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THE TEACHING OF "ENGLISH"

Queer Theory and Practise in Some Public Schools

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it is a very close second. It is the de-

light of childhood, the joy of matur-ity and the solace of old age. For apt-

dialect, and so is considered unfit to be read to children in the primary grades

of up-to-date twentieth century chools. Still, as the story is "avail-

able" and as there is a necessity for amusing young children in the inter-

century

The faddists in "English" have somehow got a notion that young children must not be allowed to read dialect. tales. One of the thoroughly good things in modern education is the effort to get children to read the right kind of books. The "right kind" of a book for a boy is one in which snap and vim is the most prominent feature, and which incidentally conveys information useful to him, excites imagination in healthful ways, or awakens the moral impulses. Whatever its field of usefulness, its language must go direct to the point and be vigorous and clear. The piquancy of a dialect story is appreciated by children quite as much as by grown ups, and the notion that the dialect will corrupt the "English" of the children is queer enough. Our forms of speech are determined by our environment, and if dally correction of incorrect English, continued in the schoolroom for years, has so little effect as we see in banishing forms of speech heard at home and among companions, it is odd that it should be supposed that speech could be affected by the occasional reading of a dislect tale. Still, the banish-ment of the dialect tale (from the schoolroom to the home, only, it must iginal as follows be remembered) would hardly require special comment were it not for the ocappear is normality were it not for the oc-casional efforts in "advanced schools" where "original work" in "pedagogy" is attempted, to improve upon them, and one specimen of such work which has happened to come under observa-tion throws some light upon the meth-ods of teaching "English" which find come Brer Rabbit pacin' down de road --Ippity-clippity, clippity-lippity-des as sassy as a jay-bird. Brer Fox, he lay low. Brer Rabbit come prancin' approval in high educational circles-in this case as applied in the primary grades of the training school attached to a normal school-let us say in Texas, 'long twel he spy de Tar-Baby, an' den he fotch up on his behine legs like because that is not the state. If there is a genuine classic in any he was 'stonshed. De Tar-Baby, she sot dar, she dd, en Brer Fox, he lay

language or in any dialect, barbarous or otherwise, it is Uncle Remus' story of Brer Fox, Brer Rabbit and the Tarlow Baby. If it be second to Mother Goose



"How duz yo' sym'tums seem to se-gashuate?" sez Brer Rabbit, sezzee. Brer Fox, he wink his eye slow, an' low, en de Tar-Baby, she aln't sayin' nuthin'. "How you come on, den? Is yo' deaf" sez Brer Rabbit, sezzee, "Kaze if you is I kin holler louder," Tar-Baby stay still, en Brer Fox he

'You'er stuck up, dat's wat yo' is," sez Brer Rabbit, sezzee, "en I'm gwine-ter kyore you, dat's wat I'm gwinter o," sezzee Brer Fox, he sorter chuckle in his stummack, he did, an' Tar-Baby ain't sayin' nuthin'.

ness of words, interest of situations and perfection of climax it is unequal-"I'm gwineter larn yo' howter talk It is an idyl, an epic, a drama. In the adaptation of sound to sense it is ter 'spectable fokes ef hit's de las' ack." sezz Brer Rabbit, sezzee, "Ef yo' don't take off dat hat en tell me howdy I'm Homeric. In direct simplicity of state-ment it is a saga. It is a glimpse of the visions of the youth of the world. gwineter bus' yo' wide open," sezzee. Tar-Baby stay still, en Brer Fox he Unfortunately, however this purest gem of folklore is written in the negro

lay low. Brer Rabbit keep on axin' 'im, en de Bier Rabbit keep on axin 'im, en de Tar-Baby, she keep on sayin' nuthin', twel presently Brer Rabbit draw back wid his fis', he did, en blip! He struck 'er side er de head. Right dar is whar he broke his merlasses jug. His fis' stuck, en he can't pull loose. De tar hit 'im. But Tar-Baby, she stay still, en Brer Fox he tay low

vals of their early attempts to "study," an authorized version of the Tar-Baby ant Im. But Tar-Baby, she stay still, en Brer Fox, he lay low. "Ef yo' den't lemme loose I'll knock yo' agin!" sez Brer Rabbit, sezzee, an wid dat he fotch 'er a swipe wid de udder han', and dat stuck. 'Tar-Baby, she ain't sayin' nuthin', en Brer Fox he low low. story has been prepared in this normal school, the language of which is guar-anteed to be unexceptionable, and anteed to be unexceptionable, and teachers who graduate from the insti-tution are permitted to copy it from the original manuscript preserved in the school and take it with them into

the world. One of these copies hav-ing strayed into California, we are able 'Tu'n me loose, to' I knock de natal tuffin' outen yo'," sez Brer Rabbit, ezzeze, but de Tar-Baby, she ain't sayto give a part of it as an example of what too much "culture" may lead to na ruthin'. She des hilt on, en den Brer Rabbit lose de use er his feet in de same way, Brer Fox, he lay low. Den Brer Rabbit squall out dat ef de Tar-But lest some reader be so unfortunate as not to be familiar with this classic of folklore, we give a bit of the or-Baby don't tu'n 'im loose he butt er vrank-sided. En den he batted, en his head got stuck. Den Brer Fox he su'ntered fort', lookin' des es inner-cent ez wunner yo' mammy's mockin' "One day, after Brer Rabbit fool 'im wid dat calmus root, Brer Fox went ter wuk en got 'im some tar en mix

it wid some turkentine, en fix up a contrapshun wat he call a Tar-Baby, en he tuk dish yer Tar-Baby en he sot inds And so the story goes on with most 'er in de big road, en down he lay off in de bushes fer ter see wat de news entertaining conversation and action to the triumphant deliverance of Brer wuz gwineter be. An' he didn't hat-ter wait long nudder, kase bimeby here Rabbit from his embarrassing situa-tion and the discomfiture of the crafty fox. There is no assembly of human beings, big or little, which will not listen spellbound to this story as ren-dered by a good reader. But it "don't or" in the scheme the o" in the schools. There it is meta-norphosed into the following travesty, very word of which can be found in all the dictionaries and "parsed" with neatness and dispatch. The allusions to he "well" concern an incident having o connection with the original story. "'Mawnin," sez Brer Rabbit, sezzee; "nice wedder, dis mawnin," sezzee. Tar-Baby ain't sayin' nuthin', en is lugged into the introduction to the authorized dilution;

The fox got a big lump of tar and nade it into the shape of a boy. He mode nice eyes and ears, and pulled the nose into shape, and made arms and legs. He made clothes for the tar-baby and put buttons or big relation baby, and put buttons on his jacket. Then he set the tar baby up by the well and went away. The rabbit saw the fox go away, and

she said: "Oh, my mush will burn. I must go to the fox's well and get some water." So she took her tea kettle and ran down the hill to the well. She saw the tar baby, and thought it was a boy So she said: "Little boy, get out of my way. I want to get some water." The tar baby never moved. "Get out of my for baby never moved. "Get out of my way," she said again. But the tar baby never moved. The rabbit was angry by that time. She said: "Why don't you talk to me? I'll hit you if you don't get out of my way." The tar baby did not move or say a word. The rabbit bit it hard with one front paw. The paw stuck fast. "Let me go." said the rabbit. If you don't let me go I'll hit you hard with the ether front paw." The tar baby did not let go. "If you don't let me go I'll kick you with my You hard with the enter hold, pay The tar baby did not let go. "If you don't let me go I'll kick you with my hind paw." said the rabbit. That stuck fast, and so did the other hind paw when the rabbit kicked the tar baby with it. "If you don't let me go I'll hit you with my head," said the rabbit. She did, and her head, said the rabbit. She did, and her head stuck fast to the tar baby's head, "Oh, let me go; the fox will come!" said the rabbit. And just then the fox did come.



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Total LIABILITIES.

Cashler's checks 22,312.4

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Report made to the Secretary of State of the State of Utah, of the condition of the

Total . State of Utah, Copniy of Salt Lake, ss. George M. Canton, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that ha is Cashier of the above named bank; that the above and foregoing report contains a full, true and correct state-ment of the condition of the said bank at the close of business on the 5th day of June, 1903. GEORGE M. CANNON.

GEORGE M. CANNON. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2rd day of June, 1903, L. MOTH IVERSON, Notary Public,

State of Utah, Office of the Secretary of

State, I. James T. Hammond, Secretary of State of the State of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the statement of the above named company, now on file in my office, 6th day of July, 1998. (Seal) J. T. HAMMOND, Secretary of State,

Report made to the Secretary of State of the State of Utah, of the condition of the UTAH COMMERCIAL

AND SAVINGS BANK. Located at Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, at the close of business on the 9th day of June, 1903: RESOURCES. Loans, discounts and overdrafts \$ 431,934.03

Bonds, stocks, certificates, etc. Banking house, furniture and Real Estate Due from National banks Due from State banks and Due from State banks and 58,000.00 23,781.17 27,136,55 $36,231.06 \\ 43,796.46$ bankers Current expenses and taxes paid Revenue stamps 804.38 213.35 .3 639,171,71 Total

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State, 1. James T. Hammond, Secretary of State of the State of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the statement of the above named company, now on file in my office, 6th day of July, 1903. (Seal) J. T. HAMMOND, Secretary of State.

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State Bank of Utah,

Located at Sait Lake City, in the County of Sait Lake, State of Utah, at the close of business on the 5th day of June, 1962. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts\$ 775,384.74 Dverdrafis Bonds, stocks, certificates, etc., Real estate Due from National banks 119,747,49

Due bankers 97,226.28 Cash on hand 158,008.56 Current expenses and taxes paid 3,456.47

Total\$1,365,978.77 LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$ 250,000,00

The forthcoming trial of Ex-Congressman E. H. Driggs will be followed with great interest by the whole nation. Congressman Driggs is one of the big parties accused of complicity in the great postoffice corruption scandals. He is under indictment by the grand jury and out on bail. His trial is expected to re-

And so on ad nauseam. The doom which they shall meet who degraded the drama of Brer Rabbit into such stuff as the foregoing and who administer it to helpless babes is seal-ed in the halls of Rhadamanthus. It is not a cause for mortal judge. The sin of the transmigration of the sexes between the far baby and its adversary would alone put the offense beyond human jurisdistion, and it is but one of many. One cannot properly reason from a single instance, and this very aggravated case is given only as an illustration of the demoralizing effect is a set of the demoralizing effect of "culture" in bad hands. Our Eng-lish language is a noble tongue—the one language of the civilized world which has retained its vigor after the loss of its inflections. Its characteristic is di-rectness and strength. A fit tool for the strong thinker, it is worse than useless in the hands of the weak. The ques-tion intended to be raised here suggested but not answered—is, consider-ing the mental strength of those who do much of our teaching, is it worth while for them to attempt is while for them to attempt to teach the while for them to attempt to teach the proper use of our mother tongue? Can it, in face, be "taught" by any teacher to any pupil? Is it not rather, where existing, the natural, spontaneous ex-pression of clear thought, inbred in its possessor, and which none can give and none can take away?-San Fran-cisco Chronicle.

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