MUSIC LESSONS OFTEN LOST

Writer Thinks Children Should Have Easier Tasks and Shorter Hours of Practice.

The musical education of the child. we must remember, is, in nine cases out of ten, a plus quantity-something in addition to an already complete course of study laid out by that exacting and often heartless person known as the educator. It invades the play hour, makes it by no means small exactions upon the already tired brain, and often proves more destructive of the central gray matter and more wearing to the nerves than all the rest of the child's curriculum put together. Think of the poor tortured little spine and the dangling legs on the high piano stool for an hour at a stretch! What a nervous strain and worriment, to drop a note here and there, as grandma drops a stitch, and be obliged to go back again and again to struggle with the passage until time, fingering, reading and all the technique of execution are pronounced satisfactory!

With less exacting music and shorter hours of practice, I have no doubt that quite as much progress would be made by most children in the long run. Nothing is gained by exhausting nervous energy and wearing out both brain and body. Unless a child has extraordinary aptitude and an inalien able love for music, "too much of a good thing," will simply disgust him or her with the entire study.

Motor Maps.

In countries like France, where roads are good and cross roads numerous, travelers by automobile have frequent occasion to consult road maps, because they go so fast and change direction so often that topographical information is, for them, a continual necessity.

To meet this there has been invented an automatic chart that unrolls in step with the advance of the carriage, so that the chauffeur has always before him a map of the route he is to pursue. When the road is about to turn sharply an electric bell gives warning 300 meters in advance. Another attachment to the chart registers the distance traversed. The whole apparatus is moved by gearing connected with the wheels of the automobile.

Peruvian Petroleum.

Efforts are being made to develop nore extensively the petroleum recources of Peru. The known deposits of oil occur in a very narrow strip of land between the foothills of the Andes and the shore of the Pacific, and much of this is flooded at high tide. Piles of railroad iron driven in the pure ocean sand, which varies in depth from five to fifty feet, are used as foundations for the derricks. The shall lowest of the driven wells is 1,760 feet in depth. There is very little gas, and the oil is very heavy, so that it car be put into buckets with shovels, an' it is carried direct to the furnaces to serve as fuel.-Scientific American

Another American lady, returning to her beloved country, forgets to declare her gold cigarette case, her gold porte-monnaie and a few cloth-of-gold frocks, and is required to "explain" what ought to have been evident to any customs inspector worth his sait. Can ladies be expected to charge their minds with a lot of such trifles? How can a lady remember how much paraphernalia of lovely womanhoodcostly, as a matter of course-she has acquired? Must a lady take stock of all her personal belongings to oblige a few politicians in New York?-New York Evening Sun.

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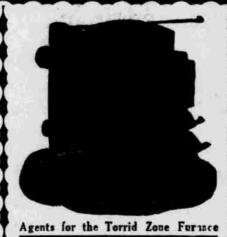
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JUDGE FRANCIS G. HAMER.

Prominent members of both parties have declared repeatedly during the past few weeks that under no circumstances could a more fitting nomination for the office have been made than in the selection of Francis G. Hamer, as republican candidate for judge of the supreme court. Judge Hamer will make an invaluable offi-cial whose efficient and conscientious efforts are recognized by the people of his own community as well as the state at large. As a lawyer he has long been recognized as being among the most able members of the bar. His record is such as will bear investigation and scrutiny from the most critical adversary and found clean and untainted. He is a hard worker and has been successful and is splendidly prepared to handle the duties of the court in which he aspires to preside. As a judge of the district court, Judge Hamer has dis-played rare skill and has ably demonstrated that he is a fitting man to occupy the position sought. Judge Hamer is a gentleman of rare forensic attainments and has marked ability and energy. He has been prominently identified with many important cases in various courts of the state and in every case has demonstrated far-seeing legal ability.

Judge Hamer was born in Serieca County, Ohio, on February 10, 1843, and received his early education in the common schools of Ohio and Indiana, later in life removing to Illinois where he completed his educa-.! tion and took up the study of law. Judge Hamer resides with his family in Kearney, Neb., and he has the respect and confidence of his fellow citiens in the fullest sense. As a speaker he is powerful and convincing and if elected to this office will add to the vigor of his conduct. He is one of the hard-working, always alert republicans and has many friends in the democratic and other parties who would be glad to se him elected as a judge of the supreme court. He is well-grounded in the law, a safe counselor and an able attorney and has earned his present standing in the profession by his own efforts. In this issue we gladly refer to Judge Francis G. Hamer as a man who has the entire confidence of all

Three Hundred Proposals.

"I received more than 300 proposals of marriage in my mail this morning," remarked a sedate and elderly gentleman to his wife, whom he was entertaining at luncheon down town the other day. The white-haired lady gasped. "Don't be alarmed, my dear," her husband went on. "It was only a thick little pink pamphlet from a town in Michigan. It was sent by a man who calls himself the "Cupid" of that state. It contained the descriptions of innumerable women who want to marry. I don't know why it was sent to meprobably just an arrow shot in the air. Judging from the catalogue of aspirants for my hand the marriage market is overstocked with widows just now. The oldest I noticed was 75, and the youngest 17 Delicate way for women to propose, eh?"