

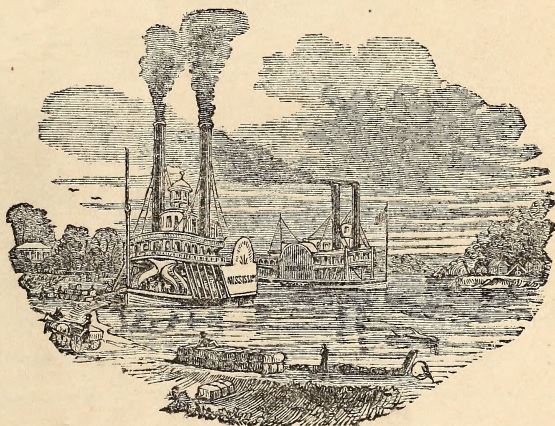
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SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.



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which required concealment, his real and avowed motive were the same; and his whole correspondence does not furnish a single case from which even an enemy could infer that he was capable, under any circumstance, of stooping to the employment of duplicity.

10. No truth can be uttered with more confidence than that his ends were always upright, and his means always pure. He exhibits the rare example of a politician to whose wiles were absolutely unknown, and whose professions to foreign governments and to his own countrymen were always sincere. In him was fully exemplified the real distinction which ever exists between wisdom and cunning, and the importance as well as the truth of the maxim, that "Honesty is the best policy." HON. JOHN MARSHALL

Spell and define—

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| 1. Robust. | 3. Capricious. | 7. Contemplate. |
| 2. Deportment. | Beneficial. | 8. Regardless. |
| Dignity. | 4. Malignity. | 9. Integrity. |
| Haughtiness. | 5. Advisable. | Contamination. |
| Ardent. | 6. Enterprising. | 10. Exemplified. |

LESSON XXXIII.

Spell and define—

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| 2. UN-IN-TER-MIT'TING, ceaseless. | 5. SYS-TEM-AT'IC, regular, orderly |
| COL-LO'QUI-AL, conversational. | SAL'U-TA-RY, healthful. |
| AL-LE'GI-ANCE, acknowledg-
ment of authority. | COR'US-CA-TIONS, flashes of light |
| 4. AD-VEN-TI'TIOUS, coming from
abroad. | 7. EX'QUI-SITE, highly finished. |
| | FE-LIC'I-TY, happiness. |

DR. FRANKLIN'S CONVERSATIONAL POWERS.

1. Never have I known such a fireside companion as Dr. Franklin. Great as he was, both as a statesman and a philosopher, he never shone in a light more winning than when he was seen in a domestic circle.

2. It was once my good fortune to pass two or three weeks with him, at the house of a private gentleman, in the back part of Pennsylvania; and we were confined to the house during the whole of that time, by the unintermitting constancy and depth of the snow. But confinement could never be felt where Franklin was an inmate. His cheerfulness and his colloquial powers spread around him a perpetual spring. There was no ambition of eloquence, no effort to shine, in any thing that came from him. There was nothing which made any demand either upon your allegiance or your admiration.

3. His manner was as unaffected as infancy. It was nature's self. He talked like an old patriarch; and his plainness and simplicity put you at once at your ease, and gave you the full and free possession and use of all your faculties.

4. His thoughts were of a character to shine by their own light, without any adventitious aid. They required only a medium of vision like his pure and simple style, to exhibit to the highest advantage their native radiance and beauty.

5. His cheerfulness was unremitting. It seemed to be as much the effect of the systematic and salutary exercise of the mind, as of its superior organization. His wit was of the first order. It did not show itself merely in occasional coruscations; but, without any effort or force on his part, it shed a constant stream of the purest light over the whole of his discourse.

6. Whether in the company of commons or nobles, he was always the same plain man; always most perfectly at his ease, his faculties in full play, and the full orbit of his genius for ever clear and unclouded. And then the stores of his mind were inexhaustible. He had commenced life with an attention so vigilant, that nothing had escaped his observation, and a judgment so solid, that every incident was turned to advantage.

7. His youth had not been wasted in idleness, nor over-

cast by intemperance. He had been all his life a close and deep reader, as well as thinker; and by the force of his own powers, had wrought up the raw materials, which he had gathered from books, with such exquisite skill and felicity, that he had added a hundred-fold to their original value, and justly made them his own.

WM. WIRT.

Spell and define—

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| 1. Domestic. | 3. Patriarch. | Organization. |
| 2. Constancy. | 4. Medium. | 6. Faculties. |
| Perpetual. | 5. Unremitting. | Inexhaustible. |

BLACKBOARD EXERCISE.

FALLS OF TOWALIGA, GA.—The Falls of Towaliga are eight miles from Indian Spring. The stream has its origin in Henry county, and pursues a course of seventy miles, to the Ocmulgee, of which it is a tributary. Just before it reaches the falls, the bed has a rapid descent for some distance, where the surface of the water is broken in rapids.

The falls, seen from below, make an impressive appearance. The breadth of the bed is there about three hundred feet, and a mass of rocks, at the brow of the first precipice, divides it into two sheets, which descend perpendicularly about fifty feet, in beautiful foam, made in the course of its tumultuous passage down the rapids. Here it is received by a deep gulf which suddenly checks its fury; but, before it has time to recover its tranquillity, it reaches the brow of the second rapids, down which it hurries, with roar and turbulence, a distance of two hundred feet, and then pours over the second fall, in a current broken into several cascades, when it soon subsides, below, to comparative quietness. The height, roughness, and thick shade of the banks, greatly increase the effect of the scene.