and famous railroad king, Edward H. Harriman, has joined the front ranks of the great army of women who wield a powerful influence in the business and philanthropic world today.



a higher tribute to her business acumen than was paid to Mrs. Harriman by her late husband, when he trusted his entire fortune into the care and keeping of his wife.

I, Edward H. Harriman of Arden, in the state of New York, do make, publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament, that I do say:

This will, containing less than a hundred words, bestowed property upon Mrs. Harriman valued at \$149,000,000 or at the rate of over a million dollars a word.

Mrs. Harriman has manifested a remarkable capacity for business. Her suite of offices on Fifth avenue, New York, occupies comparatively the entire second floor.

HON. ALBINA BRODRICK SEEKS AMERICAN IDEAS

The Hon. Albina Brodrick, a sister of the Viscount Middleton and widely known in Ireland for her charitable work among the poor of Ballincoona, her home, arrived in America a few days ago.

Miss Brodrick is the founder of a small hospital at Ballincoona and, in the capacity of head nurse, devotes her entire time to the institution.

While in America much of her time will be spent at Columbia University, New York, where she will enroll as a special student for the course on nursing.

How the Finest Caviar is Cured. The finest caviar is the beluga, prepared from the roe of the white sturgeon.

NOT A POETIC SOUL

Maiden Might Be Classed as of the Earth, Earthy.

Simple Narrative Which Further Proves That Love Must Endure Many Hardships in Its Search for a Kindred Feeling.

He was a very poetic and impressionable youth, and though she was a very prosaic maid, there was something very attractive about her and he often asked her to accompany him on moonlight walks along the country lanes.

They were crossing a small bridge over a creek, when he said: "Don't you admire a little bridge?"

"Yes," she interrupted, "bridge is a great game. I often play with Mrs. Van Duser as my partner."

As she gossiped on he became lost in meditation. Coming to a broad river they paused at the margin and he exclaimed:

"How wonderfully entrancing this is! Just to see the gleam on the water! Don't you like the moonlight dancing?"

"Yes," she chimed in, "dancing in the moonlight is so fine! I attend all the hops at the hotel, and there, on the broad, open platform—"

He betrayed no disappointment at her lack of interest in their surroundings as they stood by the edge of the stream, and he wandered on with her into the open country.

"How wonderful is Nature in all her aspects! How inspiring the lofty trees and the grassy levels! Is it not a boon to get away from the city's heat? I pine so for the country zephyrs! Do you not feel a yearning in you for a cool—"

"Yes," she said, "I'd ever so much like to have an ice—"

And sadly he took his way back with her to the hotel, and ere long he disappeared into the narrow confines of his room, to get what comfort he could from his poetic musings.

Thundering Legion.

The Thundering Legion was the twelfth legion of the Roman army under Marcus Aurelius, acting against the Quadi in the year A. D. 174.

"Cleanliness is Next to Godliness." The author of the phrase, "cleanliness is next to Godliness," quoted by John Wesley in his sermon on "Dress," and again in his journal (February 12, 1773), is not known.

Typical Cross-Examination. Counsel—Do you know Julius Caesar?

Witness—No, sir. Counsel—Have you ever met him?

Witness—No, sir. Counsel—You remember that you are under oath?

Witness—Yes, sir. Counsel—Then, if you have never met Julius Caesar, how can you say on your oath that you do not know him?

Justice—I think we have had enough of this style of examination. Counsel—Your honor will please note my exception to the witness.

Justice—If you are coming to the assistance of the witness, I shall have you expelled from the courtroom.—Town Topics.

Suppression of Oldest Newspaper. The president of the Chinese republic, Yuan Shai Kai, recently suppressed the newspaper King-Bao, which undoubtedly was the oldest paper in the world.

MRS. FREDERICK HATTON ON HOW TO TRAIN GIRLS

"I don't agree with him. He seems to me an unjust judge."



Mrs. Frederick Hatton refused to be compelled to be commingled to someone together for one year.

"The first year is the trial year of marriage," was the justice's conclusion, "and if a couple weather that there is a good chance for the permanence of marriage."

Mrs. Hatton, twice married and the mother of three children, a woman of social position in Chicago and well known in New York, has the wisdom drawn from the well of experience.

"The first year of married life should be, and generally is, the happiest," she said. "It is an afternoon of the courtship. Many couples who are blissfully happy then get on badly afterward, for when the first flush of romance has faded it takes well-grounded character to make marriage a success."

"First and last in all the acts of housewifery, no man will be content unless his home is well kept. But even if a girl's mother is incompetent, the girl need not despair. The poorest can learn household arts in one of the public training schools."

"A girl should have a good education, so that she can start on a companionable basis with her husband in their married life. And after that she should continue her education by keeping herself informed about current events."

"The reason I spoke of the three generations required to produce a good wife is not one of snobbishness. But the good wife is consistent, and three generations of consideration make the exercise of this grace easy. It is a dreadful thing to be familiar with a member of one's own family."

"The three generations are more or less necessary for another quality in a happy wifehood. That is the preservation of affections. Some of our girls are overeducated. They are educated until all trace of natural feeling is trained out of them."

"Summing up the training of a girl for happy wifehood I should say she ought to know and be many things. A woman, especially a wife, will be an actress of many parts. She should be versatile, and versatility can be trained as well as born. One form of versatility is tact, and a loving, tactful wife of a worthy husband has no reason to fear what his humor of Connerneur calls the trial year of marriage."

VISCOUNTESS ESNER AND ARTS OF THE KITCHEN

Viscountess Esner's scheme for instructing women in the arts of cooking and house-keeping commenced in London a few weeks ago.



In addition to ordinary these are classes on home nursing and first aid and kindred subjects. It is from Esner you know, sponsored by the Esner has inaugurated her ambitious classes. She thinks that the women of England should be ready to do their part in case of emergency, just as the men should be ready to fight. She wishes, too, to save some of the many infant lives that are lost yearly through the incapacity of the mothers.

FAVORS A RETIREMENT LAW.

"If there were a retirement law for the clerks employed by Uncle Sam in the various departments at Washington, the civil service would not be cluttered up by a small army of aged and inefficient clerks," said W. R. Hayes, former congressman from Nebraska, the other day.

"As it is now, no head of a department or bureau chief will discharge a man or woman who has been a faithful worker for 30 years or more, because old age has impaired the usefulness of the employe. As a result, there are hundreds, if not thousands, who are kept on the rolls merely as a matter of humanity. If dismissed they would in many instances be thrown upon the charity of the world, for it is utterly out of the question that private employment could be obtained for them."

The stupidity of the clerks themselves has been one of the chief reasons why a liberal retirement law has failed of passage for all these years. The clerks can never agree on any policy among themselves. Many of them obstinately contend that the government has no right to withhold a dollar of their salaries to go into a pension fund for retired clerks, ignoring the recognized improvidence of that large per cent. of employes who never save a penny of their salaries. It would be an act of beneficence toward this class if a portion of their wages was regularly retained.

"Unquestionably, it would be cheaper for the government to give a pension outright to those whose faculties are decayed, and to put young and vigorous people in the place of the superannuated. Every other first-class nation in the world save the United States has some kind of pension scheme for its civil servants, that of Canada, especially, being a model."

MICROBE LOST HOPE.

A lonely microbe, disheartened and ready to die because the public health service is rapidly putting all his ilk where they can do humanity no harm, peeked over the edge of Assistant Surgeon General George Rucker's desk the other day and heard the doctor humming a ditty that went like this:

"A fly and a flea, a mosquito and a louse, all lived together in a very dirty house. The flea spread the plague and the skelter spread the chills. All louse spread typhus, too. Folks in hills. The fly spread typhoid and the louse spread typhus too. Folks in that house were a mighty sickly crew. Along came a man and he cleaned up the house. He screened out the skelters and swatted the louse. The fly and the flea he cracked on the wall. Now the people in that house are never sick at all."

"Well," piped up the microbe, "that's all right as far as it goes, but it strikes me you've been a bit partial in this thing. How about the bedbug? Where does he get off?"

"He's going to get off pretty quick," returned the doctor. "So far the bedbug has been able to prove an alibi, but I've put the sanitary detective on his trail and I'll get him yet."

Whereupon the microbe, seeing the jig was up, committed suicide by jumping into the inkwell.

11,221,824,084 CIGARETTES.

If cigarette smoking is as deadly as some of the ants make out, this country will soon be inhabited exclusively by imbeciles.

During the fiscal year 1912, the tidy number of 11,221,824,084 cigarettes was smoked in this country, an average of about 128 for every man, woman and child. Inasmuch as not all men and women and few children before the walking age smoke cigarettes, the average consumption for those who do is considerably larger than 128.

This eleven billion odd is an increase of two billions over the consumption of 1911, and Secretary MacVeagh and his department officials confess they cannot explain this vast jump.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING DISCON- CONTINUED.

Secretary Franklin MacVeagh will not permit any more chafing dish parties in the Treasury building. The monthly parties, the daily teas and chafing hot luncheons have been discontinued. For many years clerks of the treasury have made merry over the chafing dish at noon, but there will be no more of that and everybody will have to go out to get lunch. The sanitary committee of the department recommended that the secretary have the little eating parties discontinued and all cooking utensils removed.

Light housekeeping in Uncle Sam's money chest is a thing of the past.

Driving an Alligator.

Using a child's toy wagon and allowing himself to be drawn about by an alligator, is one of the queer methods adopted by a German sportsman to win a wager, says Popular Mechanics. He claimed in a conversation with a friend that there were no less than 10,000 methods of locomotion, and in the dispute that followed he wagered that he could prove it. The bet was taken up by the friend and a trip around the world was undertaken to try out all the various kinds of transportation, and incidentally to devise some new ones. The alligator stunt was carried out at the alligator farm at Los Angeles, Cal.

Worry and Work. Worry—Worry kills more people than work.

Worry—Quite natural! there are more people worrying than working.