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BEES TEACH SCHOOL

Inculcate Many Virtues on Minds of Youngsters of New York.

240,000 Busy Insects in Hives on Roof of Building in Charge of Pupils Who Learn Industry and Fearlessness.

New York.—There are 240,000 teachers in public school 190 on East Eighty-second street, all working with out a cent of pay from the city. The principal subjects which they teach the 1,400 children in the school are industry, loyalty, fearlessness and cleanliness.

They also add a lot to the fun the pupils have and frequently a salary of the teachers shop work is sent to the members of the board of education in the shape of honey that needs no government stamp to guarantee its purity.

These teachers are the bees that fill three hives on the schoolhouse roof and another in the assembly room on the third floor. All they demand of the city is the pollen in the flowers of Central park, and they go after it themselves.

With all those bees and with all those children in the same school, there is only one case of stinging on record. The victim, "a little girl in the fourth grade. She didn't scream or jump or hit the bee. On the contrary, she stood the pain with the heroism of a martyr to science and let the insect take its own time in rearing its stinger and in laying her eggs.

For she had learned in the course of the lessons that the stinger is the end of the bee's intestine and that if it is torn off by a blow or jump on the part of the person stung the bees die. And the very next composition day that little girl wrote the best essay of the week on bees, taking the sting for her special subject; and she got the customary reward of a box of the school honey for her theme. That incident surely justifies a plucking of a fearlessness in the special curriculum of the hives.

Furthermore that stung child hasn't any doubt about what she is going to do for a living when she gets through going to school. Like many of her schoolmates, she is determined to keep bees, on a city roof if she can, and if not there, in the country. At the youthful grammar school age nearly all these children know practically everything that it is necessary to know about bees and the production of honey to go into the business, to say nothing about all those moral qualities that, according to the school books, the "little busy bee" is supposed to "embody."

This practical addition to the work of the school, the only school of the city that has anything of the sort, is due to the enthusiasm of one of the young women teachers, Miss Emma V. Agerty. She was trained as a teacher

Fortune to School Chum.

Denver, Col.—It has just become known that Charles W. Bennett, a wealthy man of Binghamton, N. Y., who died recently, willed \$200,000 to J. W. Casey of this city as a reward for saving his life 30 years ago.

Casey is the proprietor of a laundry here and is comfortably off. Casey and Bennett were school chums in Binghamton. The former, who was an expert swimmer, rescued Bennett from drowning in the Susquehanna river.

Bennett then told his companion that he would ever remember his heroic act.

Fire Burns His All.

Parsons, Kan.—T. A. Parker, machinist of this city, lost \$1,000 in currency in a fire here the other evening. Fire started when no one was at home, originating near where the money was hidden. The closest searching revealed no evidence of the money in the embers. Parker was to have been married soon, and was hoarding his money for this purpose, feeling to put it in the banks.

CANNED RATION NIL

Tested on English Soldiers Shows Loss of Strength.

Twenty Men of North Lancashire Regiment Undergo Experiment of Two Weeks to Demonstrate Its Good Qualities.

London.—Twenty men of the North Lancashire regiment have just undergone a test for two weeks to prove the sustaining power of limited rations. The men have marched for a fortnight on Salisbury plain under service conditions, carrying rifle and bayonet with 150 rounds of ammunition. They have covered 160 and 170 miles of hard marching, mostly in bad weather, sleeping under canvas, and cooking their own meals.

No special selection of the men was made, as the purpose of the test was to ascertain the effect of a strict and limited diet on an average batch of soldiers varying in height, weight and chest measurement. For the first week canned rations alone were issued. Some of the men put on weight others lost flesh. In every case the effect of canned rations on the capacity for marching was bad, leaving them without energy or the desire to do more than endure existence.

During the second week the ordinary service rations were issued, consisting of one and one-fourth pounds fresh meat, or one pound nominal preserved meat, or one pound salt meat; one and one-fourth pounds bread, or one pound biscuit, or one pound flour five-eighths ounce tea; one-thirty-sixth ounce pepper; one-fourth pound fat; two ounces sugar; one-half ounce salt; one-half pound fresh or four ounces preserved vegetables. On this the men marched from 14 to 20 miles a day, and began again to enjoy life, and gave evidence of returning energy by playing football and hockey after the march.

Beer, spirits, and cigarettes were withheld during the first week, but for the second week two ounces of tobacco was issued to each smoker. It was noted that, as usual, in the absence of fresh vegetables, the men developed a craving for sugar and jam. The loss of alcohol was not felt so keenly as the loss of cigars by those who were in the habit of using them.

Daily, before and after the march, measurements and tests were taken for pulse, blood, and pressure, and general condition, the men being questioned as to how they felt generally. The conclusion arrived at is that the rations are on the light side, but there is no doubt as to the splendid condition of the men.

The canned ration weighed seven and one-half ounces, divided in three small tins. The breakfast tin consists of a mixture of caked egg, fish and bread; dinner, caked meat, egg, fish, oatmeal and fat; supper, caked cheese, egg and meat. In addition to this a small biscuit was served.

At the end of two weeks the average loss in weight of a man was five pounds, and the average loss in chest measurement one inch. None fell out except one man, who was sick after eating some nightshade berries, and was carried for half of one day's march.

GETS NAME ON "JAG LIST"

Unoffending Citizen Cannot Recover Damages from "Jag Board," Rules Jersey Court.

Woodbury, N. J.—Even if a fellow takes an occasional drink, and never, never gets a "sooze," he cannot get redress if the "jag board" puts him on the list as one to be "flagged." That was the ruling of Circuit Judge Lloyd in the somewhat celebrated suit of James A. Johnson of Glassboro, who recovered \$10,000 damages to his personal character resulting from having his name placed on the list of the Franklin township board of protectors, as the law calls the "jag board." Judge Lloyd nullified Johnson on the ground that the board had shown no malice in listing him and that he ended the case.

Johnson, who is a vestryman in the Episcopal church at Glassboro, testified that when he discovered last July that his name was on the list of the "jag board" he entered protest, but got no satisfaction. He therefore brought suit against the three members of the board, George Letts, W. B. Nichols and William Marsh. He said he seldom took a drink and could not understand why his name should be posted in a bar as one who could not be trusted to walk home perfectly straight.

Hotel Keeper Finger testified that Johnson's name had been given him with others, but that he kept the list under the bar and only casually mentioned that of Johnson. It is said that counsel for Johnson will appeal the decision of Judge Lloyd.

The municipality of Petersborough, England, has enriched its treasury perceptibly by engaging in the celery business.

Squab Trust in Formation

Higher Prices Expected When Big Breeders Finally Agree on Plan of Consolidation.

New York.—Squabs are going into a trust. That's the latest pill for the consumer. The squab has grown to be a commercial factor. Five years ago a couple of young Philadelphians took up squab raising as a business, and they were looked upon as cranks. Now they are on the road to be millionaires. The growers ship directly to hotels or markets. The Waldorf alone averages 300 squabs a day. It is planned to change all that. Agents are out among the squab raisers negotiating for contracts. The chances are the squab trust will be a thing of tomorrow. The plan is to have every squab entering New York pass through the hands of a single man. The trust will be concentrated to him.

The latest squab trust in the country has 175,000 pairs of parent birds. This gives 175,000 squabs a year,

which are sold at about 30 cents apiece, or \$52,000 in all. Then there is an income from old breeders weeded out and sold for pigeon shoots at 55 cents a pair. The big shoot in Florida a couple of months ago cleared all the Philadelphia squab farms of old birds. The pigeons breed for five years, and by that time make tough targets for the expert trap shooter. The squab business is expanding wonderfully. One farm is planned to breed 100,000 pairs. The railroads now carry grain in carload lots to the farms. Squabs mean a saving of game, as they go now instead of game birds at nine banquets out of ten. There's all the possibility in them for a tidy little trust. One of these days when your squab jumps suddenly in price, know that the squab trust is in being.

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