

BLUE BACK SPELLING BOOK.

Fables From the Old Text-Book of a Generation Ago.

St. Louis Republic.

The men and women who 35 years ago attended the public schools of Missouri and other Western States have not forgotten the old Webster elementary spelling book.

In many of the Western States this once popular book has long since given place to other spellers. During the past six months the successful bidders in the contest to supply the schools of Kansas with a uniform series of books have been receiving old books in exchange for the new.

Nothing will so completely carry one back to "childhood's earliest hours" as a perusal of the old "blue back" speller.

Probably the proudest moment of a boy or girl's life was when he or she was able to stand up in class and correctly spell the first word of two syllables in the "blue back" speller.

Following each spelling lesson in the old Webster is a collection of sentences which leave on the child's mind impressions which last through life.

The gamblers are uneasy when at home.

"The drunkard's face will publish his vice and his disgrace."

"Our farmers, mechanics and merchants compose the strength of our nation. Let them be wise and virtuous, and watchful of their liberties.

"How happy men would be if they would always love what is right and hate what is wrong."

The half dozen fables in the old "blue back" are as familiar to the person who used this speller as is the golden rule.

"Well, well," said the old man, "if neither words nor grass will do, I must try that virtue there is in stones."

"The Country Maid and Her Milk Pail," and the moral it teaches, applies to men and women to-day with as much force as it did when the old "blue back" was in general use in the schools of the country.

"When men suffer their imagination to amuse them with the prospect of distant and uncertain improvements of their condition, they frequently sustain real losses, by their inattention to those affairs in which they are immediately concerned."

"A country maid was walking very deliberately with a pail of milk upon her head, when she fell into the following strain of reflection: 'The money for which I shall sell this milk will enable me to increase my stock of

eggs to 300. These eggs, allowing for what may prove addle, and what may be destroyed by vermin, will produce at least 250 chickens.

"It makes a difference whose ox is gored," is a saying as familiar as it is true. "The Partial Judge" thus points this moral:

"A farmer came to a neighboring lawyer, expressing great concern for an accident which he said had just happened. 'One of your oxen, continued he, 'has been gored by an unlucky bull of mine, and I should be glad to know how I am to make you reparation.' 'Thou art a very honest fellow,' replied the lawyer, 'and will not think it unreasonable that I expect one of thy oxen in return.'

"There were no hopes in fight; but one of them, being very active, sprang up into a tree; upon which the other, throwing himself flat on the ground, held his breath and pretended to be dead; remembering to have heard it asserted that this creature will not prey upon a dead carcass.

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Another Centennial Exposition.

The next important event in American history which calls for centennial commemoration is the purchase of Louisiana by President Jefferson in 1803.

Already the wide-awake and enterprising spirits of that section of the country included within the original boundaries of the Louisiana purchase are beginning to agitate the question of holding a great international exposition in 1903, either at St. Louis or some other convenient point.

There can be no doubt of the vast importance to this country of the Louisiana purchase. As the result of this shrewd negotiation on the part of President Jefferson, the United States acquired nearly one-half of its present domain.

To commemorate the acquisition of this vast area would not be inappropriate, but whether or not Congress sees fit to encourage the project remains to be seen.

The truth of an old saying about children and fools is newly illustrated by a story in a London paper.

A gentleman went into a fancy goods store. It was early in the morning, and in order to make change the shopkeeper was obliged to go upstairs after the cash box.

"Watch the gentleman that he does not steal anything."

It is what we don't think that makes us innocent, and what we don't do that keeps us so.

Sure Cure Found for Hog Cholera.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. D. E. Salmon, has submitted to Secretary Wilson a report upon the experiments made in the treatment of hogs for hog cholera with anti-toxine serum.

This serum was made upon the same principle as the anti-toxine of diphtheria. Good serum has been obtained from both horses and cattle, a horse or cow being treated with the hog cholera virus in small quantities at first, with large doses after suitable intervals of time.

This serum was first tested upon small animals in the laboratory and being found efficacious, was last fall tested in Page County, Iowa, on several herds of swine, containing altogether 278 animals.

Referring to this report Secretary Wilson remarked that undoubtedly the results reported by Dr. Salmon were most encouraging to hog raisers.

"It is my opinion," said the secretary, "that it is of the utmost importance that this serum for the next year at least be made by the bureau, under our own supervision, and distributed in large quantities in order to demonstrate its efficiency upon a more extended scale."

"I propose to ask Congress to provide an appropriation necessary to enable this department to furnish 2,000,000 doses of serum during the next year, and to make a considerable portion of the appropriation immediately available. It seems from Dr. Salmon's report that it takes three or four months to put a horse or cow in condition to supply the serum; consequently the work upon an extended scale must be undertaken at once.

The blushing bride-elect was rehearsing the ceremony about to take place. "Of course you will give me away, papa?" she said.

"Do you really think so?" "I certainly do," continued the heartless husband, "otherwise it would have been worn out long ago."

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There are these little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are thought, the love and the little pills.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

In the United States and Canada there are 960,094 Odd Fellows and 837,395 Freemasons.

If you would be capable, cultivate your mind; if you would be loved, you must cultivate your heart.

It is easier to tie a knot in a cord of wood than to do an evil deed and get rid of the consequences.

"This," said the Kansas editor, looking over the top of his spectacles, "is the most inviting manuscript I have received in a long time."

In New York city there are 6,000 clothing shops and 66,500 workers, 75 per cent. of whom are Jews. Some are paid seven cents for making a pair of trousers.

Cute little shoes, intended for dogs, are made and sold in London. They are of chamois, with light leather soles. They are only worn indoors, and are to protect polished floors from scratches.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered.

It is said that a Scotchman planted the first thistle in Australia out of love for his native land, and now millions of the plant afflict the land.

An electrical apparatus to catch fish has been invented by an Indiana man, but as yet nothing has been devised that will catch the fish styliar in the midst of his yarns.

Describing the cold weather down east, a man said that it was so cold sometimes that all the fishes froze, and he often used an eel as a walking-stick.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles.

Statisticians claim that the earth will not support more than about 5,994,000,000 people. The present population is estimated at 1,467,000,000, the increase being 8 per cent each decade.

Suburbs—I guess we'd better give up keeping chickens. We don't seem to have any luck. Mrs. Suburbs—How can you expect to have any luck, my dear?

The following epitaph is inscribed on the tombstone of a North Carolina moonshiner: "Killed by the government for making whiskey out of corn grown from seed furnished by a congressman."

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

"My dear," said Mr. Hawkins to his better half the other morning, "do you know that you have one of the best voices in the world?"

"Indeed!" replied the delighted Mrs. H., with a flush of pride at the compliment. "Do you really think so?"

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles.

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Dr. A. Robinson, a dentist of Grand Rapids, Mich., has a bull dog which recently broke his two front teeth in a fight. Robinson fixed the dog up in his chair and fitted the teeth with gold fillings, and the dog is again on the warpath.

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