

NEW IDEAS THROUGH READING

Important to Select Good Books, but Practically Anything is Better Than Nothing.

A teacher who had the real interest of her pupils at heart, and who took a genuine interest in them and their activities after as well as during school hours, was trying her best to reach a particularly trying boy of about thirteen years.

"But what do you do with yourself?" the teacher insisted. "What do you think about? You don't read very much, do you?"

The boy denied that he read, and asserted that when he was off alone that way he liked to think his own thoughts.

I wonder what kind of thoughts that poor boy occupied himself with? He never read, and he was apparently impervious to new ideas of any sort.

The best and most efficient way to get ideas is by reading—and it makes such a difference, therefore, what we read. But it is decidedly better to read almost anything that comes to hand than nothing at all.

EXPLAINING FALL OF JERICO

Scientists Have Shown How Happening at Which Many Have Scooped Was Quite Possible.

Many have refused to believe the biblical suggestion that the walls of Jericho fell down before the Israelites as a result of the sound caused by their shouts and the horns blown by the seven priests.

Modern researches have discovered in regard to sound phenomena, however, show that such biblical miracles could be reconciled with natural law.

Vibration of sound is a thing the possibilities of which we do not yet understand. It is said that one of the great tenor singers can break a wineglass by singing into its keynote.

The authentic story is told of an old fiddler who, angered by the workmen constructing the first suspension bridge at Niagara, threatened to fiddle it down.

Frenchman Given Honor. The first white man, as far as can be determined, to discover petroleum in America was Joseph de la Roche d'Allon, a French missionary who speaks of his discovery in a letter written 180 years ago.

The dreaded "tsetse fly" (pronounced tset-se, accent on first syllable, whose vowel is short sound, as in set) is an African gadfly, about the size of a housefly.

What would you say, asked the fair theosophist, "if I should tell you that I was born in Egypt three thousand years ago?"

Too Dangerous. "Here's a story about a girl who swallowed a diamond ring."

Valuable Gems. "Do you think a person ought to put all his eggs in one basket?"

BEST TREATMENT FOR "COLD" REMINDED "YANK" OF HOME BEFORE THE AGE OF STEAM

Inhalation of Steam Declared to Be a Remedy Superior to Administration of Drugs.

"What medicine may I give my baby when he has a cold?" This is a question which is asked repeatedly.

The most sane and effectual method of treating children's colds is by the inhalation of steam, plain or medicated, and by the application of mustard or some other equally good counter-irritant.

LONG BUSY PLACE OF TRADE

For Centuries, as Today, All Eastern Roads and Caravan Routes Meet at Aleppo

From time immemorial Aleppo has been a meeting place of roads and caravan routes, alike from the West and from the uttermost East.

Each One's Success.

One's success or failure is determined largely by the manner in which the individual spends his or her leisure time.

A Practical Test.

A shrewd old countryman was being questioned by the vicar on his religious tenets.

Start Cheerfulness Within.

Cheerfulness is hard work when it has to seek in from the outside.

Her Advantage.

"I see where a Frau Schwimmer has been appointed an ambassador from Hungary."

Georgia Soldier Delighted When He Found Real Cantaloupe in Ruined Town in France.

Reminiscences of Time When the Stage Coach Was Most Important Method of Travel.

"It was a hill village on the stage road midway between — and — stage roads in the year 1840 varied with the seasons from bad to worse.

"How do you like being in France?" I asked the boy who was devouring the melon.

Saw Spain's Start as Nation.

In the full historical and national sense Covadonga is the name of what is probably the most significant place in the world for Spain, who certainly regards it as such.

Speech That "Made" Riley

Incident in Early Life of Beloved Indiana Poet That Is Well Worth Recalling.

After many disappointments in fortune James Whitcomb Riley was employed, at a few dollars a week, as writer on the Indianapolis Journal.

Losses of Our Merchant Shipping.

From the beginning of the European war on August 4, 1914, to the armistice of November 11, 1918, the unmitigated loss of American merchant vessels from acts of the enemy was 145 vessels of 354,449 gross tons.

Few Gold Miners Ever Die Rich.

Few gold miners ever die rich, according to A. J. Blake, who was one of the first pioneers who staked claims in the Seward Peninsula district of Alaska.

Food Producers.

The pig and not the ox, it appears, is the most efficient food producer, though all animals show a large loss in transforming vegetable products into meat.

Famous Japanese Shrine.

The golden temple, one of the most famous of Japanese shrines, is surrounded by a garden which has been growing for centuries.

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MADE HIS LITTLE TRIBUTE

Bobby Didn't Mean That Four-Minute Speaker Should Go Without His Deserved Reward.

Bobby is very much interested in the Junior Four-Minute speakers at his school.

He applauded vigorously at the close of each speech. His little eyes grew wide as he saw the winner of the contest receive a War Savings stamp.

A few days later his mother took him to one of the theaters. For a brief while there were pictures and then one of the town's Four-Minute speakers rose and talked of the fourth Liberty loan.

HIS TIME COMING.

First Attorney—And your client admitted he was guilty, eh? What did he say when the jury retired?

HORNETS AT DANCE.

The quickest one-step ever released was given recently at the home of Miss Mildred Quillin, near Greenwood, Del.

THEIR LIMIT.

"You say he has been in some thing like forty battles?" "Yes, and he was hurt several times while performing prodigies of valor."

WHY HE REMEMBERED IT.

Athlete—Does your father ever tell you of the day he and I played in a great golf match?

Not Too Late to Enter

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New Schedule of Toll Rates

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The new base rate for toll calls is the "station to station" rate, which applies where a toll call is made from one telephone to another without specifying that a particular person is desired.

This rate is determined by the air line distances between toll points and is computed for the initial period on the basis of 5c for each 6 miles up to 24 miles and 5c for each 8 miles beyond that distance.

The "station to station" method of calling provides the cheapest and quickest form of telephone toll service. The company points out that "station to station" calls must be made as far as possible by giving the telephone number of the called telephone.

Where the number is not known and telephone directory information is not available, the number should be obtained from "Information" or, if the called telephone is at a distant point, the name and address of the called subscriber should be given to the toll operator.

In addition to the "station to station" rate, a "person to person" rate, an "Appointment" rate, a "messenger call" rate and a "report charge" are quoted for calls to points on which the "station to station" rate is 15c or more.

The "person to person" rate, for calls where a particular person is specified, is about one-fourth greater than the "station to station" rate.

The "appointment" rate is about one-half greater than the "station to station" rate. The "messenger call" rate is the same as the "appointment" rate, plus any necessary charges for messenger service.

The "report charge" is about one-fourth of the "station to station" rate and is made in connection with all toll calls other than those made on a "station to station" basis where the connection is established but conversation is not held because of any reason beyond the control of the Telephone Company.

The minimum "person to person" rate is 20c, the minimum "appointment" rate 25c and the minimum "messenger call" rate 25c. The minimum "report charge" is 10c and the maximum \$2.00.

New nights applying only to calls made on a "station to station" basis are also quoted. For toll calls made between 8:30 P. M. and midnight on a "station to station" basis, the rate is about one-half the "station to station" day rate, and for calls made between midnight and 4:30 A. M. the rate is about one-fourth the "station to station" day rate.

For the purpose of applying night rates the time of day at which the "station to station" call originates is used. The minimum night rate is 25c and day rates apply on "station to station" calls made at night when the day rate is less than this minimum. Day rates also apply on all toll calls made at night on other than a "station to station" basis.

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