

mediate attention. In the afternoon and evening talks in the opera house, stereopticon pictures were used to illustrate her lecture. Mrs. Hall is a Nebraska woman and is proud of the fact that she is the first white woman born in this state. The money received from the entertainment is to be given to school decoration and the public library.

One hears so much of the injurious trades—dippers' lead poisoning in the potteries, phossy jaw in the match factories, etc.—that we are glad to hear of some of the occupations that are actually beneficial, even medicinally so, to the health of those engaged in them. The men who lay the asphalt in the streets, for instance, seldom have a day's illness, and those employed in electric light works and in places where large quantities of electricity are generated enjoy quite an extraordinary amount of vitality. A visit to the gas works, too, is quite frequently prescribed by physicians for chest ailments. The workers in the salt mines also enjoy an absolute immunity from rheumatism. Perhaps the healthiest occupation is that in the petroleum works. The men employed in these never suffer from sore throat, diphtheria, quinsy or kidney ailments. The marvelous curative effects of the petroleum fumes is such that it is now quite a common thing for sufferers from throat affections to visit the petroleum works, much as people used to drink the waters at Bath. A celebrated and wealthy operatic tenor who had developed a throat weakness has for several months past been working as an ordinary employe, but gratis, in one of the petroleum refining rooms, deriving from the inhaling of the fumes a cure that scores of physicians and several ocean voyages failed in establishing.

A healthful sign of the times is the general interest taken in the subject of self government in the public schools. The government of the school room under the sway of an experienced teacher may be kind and beneficent, but in its nature it is despotic. In theory, the schoolmaster is a monarch, ruling with an arbitrary authority and expecting explicit obedience from the pupils. For children, this may be the best form of government. In fact, under certain circumstances it may be the only kind that will produce good order. Apparently it is the least troublesome. Still, there is a growing conviction among educators that inasmuch as the object of the public schools is preparation for life, the pupils should be made familiar with the underlying principles of the system of government of which they will soon be the source. Therefore schools are now organized upon the self governing plan with legislative and executive officers selected by the pupils themselves. The guidance and supervision of such a system requires from the teacher more time and energy than the old way of governing. But the results where this plan has been tested are said to be highly satisfactory. It is claimed that order and discipline are easy to maintain, and that the importance of the self-governing principle is a great factor in the development of true citizenship. Pupils thus taught should make better citizens than those who have known no other rule than that of the old-fashioned arbitrary authority.

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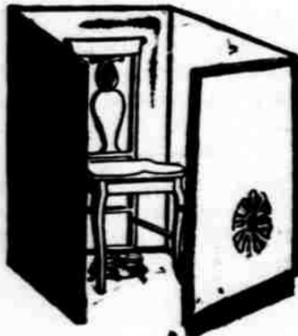
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