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Reading and Thinking.

The accidental remark of Jerome K. Jerome about reading for amusement on the subject of reading and the time wasted over printed "rubbish." He considers that a month of talking hours is frittered away annually by the typical reader, who takes up a book when he doesn't want to think, leaving the ways of the past, when people read in order to enjoy the pleasure of thinking To quote:

Books have become the modern narcotic. China has addicted the whole habit for want of fiction. When China obtains the Western novel of the present century, "the most thrilling story of the year," her "send settlers" will be no more needed. A man addicted to novel reading is not as a rule much of a member of civic life. This may be the better for his body, but where his mind? I am not so sure.

The young girl forsakes the school or the college, and the boy the office or the field at which drink, tobacco and the fifty new novels a year that she reads in the meantime if she obtains a single new idea, a single thought worth remembering? She reads not to think, but to save herself the trouble of thinking. The book habit destroys for her any real knowledge of the world. Her problem is found on the printed page, and not in the world. Books, one observes, are a mechanical concoction of igive stories, where impossible young men with nothing else to do in life make impossible love to impossible perfect young women.

Books to be of any use, Mr. Jerome insists, must demand thought, even "furious" thinking, by an appeal to the intellect instead of the emotions. To quote further:

The very young man and woman do, I believe, read to-day with their mind on the threshold of life; they read to discover the magic of them unknown and mysterious. They seize upon books in the hope of learning something of their destiny. Natural curiosity. It is unfortunate that the great power of subject matter is only availing to mislead them—give them utterly false ideas.

Literature, this author thinks, will have to be somewhere sectioned off as the makers of it face the responsibility for the thoughts put before young minds, for "a book either does good or it does harm."

It is somewhat assuring to learn that M. Falliéres, new president of France, is fond of books, especially history, and his family. That kind of man is likely to avoid international farce comedies, discord, cannon fire and complications with other people's families Still, New-world books, fighter and very large free, and he had as much of a family that he never tried to keep track of it.

Frankness, sincerity and boldness generally pay best in politics. The worst whipped candidates in the English parliamentary elections have been those who have wabbled on the issues involved in the campaign.

It is all right for the senate to put the probe into the Panama canal business, but public interest will be the keener if senators representing transcontinental railroads keep their hands off.

Laughing is a foe to indigestion and a lot of evils besides, so when that English scientist comes along with the newfangled theory that laughter is insanity let the merry ha-ha go around.

Barrington Locals.

Louis McElroy, road master for the Union Pacific railway, with headquarters at Kansas City, Kas., is a guest of his daughters, Misses Mary and Adelaide McElroy, at the Commercial Hotel.

Miss Maud Meyer pleasantly entertained a party of young friends Wednesday evening, it being her sixth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Meyer.

Mrs. B. Hawley, mother of Mrs. Fred Brockmann, with whom she has made her home, passed away this morning (Friday) at 11:20 o'clock, aged 85 years. Funeral services at the Baptist church, Barrington, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. B. Bland tone. "Sweet snakes, woman! You don't mean to say you unscrewed all the shutter hinges?" "Of course," said his wife complacently, "What other way could I get the shutters down?" For answer Blank lifted a shutter and pulled the door out of one of the hinges, showing that the taking down of each shutter only involved the removal of two pins. When he figured that there were ten pairs of shutters and each pair required the driving or unscrewing of two pins he put them up he swore while his wife wept.—Philadelphia Record.

Miss Wedekin Played Favor.

Count Boniface de Castellane, Madjeska's husband, was arranging with Senator Clark for Madjeska's first appearance in Denver, and the question of Senator Clark's art in Denver asked what parts she would play.

"Well," said the count, "there is 'Mary Stuart.'"

"Who wrote it?" asked Tabor.

"Schiller," answered Madjeska.

"Is he a first class dramatist?" asked Tabor.

"Surely, surely," said the count. "He is most illustrious."

"Humph! Never heard of him," commented Tabor. "What else does she play?"

"As You Like It," "Antony and Cleopatra," "Macbeth."

"Who wrote them?"

"Shakespeare."

"How's he? Good writer?"

"Excellent; excellent."

"Well," said Tabor ruminatively, "those fellows may be all right as actors, but they can't write plays down here to suit the people out here. What we want is something original, something that everybody's heard of. I tell you what you do—you write a play on something of Horty's"—Harper's Weekly.

SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Supt. Gaggin of Lake County Makes Some Valuable Suggestions.

The Lake county school board convention held at Libertyville was attended by representatives from fifty-two districts.

The forenoon session was taken up in a discussion of the essential working tools of a country school.

Supt. Gaggin of Lake county lighting received particular attention. He thought the windows on the east side should be provided with a screen to darken the room when the sun's rays are too strong. Curtains he considers objectionable, as they collect dust. Shades he used and by proper adjustment admitting light from above, the best results are obtained. Blackboards and slideft erasers were recommended.

In connection with ventilation the speaker said that the buildings be equipped almost entirely upon the principle of the Fuller system. He would not say that each window may be opened from the bottom, but that each room should be provided with a screen to admit fresh air between the sashes. Low down in the wall should be placed a register, but it may not remove the foul air as rapidly. Foul air is considerably heavier than the pure air and is found near the floor. The method of ventilation not only implies admitting the fresh air but also carrying off the impure air.

Dr. Gaggin showed how the various affects in the ventilation and furnishing of a room, as to the physical and moral welfare of children, gradually but certainly developed themselves. He closed by giving a basis for various degrees to be maintained in the temperature of the various rooms.

After the forenoon the Directors took a lively interest, Dr. Lewin, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Smith and others holding valuable practical hints. School records, the duties of the clerk, method of examination not any