

OMAHA LIBRARY JUVENILES

Miss Edith Tobitt Talks of the Best Books for Children.

STORY TELLING A GREAT HELP

Some Interesting Details of Plans Now Perfected to Aid Children and Their Mothers in Wise Reading.

"Since the opening of the first children's library in 1860 at Brookline, Mass., the children's room has grown in favor, and today there is scarcely a public library building which does not provide a room for the boys and girls," said Miss Edith Tobitt, the Omaha librarian.

"The American people have found that it is not enough to teach a child how to read, but that suitable books should be provided by the state for his reading. In this age of trash and printed wickedness, when a professor of one of our universities feels tempted to say that the youth of our country would grow up to stancher citizenship and better virtue were they not taught to read," when statistics show that three out of four pupils who enter the primary schools have dropped out before the close of the last year of the grammar grade, and when nine out of ten children who have entered the primary grade have dropped out before the close of the high school, then we realize that the best of all classes of literature should be brought to the child's attention at the earliest possible moment.

"Lady Eastlake once wrote that the real secret of a child's book consists not merely in its being less dry and less difficult, but more rich in interest, more true to nature, more exquisite in art, more abundant in every quality that appeals to childhood's keener and fresher perceptions. She said that, 'such being the case, the best juvenile literature will be found in literature belonging to their elders, while the best juvenile writing will not fail to delight those who are no longer children. Robinson Crusoe, the standing favorite of above a century, was not originally written for children and Sir Walter Scott's Tales of a Grandfather, addressed solely to them, are the pleasures and profit of every eye from childhood upward; and she continues, 'our dear little friends read Pope's Odyssey from mamma's hands.'

"This opinion overstates the real case," says Miss Tobitt. "The librarian of today will tell a different tale about her experience with children. She finds that they are not clamoring for Odysseys in the same proportion as they are for the books which the average library does not keep on account of their being trash or verging very close to the border line of trash. It is the average young person and the average understanding the same in mind when selecting their literature. But as the average child's understanding is above his reading ability, this is always considered before purchasing and recommending his books.

"Personal assistance of the key. The entire time of the children's librarians is given to the personal assistance of the children in the selection of their books, to reference work in connection with the school curriculum, to the weekly story hours, to posting lists of good books on special subjects and to maintaining an atmosphere of quiet and order, while at the same time not requiring the stillness necessary in the school room.

"To surround a child with worthy books and to get the right ones in the right child's hands so as to develop a discriminating love of books is the aim of the library. The personal contact of the librarian and the child helps this along more than any other method pursued."

Next to the individual work with a child in the Omaha library comes the weekly story hour as a means of recommending and guiding his reading. The object of the story hour is to interest the children in books. A good story generally creates a desire to know more about the hero or subject, whichever the case may be, and when once the desire is created it is only necessary to supply the books to satisfy it. Sometimes it happens that children do not care to read about the subject of the stories told, but then it is noticeable that an atmosphere is created in which it is easier to guide a child to good books.

One story told each week last winter in the Omaha course about Charlemagne and his Paladins made the books about those heroes especially popular. This winter, beginning the first Wednesday in November, the series will be followed in his adventures from Troy to his home on the little island of Ithaca, where he was king. The children will find one book, "The Adventures of Ulysses," by Lamb, which, though told in prose, is of a kind that "melts into poetry and music," especially interesting. The average attendance of the story hour last year was fifty-five.

During the summer story hours are discontinued, when reading lists are circulated among the children. These lists are either a graded or a miscellaneous collection of books to which attention is called in account of their interest. The vacation reading club which has been conducted for several summers consists of an ungraded list of fiction and nonfiction books, which are interesting and well written, but do not circulate as fully as the good books. The bright, clean covers and beautiful illustrations of these books which have brought together attract the children.

Some Read Many Books. During the summer this year 253 reading books from the collection, sixty reading eight pages or more, others reading but two or three. When a boy or girl who thinks nothing is interesting but a story with an exciting plot reads five or six of these and confesses really to have enjoyed them, then the librarians feel that the summer's work has not been in vain. Here is a list read by a girl of 12, which shows her fondness for biography: "Marie Antoinette's Youth," "Story of Livingstone," "Florence Nightingale," "Story of Lord Roberts," "William of Orange," "Arnold of Winkelried," "Fitzhugh Saxe," "Emperor William I."

A boy of 12 found these interesting: "John of the Woods," "Wagwan Evenings," "A Boy's Ride," "A Lincoln Manuscript," "Story of the American Indian," "Story of Oliver Cromwell," "Book of Famous Slaves," "Famous Cavalry Leaders."

There is often a tendency among boys and girls to continue reading juvenile literature when they are ready for other books. For this reason there is a case containing a collection of books from the standard English and American authors in the children's room labeled, "Books for the older boys and girls." Here are Scott, Dickens, Eliot and Cooper, together with Mrs. Wings, Rebecca, Ann of Green Gables, and many others, all of which are popular. In this way the children become familiar with the best authors and do not find it so difficult to make selections when they begin browsing the adult department.

Co-operates with Schools. One of the most interesting phases of library development during the last decade has been its co-operation with the public schools. The library has a special collection of books, which is for the use of school children who live out too far to come to the main library. These are deposited in the schools and given out to the teachers. The circulation from the schools during the last three years has been one-

Delegates to the Mid-West Implement Dealers' Convention



IMPLEMENT MEN WHO JUST COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION AND DECIDED TO RETURN NEXT YEAR FOR THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Third of the total circulation of children's books. The teacher's influence on a child's reading is very great. When there is an unusual demand for a story in the children's room, the cause is not as often because it is late and popular as in the case with the elderly but more generally that the teacher is reading the story in school or has recommended it as good.

CHANTICLER IS COMING SOON

Cook of the Walk to Hold Forth at the Auditorium.

HERE BY THE THOUSANDS

Indications Are that Twenty States Will Be Represented at the Show of the Trans-Mississippi Association.

Birds of high feather, birds of fine feather, birds of lengthy pedicree—birds of all kinds, in fact, will roost in Omaha from December 12 to December 15, the occasion being the sixth annual show of the Trans-Mississippi Poultry and Pet Stock Association at the Auditorium.

is the home of some of the most prominent chicken fanciers in the United States.

There is a distinction between a poultry fancier and a poultry raiser. The fancier deals in fancy birds, while the poultry raiser strives to produce as many chickens as possible for the pot or frying pan.

To Eclipse All Shows.

"This will undoubtedly eclipse all previous shows of the kind ever held in the west," said Secretary Lundstrom, "and we are expecting a big crowd. We have secured the services of the very best judges in the United States, and fair treatment to every exhibitor is guaranteed. The Omaha poultry show has come to be a big thing, and it is growing bigger every year."

Robts, Trenton, Mo.; Russell P. Palmer, Topeka, Kan.

The officers of the association are: F. A. Dixley, Council Bluffs, Ia.; P. S. King, first vice president, Benson, Neb.; E. E. Smith, second vice president, Lincoln, Neb.; W. R. Frewitt, third vice president, Omaha, Ia.; Anton Lundstrom, secretary, Omaha; L. C. Paulie, treasurer, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Russell P. Palmer, official press agent, Topeka, Kan.; Elmer M. Carlson, superintendent, Omaha.

FRATILE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

"What animal is the most capable of attaching itself to man?" asked the teacher of the juvenile class. "The bulldog, ma'am," promptly replied the boy at the foot.

misunderstood the child's name, the teacher asked an explanation. "Oh," said Myra, with a charmingly confidential air, "you see, my mamma got married again, but I didn't."

Small boys delighted having her face and hands washed. "Oh, dear," she said to her mamma one day, "I wish I was a cow."

Mother—I gave you a nickel yesterday to be good and today you are just as bad as you can be.

Why He Didn't Dare. The pretty schoolgirl in the department store was standing before a mirror.

part in the lesson when "Abraham entertained the angel unawares."

There was a beautiful stream; than the smallest girl in the class piped up, "You were is what you take off before you put on your nightgown."

I see it in Miss Pearl's hair, he said, in a low tone, "and it's very becoming, but some of the other girls are looking this way."

You stretch.—Chicago Tribune

Catarrh

Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should have attention.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The Sunday school class had reached the

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