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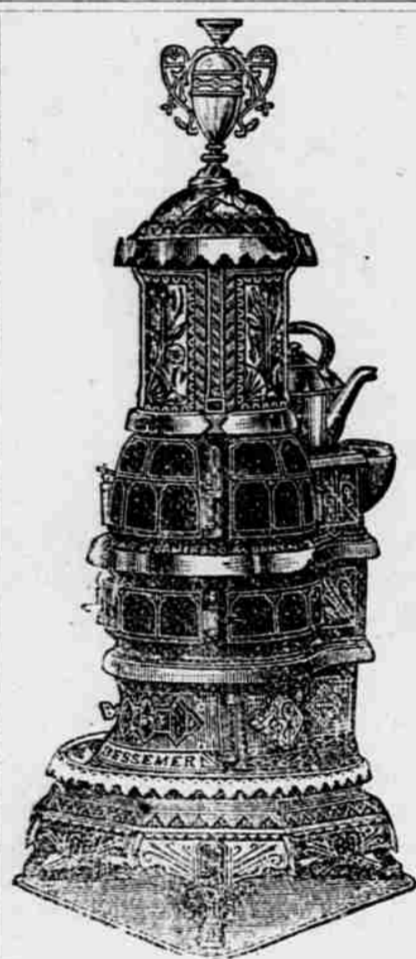
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Our schools will close for the holiday vacation on Friday, Dec. 18th. Examinations in the higher grades commenced on Tuesday, and are continued during the week.

Curtis Hoge, who has made excellent progress in his studies this term, has been promoted from the 6th to the 7th grade.

The banner has been captured again by the high school department. Miss Jamison's pupils have held it for the past three weeks.

One of the most practical and attractive incentives to the study of history, is the publication of historical cards, each card containing one or more of the leading events or characters in our country's history. We have recently placed these cards in the hands of our pupils, who are very much interested in them. We herewith append specimens:

ATLANTIC CABLE.

One thousand eight hundred miles long; projected by Cyrus W. Field; successfully completed July 27, 1866; laid by the Great Eastern; extends from Heart's Content, Newfoundland, to Valentia Bay, Ireland. This enterprise caused its manager to cross the Atlantic fifty times.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Third President; President from 1801 to 1809; author of Declaration of Independence; founder of the Democratic party; the best scholar of the early Presidents. Died at Monticello, July 4, 1826.

PRESIDENT.

Chief executive officer of the United States; must be a natural born citizen of the U. S.; must be thirty-five years of age; elected for four years; receives a salary of \$50,000 per year; commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT—1794-1878.

Was editor of this New York Post; wrote his best poem, "Thanatopsis," when only nineteen years old. He is called "The Poet of Nature."

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among its worshippers."

Believing that language lessons, instead of technical grammar, should be taught in all grades below the eighth, we have been assigning a series of such lessons during the term, the results to be reached being accuracy of expression, the cultivation of habits of attention, observation, memory, and self-reliant judgment. Familiar lessons on natural objects and historic truths, should be imparted in all grades. A gratifying interest is shown in improvement in reproduction exercises, and writing sketches from given synopses of subjects. Seeking to encourage pupils in this direction, we publish a few productions, being first efforts. The following are verbatim copies:

A PICNIC.

June 11th, I, with a number of other young people, started in buggies from my uncle's residence. It was Thursday and we were in good spirits. During the trip, races were run, and I was very much frightened for fear there would be an accident; but there was not, and we reached our destination in safety. The party consisted of a small number, my cousin being present. The picnic took place on the Blue river, where there are nice, large trees. The lunch consisted of chicken (as there is always chicken at picnics), and different kinds of meats, and nearly all kinds of good food. The amusements were fishing, horseback riding, hide-and-seek, and other pleasant sports. While we were loitering near the banks of the river, a young man who was standing on the edge of the bank, was accidentally pushed into the

stream, but with a little struggle he reached land. As the sun did not set until 7 o'clock, and there being full moon, we did not start until nearly seven, so we had a long day and all were tired. Uncle and Aunt were at a strawberry and ice cream festival when we reached home, or perhaps she would have said, "Why so late, girls?" I would like to have such a pleasant picnic again.

IN THE MOUNTAINS.

My cousin George, sister Mary and myself went out to Colorado last summer, and while there, took a trip up in the mountains. We were almost half way to the summit, when dark clouds began to appear, which gave signs of an approaching storm. We had no guide, and therefore we could not find our way down. We wandered about, hither and thither, not knowing which way to go, until the approaching darkness warned us that night was near at hand. The rain fell in torrents, and we were afraid of falling into some deep ravine if we attempted to go any farther. We could hear the wild beasts howling about us. No one can imagine the joy we felt at the first peep of dawn, as we knew that some of our friends would soon come after us. We did not attempt to find our way down, but stayed where we were, shouting at the top of our voices, so that if any of our friends were anywhere near, they might hear us and come to our aid. About eight o'clock we heard a faint answer to our call for help, so we knew that our friends had heard us. Well, they soon came to where we were, and took us home, and we had no desire to visit the mountains again.

LUCY PERVIS, 7th grade.

MY BOOKS.

I have a great many books. I received most of them as Christmas presents. Last Christmas, Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales and Robinson Crusoe were given me. I have read most of Andersen's Fairy Tales, but have not read Robinson Crusoe. I also have Swiss Family Robinson, The Sagacity of Animals, and What Darwin Saw in his Voyage Round the World. For histories, I have The Story of Liberty, Old Times in the Colonies, The Boys of 76, and Building the Nation, all of which belong to the same series, beginning at the time of the reign of "Lack Land" and ending just before the rebellion. The author of these books is C. C. Coffin. I have read all of these, also Dickens' Child's History of England, of which I have a copy. Goldsmith's History of Greece, Our Young Folks Abroad, Peck's Bad Boy, A Bad Boy's Diary, and four volumes of Harper's Young People, are other books I have read. It would take too much time and space to name all the literary works I know, as we have over five hundred volumes.

JOHNNIE CORDEAL, 7th grade.

FISHING.

The best time to go a fishing is in the Spring and in June. The best time of day is in the morning and at sunset. The place to go is to a pond, lake or river. Go where the wind does not blow and where the water is still and deep. You will be all the more successful to get near a drift, or a tree top in the water. You must take your dinner along so you can stay all day; also a bait for the fish, a pole and several strong lines. All fish do not have the same habits. One kind of fish, called the pike, stays near the surface of the water, and near the bank or shore. At the slightest noise or the approach of anyone, he darts out into deeper water. They are scarcely ever caught on a hook. Scaly fish are generally found in clear, swift water. Catfish are found in muddy water, and always near the bottom. Buffalo fish float on the surface in Autumn.

J. P., 8th grade.

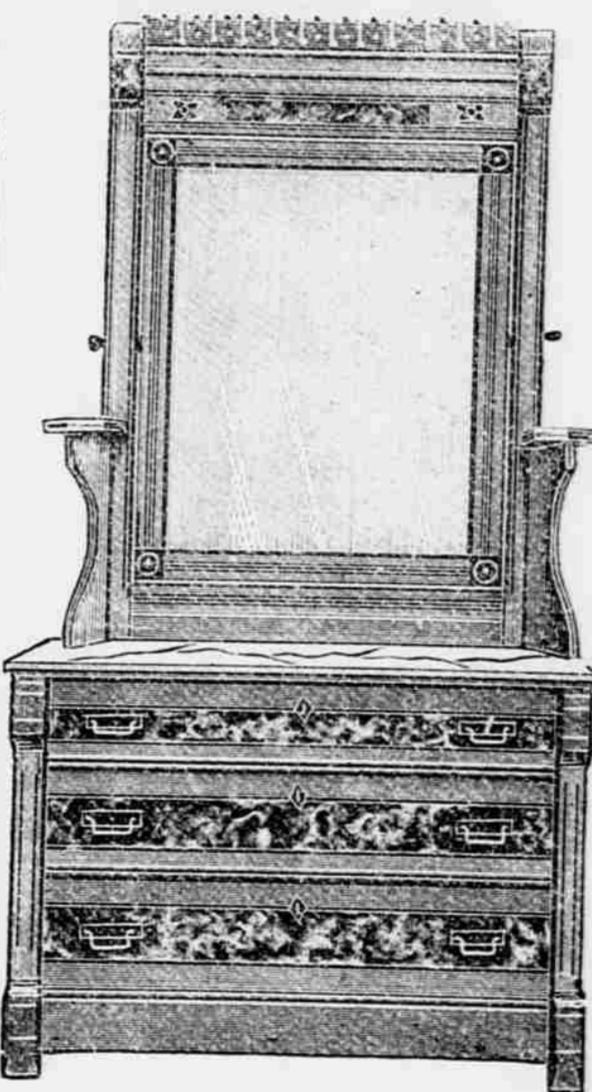
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