

Humorous Department.

All Had Good Excuses. The drudgery of teaching in public schools is sometimes lessened for the teacher by a sense of humor that comes within his or her experience. One of those things is the efforts of some parents to write excuses for the absence of their children.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM CONTEMPORARIES. News and Comment That is of More or Less Local Interest. YORK. Rock Hill Herald, July 19: We have an item of special good news for our readers. Until this week it seemed that our little city was in imminent danger of losing the important advantages of the development of the great electric power of the Catawba Power company, inasmuch as only the Victoria Cotton mill had up to that time contracted to use the power, but on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Highland Park mill, the Arcade mill, and the Rock Hill Water, Light and Power company also agreed to take the power, and by this action Rock Hill is to become the company's principal distributing point and the untold blessings which are to flow from the development of the stupendous enterprise have been secured to our city.

The Story Teller.

AT BRISTOW STATION. BY SCOTT CHALMERS. Copyright by T. C. McClure. Bristow Station was in the Panhandle section of Texas, and a more lonely and dreary place it would be hard to find. There was but one building, which served for freighthouse, passenger depot and ticket and telegraph office. Bert Brown, the K. and M. agent, had to do all the business and cook his own meals over an oil stove. There were four trains daily over the road; but, unless flagged, the two passenger trains went through Bristow at a fifty mile clip. To the west of the station was a long siding with cattle pens, then a straight track for thirty miles over the prairie.

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