WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PAST. The twilight hour descends upon the land, And with a solemn moan the mighty deep Rolls on the beach and lulls me into sleep And while I dream I feel a gentle hand Upon my arm, and, coming from the strand, A tweet, sad voice bids me to ever keep

My purpose true and adds, "That ye may Ye first must sow; 'tis by divine command." Then lo ! as from a troubled sleep I wake,

A mient form I see, which from my gaze
With noiseless steps retreats and fadeth Among the shadows where the white caps

Upon the shore; and through the misty I recognize the spirit of the Past.

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5. As a rule; when conducting a recitation, stand. "In Germany," says Horace Mann, "I never saw a teacher hearing a recitation with a and in 7 day book in his hand, nor a teacher sit-

ting while hearing a recitation."

• Use your eyes. Look your pupils in the eye when you question them, and make them look you in the eye when they auswer

7. Keep your voice down to the conversational key.

8. Lighten up your class with a pleasant countenance. 9. Have something interesting to

say to your pupils at every recitation. 10. In general, put your questions to the whole class in order to make every pupil think out the answer; theo after a pause, call upon some pupil to give it. - Cincinnati School

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 who make any pretense to scholarship. Almost any twelve year old pupil in our schools can solve it at a glance, and yet the Boston Herald devotes a column to trouble to go to the ends of the earth, almost, for different solutions of it. This is not very creditable to the "hub" Here is the question, followed by some of the solutions and remarks, and our common sense way of handling it, just as all such questions should be

If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, bow many eggs will six hens lay in seven days? During the past three weeks this proposition has given rise to a great amount of calculations in various sections of the country, and so wild has been the craze over the question among the employes in some business establishments that the proprietors have implored the newspapers to give the correct answer and settle the controversy. The large number of persons who have sent replies to the press for publication are divided into three prominent classes, which respectively give 42, 24 and 28 as the answer. There is no doubt that 28 is correct, as four college professors testify below, but two New York jourpals have published 24 as the result of what they term the true solution. Various methods adopted in trying to solve the problem are appended:

EASY TO BE MISTAKEN.

attempted to solve the question have come to the same conclusion as the correspondent quoted below, but this solution is incorrect:

\$1 to a cent is correct) is this: Eliminate all the fractions and deal only with whole numbers. Fractions tend only to confuse and perplex. We need have nothing whatever to do with thom. in this case. If it requires a day and a and a half, of course one hen will lay one egg in one day and six bens will lay six eggs in a day. If six hens will lay six eggs, in seven days they will duties in the House - Sparton. lay seven times six eggs or forty-two eggs For the life of me I can't see anything difficult or complex about this problem. It's as easy as falling off a

THE TWENTY FOUR CLASS.

A Troy man writes: "To simplify the matter, I will call the & hons pullets and the 1 eggs pullets eggs, so the hen lays her egg in 12 days and the 1 hen day, in 7 days 6 hops would lay 21 Drugs: 25 years ago Medicines; toeggs and & of an egg over; now, as far as I know, hens are never known to lay 3 of an egg, so it follows that the tem to strengthen one weak point! six bens having laid 24 eggs at the end Compound Oxygen strengthens both. of the sixth day must patiently wait 36 hours after the sixth day before lay- Invest \$15 in our -"Home Treat-

ing again." A Chicago mathematican is among for five years. Are you Nervous? those who conclude that 24 is the right number. He says: "It appears to me that those sending answers have not suffciently studied the action of a hen laying an egg. My solution is as follows: one ben, takes a day and a half to lay one egg, therefore, at the end of six days one hen will have laid exactly four eggs. Now, as a ben does not lay fractions of an egg, no more eggs will be laid until the morning of the eighth day. Consequently the number of eggs laid in seven days is the same as in six days, which makes the answer

LOGICAL AND CORRECT.

hens lay 11 eggs in 11 days, 1 a hen St., Philadelphia, Penn. will lay 1 of 11 eggs in the same time, which is an egg, and a whole hen would lay twice as much, or 1 egg in 13 days If I ben lay 1 egg in 13 days, in & a day she would lay & of an WATCHNAN AND SOUTHEON JOB OFFICE | Sept 16

egg. and in one day twice as much or 3 of an egg. If I hen lay 3 of an 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 13 days 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; therefore, as each hon laid 4 eggs, and there were 6 hens, the total number of eggs laid would be 24. It must be borne in mind, however, that the original proposition starts out with an "if" and if a hen can be said to do anything, we must follow the matter to its logical ending, which results in the proper solution of the problem, and gives as: the only correct answer the number

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 1. With beginners in every study, of the second hen should lay the other the first processes must be learned half of the second egg in the remaining continued reiteration. The importgive two eggs in two days by two hens, or an average of half an egg a day for each hen. Six hens at this rate should 2. Make the text-book subordinate lay three eggs a day, making for the seven days 21 eggs actly. _

THE COMMON SENSE METHOD. If $1\frac{1}{2}$ hens in $1\frac{1}{2}$ days lay $1\frac{1}{2}$ eggs, 1 hen in $1\frac{1}{2}$ days will lay as many eggs as $1\frac{1}{2}$ is contained times in $1\frac{1}{2}$, or $1\frac{1}{2}$

If 1 hen lays 1 egg in 12 days in 1 day 1 hen will lay as many eggs as 13 is contained times in 1, or 13)1(2. If 1 hen lay 2 eggs in 1 day, 6 hens will lay 6 times 3 or 4 eggs in 1 day, and in 7 days they will lay 7 times 4,

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 vete for the Mills bill. Being asked how he stood on the Mills bill, he replied: 'I shall first strive to amend the bill

by abolishing all or as much as possible of the internal revenue, levying an income tax if necessary to supply deficiencies, but I shall vote for the bill, whether it be amended or not, as I am n favor of reducing taxation in any way it can be done. A sensible public man always takes the next best thing he can get when he can not obtain his first choice. However, I am one of those who believe there will not be much, if any, reduction of taxation. so much commotion, and puzzle the The Senate may agree to do away with the whole tobacco tax, but it is doubtful. The remedy for the sarplus will be an increase of expenditures in paying service pensions to the Union sol diers, and in purchasing bonds at 27 its discussion, and has gone to the per cent. premium. A powerful lobby is working now to increase this premium by preventing the reduction of taxation, as well as by promoting the constant contraction of the currency.'

> 'Will the Mills bill pass the House ?' 'Yes, if we can come to a vote, but under the rule which allows every member to speak five minutes on every amendment to every paragraph of the bill, if its enemies choose to talk against time, the remainder of the entire session can be consumed without coming to a decisive vote. I do not think these tactics will be resorted to, however. So I think the bill will pass after being

'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 southwest. 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. I denounce the President's financial policy still, but at the same time I agree with him about so many other Demo-The larger portion of those who have cratic measures and principles that I find no difficulty in supporting him without baving to eat any dirt in doing so; yet I must say that I do not regard President Cleveland as the strongest Your egg problem is a simple affair. candidate the Democrats could put up My solution of it (which I will wager by long odds, and I shall have great a candidate so much as for his friends Small Grain, especially when used with Cotton Seed or manure to supply fears for his success, but nothing belps

to fear he will be beaten. Congressman Perry ran down to his home last week to look after his fences half for a hen and a half to lay an egg and see that they were ten rails high and staked and ridered. After attending the convention in Columbia he returned to Washinnton to attend to his

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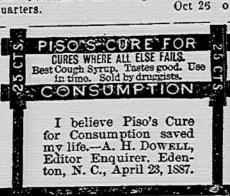
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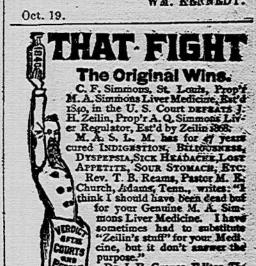
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