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Books for the School

Each week we will publish a list of books for parallel reading which the Barnwell school needs. Anyone having a duplicate, or a dollar whereby to purchase a book, may contribute either to the school and it will be appreciated.

Watch the list each week.

Barton, C., The Story of My Childhood; Beacon, A., The Boy's Drake; Bolton, S. K., Poor Boys That Became Famous; Burroughs, J., John James Audobon; Davis, W., Autobiography of a Super Tramp; Epler, P. H., Life of Clara Barton; Gates, E., The Biography of a Prairie Girl; Gilder J. L., The Autobiography of a Tomboy; Grenfell, W., A Labrador Doctor; Hagodora, H., The Boy's Life of Theodore Roosevelt; Keller, H., The Story of My Life; Larcom, L., A New England Girlhood; Loti, P., The Story of a Child; Mabie, H. W., Heroes Every Child Should Know; Muir, J., The Story of My Boyhood and Youth; Meadowcroft, W. H., The Boy's Life of Edison; Nicolay, H., Boy's Life of Abraham Lincoln; Paine, R. D., Bright Road of Adventure; Richards, L. E., Florence Nightingale; Shinya, S., When I was a Boy in Japan; Sorenson, A., Confessions of a Mad Scientist; Washington, B. T., Up From Slavery.

X-RAY USED TO FIND PEARLS

Oyster Shells Lashed Through to Locate San Stones, Much Time Being Saved.

Science has come to the aid of the pearl hunter, whose task has now been much simplified by the employment of X-rays to detect the presence of the gem which, if it means only trouble for the oyster, spells money for the man who can find it and bring it to market.

Every oyster had formerly to be opened before it could be ascertained whether or not it contained a pearl, says London Answers. When one realizes that thousands of oysters are harvested and days may be spent opening oysters without finding a single gem, the utility of the newer process is at once apparent.

After the oysters have been dredged or collected and deposited to the harbor, they are now examined by X-rays. If a pearl is present in one of them the "shadow pictures" at once show it.

Speed in handling is not the only advantage of this system. Oysters which are shown to possess no pearls are not harmed in any way, and can be returned to the water in the hope that later on, pearls may develop in them. Similarly, oysters shown to contain only small pearls are replaced in special tanks, so that the pearls may be given a chance to grow larger. This should mean that in a few years' time we shall have more, better and very probably cheaper pearls.

WEATHERING TESTS OF STONE

Alternate Freezing and Thawing Employed at Bureau of Standards in Washington.

Weathering tests, consisting of freezing and thawing of the specimens until disintegration occurs, are in progress at the bureau of standards on twenty-two samples of limestone and twenty-three of sandstone. Some of the best limestones have withstood 800 freezings without showing any appreciable amount of decay, while the poorer grades of this material were disintegrated by 100 freezings, says the Scientific American. Tests on the sandstones have only recently been started, and so far the samples have shown no great amount of decay.

A number of limestone and sandstone specimens are also being tested by soaking in a 15 per cent solution of sodium chloride and drying afterward to obtain a crystallization of the salt in the pores of the stone.

This produces an action similar to that of frost, but more severe. It has been found that limestones which stood up under several hundred of the freezings were disintegrated by less than 100 crystallizations in the salt test. However, the actual damage being done is to be similar to that produced by the action of frost, will hence it is believed that there is a possibility of using this method as an accelerated weathering test.

OLDEST OF APPLE ORCHARDS

It is in the Mountains of New Mexico, and Probably Was Planted in 1685.

America's oldest apple orchard, as far as known, is a group of trees in a remote hamlet of the Manzano mountains of central New Mexico. The origin of this orchard is lost in antiquity. How it came there, whence the seed, who the planter, are questions that go unanswered.

The word "mansano" is Spanish for apple tree, and "mansano" means apple. It is believed that the New Mexico orchard was started by one Fra Gerónimo de la Llana, a missionary from Mexico who in 1685 came to Quarí, five miles below the present hamlet of Manzana. There was at Manzana, it is said, a wonderful spring, says the American Forestry Magazine, and it is believed that the Spanish priest planted the orchard near the spring.

Although this early settlement was abandoned for more than a century because of Apache raids, the orchard grew on. As it stands today it is in two groups, one of fifty trees, the other of sixteen trees. The trees are of "sprout" growth, many of them in groups of two or three starting from a common center. They still bear fruit, although the apples are small.

The guardian of the orchard today is the Rev. Jose Gauthier, a French padre who has served the Manzana townpeople for the last twenty-five years. The orchard is the property of the local church.

BEE TLE EATS MOSQUITO GRUB

Insect Found on the African Gold Coast Helps Reduce the Number of Pests.

A beetle on the African Gold Coast has the useful habit of eating the "grubs" of mosquitoes. The bug, a tiger beetle with the imposing name of Cicindela octoguttata, goes to the edges of ponds where the grubs are swimming, and fishes them out of the water. It helps very materially to reduce the number of mosquitoes in any area which it inhabits.

One of the great problems of modern tropical medicine is the killing of mosquito larvae, consequently it is probable that an effort will be made to cultivate the new beetle extensively. At present one method of the same sort is in use in most malarial countries. This consists in putting slices of a clay fish known as "mullus" into mosquito ponds. The "mullus" feed on the grubs.

Science is beginning to take a very deep interest in these "insects of nature," for it is probable that, by making a judicious use of them, both health and crops can be improved. The ravages of the "green fly" for instance, are controlled by the "ladybird." In a poor ladybird year the green fly becomes a serious pest.

Raising the Dead.

He kicked off his wet shoes, and his feet fell into a pair of carpet slippers, in his pipe, set down, with an air of relief, and declared that wild horses couldn't get him out of the house before morning. "Henry," said his wife, "you posted that letter I gave you this morning, I suppose?" "I did, my love," he replied unhesitatingly.

"I asked mother to postpone her visit for a while," his wife continued. "You see—"

-A Modest Hope.

Sometimes the hopeful natives expect miracles. The American school at Sholapur, in India, got a letter from a native whose son had been sent to study.

"If you will kindly try to read his phrenology," the dotting father wrote, "his physiognomy and graphology, you must discover as the most promising boy to turn him out to be president of America as James Garfield, Lincoln and others."

Even in mission life many a comedy is staged. In early-Honolulu days, a chief, quite naked, called on a missionary. Being reproved for this, he went back to his hut, and returned wearing a pair of women's stockings and a tile hat!—Frederick Simplich, in the Saturday Evening Post.

Ancient Japanese Tombs.

Tombs of six imperial ancestors have just been discovered in obscure spots in the suburbs of Kyoto. They have been identified as those of the sons and daughters of Emperor Godaigo, who was banished to Oku Island by Ashikaga, the usurper, 684 years ago. The Emperor Godaigo dispatches his sons to nearby provinces to raise recruits for his campaign against Ashikaga and their tombs are scattered around the country. The imperial mausoleum board is making a search for ancient graves, with the hope that discoveries will be made which will help in the study of the history of the country.

Good Stuff.

"The cigar was thirty cents worth of it!"

The Wise Doctor.

The doctor was calling on old Mrs. Canny. She was not very ill, but she always had some question to ask the doctor that had nothing to do with her own case.

"Doctor," she said on this occasion, can you tell me why it is that some people are born dumb?"

The doctor thought for a moment. "Why—hem—certainly," he replied; "it is owing to the fact that they come into the world without the faculty of speech."

The old woman gazed at him in admiration.

"There, now," she remarked. "Now just see what it means to have an education. I asked Thomas more than a hundred times why it was, and all he could say was, 'Cause they is.'"—Baltimore News.

Air Jets.

A plan to abolish the propellers of airplanes is the subject now of laboratory research. Air compressed and mixed with fuel in a combustion chamber would be projected through a nozzle at the rear of the airplane, and the reaction of its discharge would drive the machine through the air. Though it is calculated that high speed might possibly be obtained through this method of jet propulsion, the mechanism would be heavy, and experiments so far show that the consumption of fuel would be in excess of that required for ordinary propeller drive.

Current Comedy.

"Gonna film one of Shakespeare's comedies, eh?"

"Yes."

"How's the work going?"

"Fine. I think we'll put in a few modern touches."

"As to how?"

"Well, for one thing I'll have the clown hurl a venison pie."

Immense Blocks of Stone.

Thirty-six blocks of stone, 30 1/2 feet long, five feet in diameter, and each weighing 40 tons, have been installed as columns in a Harrisburg (Pa.) office building. These are the largest single blocks quarried by man since the pyramids of Egypt were built, according to the Popular Science Monthly.

The Distraction.

Mrs. Foster—I wish you wouldn't speak of my "shape." Call it my figure.

Her husband—Figures don't lie, while shapes are very deceiving.

Hardy Bird.

The hardiness of the pine grosbeak perhaps best is made known by saying that it nests in the confidence of hawks in the far North when winter's grip still holds the land. The young are reared in circumstances which most humans would find utterly appalling. With the snow still deep and the thermometer marking a point well below zero, the grosbeak manages to keep the eggs warm and bring the young into cooing life.

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vs. Lessie B. Easterling, et al., Defendants.

Decree for Foreclosure and Sale. By virtue of a decretal order to me directed in the above entitled cause, I will sell at Barnwell, South Carolina, in front of the Court House, on Monday, the 5th day of November, A. D. 1923, it being a sale day in said month, within the legal hours of sale, the following described real property:

All of that certain lot in the town of Barnwell, South Carolina, with the buildings thereon, measuring one hundred fifty-five (155) feet on Marlboro Avenue and running back a depth of one hundred eighty-one (181) feet and bounded as follows: On the North by a lot of Mrs. Maggie I. Walker; on the South by street which separates said lot from lot of A. A. Lemon; on the East by lot formerly belonging to B. B. Easterling, now owned by Sanders, and on the West by Marlboro Avenue.

Terms of sale: Cash, purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.

H. L. O'BANNON, Master for Barnwell County. Master's office, Oct. 15, 1923.

DR. CECIL RAY,

Physician and Surgeon. Office at Mace Drug Company, Barnwell, S. C.

COUNTY TREASURER'S TAX NOTICE

The tax books for the collection of 1923 taxes will be open from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15, 1923, inclusive, without penalty. From January 1st to March 15th the regular lawful penalties will be added. Books close March 15th, 1924.

The tax books are made up by school districts. In asking for your taxes be sure and state school district in which property is located. Dugs are not entered on the tax books. Separate receipt and tags will be given for dugs over six months old.

Tax Levy for 1923.

	No. mills
State purposes	5
Ordinary County purposes	7 1/2
Special road tax	2
Interest and sinking fund for road bonds	5 1/2
Interest and sinking fund for past indebted bonds	2
Constitutional school	2
Total mills	26
Special School Levy	

	No. mills
Edisto, Old Columbia	5
Red Oak, Upper Richland	5
Ashleigh, Joyce Branch, Lees, Long Branch, Meyer's Mill, Seven Pines	4
Cedar Grove, Sand Hill	5
Cave	6
Barbery Branch, Diamond, Double Pond, Elio, 5 for ordinary, 3 for bonds, total	8
Ellenton, 5 for ordinary, 3 bridge bonds, total	8
Four Mile, Friendship, Green's, Hilda, Morris, Mt. Calvary, New Forest, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Reedy Branch, Tinkers Creek	8
Big Fork	12
Dunbarton, 9 for ordinary, 3 for bonds, total	12
Healing Springs	12
Kline, 8 for ordinary, 4 for bonds, total	12
Barnwell, 10 1/2 for ordinary, 4 1/2 for bonds, total	15
Hercules	16
Blackville, 15 for ordinary, 4 for bonds, total	19
Williston, 17 for ordinary, 4 for bonds, total	21

J. B. ARMSTRONG, County Treasurer. Barnwell, S. C., Oct. 8, 1923.

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