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### SOME ANCIENT SCHOOL BOOKS

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untruth and anti-climax by saying that in spite of its vastness "It is said that the Indians have sometimes passed down it in their canoes in safety."

Here are some samples of the book that I remember:

"Tis education forms the common mind:

Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

"Agesilaus, king of Sparta, being asked what things he thought most proper for boys to learn, answered, 'Those which they ought to practice when they become men.'"

An earthquake may be bid to spare The man who's strangled by a hair.

#### Queer Old Arithmetics

Murray's Grammar was excellent, but its circulation could not compare with that of the English Reader. Of arithmetics there were no end. Pike's was a big octavo, and began its career in the eighteenth century. It was really a whole compendium of mathematics. Daboll's perhaps is now the best remembered of the multiplied kinds. Colburn's was noted, and Smith's began almost in the cradle by asking the kindergartner, "How many little fingers have you on your right hand?" And how many on your left hand? Nathan Daboll was a born mathematician and his problems were no easy nuts to crack, as a great number of the book's patrons still remember. Like many school books, it was bound in full leather, while Webster's Spelling Book had usually blue-papered board covers backed by red cloth, which became almost a trade-mark. Daboll called his book "The Schoolmaster's Assistant," with the addition of "The Practical Accountant, or Farmers' and Mechanics' Best Method of Bookkeeping." The latter departments were furnished by Samuel Green.

#### Arithmetic Problems in Verse

Jacob Willetts' Arithmetic was the product of a Quaker teacher in Dutchess county, who also made a geography and other works. The arithmetic had great favor and was considered easier than Daboll's. Nearly all the old arithmetics put their problems usually in terms of pounds, shillings and pence, down to about 1850. In Willetts' Arithmetic no one will forget who has studied it this example:

When first the marriage knot was tied  
Between my wife and me,  
My age was to that of my bride  
As three times three to three;  
But now when ten and half ten years  
We man and wife have been,  
Her age to mine exactly bears  
As eight is to sixteen.  
Now tell, I pray, from what I've said,  
What were our ages when we wed.  
Ans.—Thy age when married must  
have been  
Just forty-five, thy wife's  
fifteen.

This was not exactly a case of December and May, but it was pretty nearly one of September and the latter month, bringing golden-rod and lilacs together. Willetts helped Gould Brown on his grammar and was the head of a noted school to the working end of his life. One of his assistant teachers, Augustus R. McCord, a county superintendent of schools in Dutchess county when that office existed, revised Willetts' Arithmetic in the middle of the last century, putting it also in boards instead of leather. Willetts' school books and many others bore this alliterative imprint: "Printed and Published by Paraclete Potter, Pough-

keepsie, N. Y." This Potter was a brother of the older bishops of that name.

#### Noah Webster's Son

Not every one knows that there was a sequel to Webster's Spelling Book, made by his son, W. G. Webster, and a motto in it, under the portrait of Noah Webster, reads thus: "Who taught millions to read, but none to sin." Nothing can better give the spirit in which the old school books were written, for they were nearly all hortatory and didactic, even when they dealt with figures chiefly. There was an introduction and also a sequel to the English Reader, but their school use was limited.

There were in vogue, as geographies, Morse's, Smith's and Olney's among others. But very early in the nineteenth century there was a huge geography by an elder Morse (Jedediah Morse, I believe), which contained remarkably frank matter, and some relating to the social customs of certain nations that modern taste would distinctly frown upon. It is a curious fact in reference to the old geography maps—those made in the early part of the last century—that they populated by definite town marks and described with mountains, lakes and rivers the most unknown parts of the interior of Africa. If our ex-president in his big-game hunt should take one of these along as a geographical guide he would discover, to use "Josh Billings'" locution, "a good many things that ain't so."

#### Some of the Good Old "Pieces"

I should have said before this that there were competitors to the English Reader. The Columbian Orator, by

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