

TEACHERS' COLUMN.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PAST.

The twilight hour descends upon the land, and with a solemn moon the mighty deep...

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Hints for Teachers.

- 1. With beginners in every study, the first processes must be learned slowly and very thoroughly by long continued repetition...

Common Sense Egg Laying.

OR HOW A COMMON SENSE SCHOOL BOY WILL SOLVE IT.

It seems strange that a simple little problem like the following should cause so much commotion...

It is a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will six hens lay in seven days?

The larger portion of those who have attempted to solve the question have come to the same conclusion as the correspondent quoted below...

Your egg problem is a simple affair. My solution of it (which I will wager \$1 to a cent is correct) is to eliminate all the fractions and deal only with whole numbers...

THE TWENTY FOUR CLASS.

A Troy man writes: "To simplify the matter, I will call the 2 hens pullets and the 3 eggs pullets eggs..."

A Chicago mathematician is among those who conclude that 24 is the right number. He says: "It appears to me that those sending answers have not sufficiently studied the action of a hen laying an egg..."

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egg, and in one day twice as much or 2 of an egg. If 1 hen lay 2 of an egg in one day, six hens would lay six times 2, equal to 12 eggs, and in 7 days 6 hens would lay 7 times 4 eggs, which is 28 eggs; the answer to the problem.

It has been stated that 24 is the correct answer. I have not seen the solution by which this number is arrived at, but surmise it may be said that, whereas it takes a hen 1 day to lay an egg, each hen at the end of 6 days would have laid 4 eggs, and as there was but one day left, it would not be sufficient for the hen to complete the laying of another egg...

A Jerseyman says: "If one and a half hens lay one and a half eggs in one day and a half, then the other half of the second hen should lay the other half of the second egg in the remaining half of the second day..."

THE COMMON SENSE METHOD. If 1 1/2 hens in 1 1/2 days lay 1 1/2 eggs, 1 hen in 1 1/2 days will lay as many eggs as 1 1/2 is contained times in 1 1/2...

Congressman Tillman.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Courier says: Representative Tillman who has heretofore been regarded as a follower of Mr. Randall so far as the tariff bill is concerned, declared, in an interview, that he would vote for the Mills bill...

'What about President Cleveland?' 'If he is renominated, as now seems almost certain, of course I will do all I can to secure his election, but, nevertheless I differ widely from his financial policy of restricting the coinage of silver and retiring national bank bills, which has the effect to contract the currency and render times harder and harder at the south-west.' I denounced that policy in the last Congress, and I kept the convention that renominated me for the last Congress from endorsing President Cleveland on that account.

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