



EMILY DE FRANCE,

Four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. De France, 1836 South Twenty-fifth street.

Educational Enthusiasm

The south is punctured all over at this season with educational meetings, conventions of teachers, institutes, Chautauquas, and summer normals, where thousands of our teachers are assembled and eagerly pursuing studies in the great art to which they are devoted. The reports indicate that exceptional enthusiasm is manifest among these educators, and that valuable knowledge and inspirations are being absorbed by them from erudite and progressive lecturers.

That sort of enthusiasm, well directed, cannot but confer great benefits upon the educational work of the south. Most of the teachers are engaged in primary instruction and are the great products of the homes of the people who have felt the first fervor for popular instruction and trained the first fruits of the family for that work. These young people carry back from their summer schools and conventions the best thoughts and zeal for the best methods that are given them from the most competent authorities. And thus the public mind of the south is being yearly better informed and more earnestly affected for widespread and practical popular education.

In due time the results will appear in legislation our schools will be extended and perfected ungrudgingly and the repulsive blot of abnormal illiteracy will be forever erased from the records of southern citizenship. The Constitution rejoices in the prospect to that result opened up by the labors and enthusiasm of all these southern educational assemblies.—Atlanta Constitution.

Horse Stealing a Lost Art

"Horse stealing has become almost a lost art in Illinois," said a sheriff. "Twenty years ago the crime was one of the most common, but it gradually became unpopular on account of the measures taken to suppress it."

"In the first place the sheriffs of the different counties formed an association, held meetings, and made plans to act in harmony. Farmers and stock dealers organized anti-horsethief associations, and dealers in horses became more cautious in their purchases."

"As soon as a horse was stolen the members of the association in the neighborhood started in pursuit of the thief, and, there being so many of them, every road, cartway and by-path was followed and it was a smart thief who escaped them. In the meantime the sheriff of the county, having been notified, sent out telegrams and postal cards to brother sheriffs, chiefs of police and village and township constables and the description of the stolen horse was soon in the hands of so many watchful people that it was almost certain to be seen and recovered."

"Sometimes the pursuing parties returned with the horse, but without the thief, and then dark rumors spread abroad as to the fate of the criminal. Stories of a grave in a lonely creek bottom or of a body found floating in a river became current, and thus a certain horror was added to the crime."

"The punishment for horse stealing was made severe, and, what was more important, was rigidly enforced. Legal quibbles never saved a man, and it became a common saying that a man found with a halter in his possession was certain to be convicted. The juries, made up largely of farmers, might be fooled into acquitting a murderer, but a horse thief could not escape conviction at their hands. So it was the business became unprofitable, and the number of horses stolen these days is comparatively small."

fact the movement started in the east last year and the year before that. Colonial styles are in vogue again and the chances are that more or less architecture of that sort will adorn Lincoln in the near future.

Houses built after this plan are very plain. There are no intricately shaped panels, no places for dust to accumulate. Of course all such residences are furnished with everything in the shape of modern conveniences but the exterior is made as nearly as possible after the style of the old New England farm-houses.

Indeed architects from New York are even now traveling throughout New England copying plans of the ancient mansions. These they picture on paper and go back to the city to reproduce these structures for the homes of the wealthy.

Hundreds of these houses can now be seen in the most fashionable quarters of all the large eastern cities. Gradually the style travels westward and the colonial boom has full sway in Lincoln.

In this city the popular price for a comfortable home is \$5,000. Real estate, plumbing and fitting the interior of the house are items not included. With paving, a good lot, up-to-date plumbing and a spacious lawn such a residence costs about \$12,000. In Lincoln it has been found out by dear experience that it is not profitable to invest much more than this sum in a house. For this reason the prices run about \$5,000 for the material, plans and construction of the building.

Porches go back to classic styles. They are plain and the pillars are as nearly as possible the dimensions of those of the ancient masters.

*Colonial Homes
Now All the Rage*

Colonial architecture is just now the crying demand in Lincoln. Architects say they cannot give the public at large enough of it. And in

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The recent changes in the army make General Samuel B. M. Young the senior major-general. As such he is directly in line to succeed Lieutenant Miles as the head of the United States army. As General Young stands high in favor of the administration and enjoys the personal friendship of the president, there is good reason to suppose that immediately upon Miles' retirement he will step into the vacancy.

During the past few years additional translations of the classic tongues have furnished much unheard-of information concerning the buildings of the ancients. Porch architecture has been made to conform to these styles again in much the same manner as the colonial type of house has been brought westward.

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