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SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

This little work is offered as the first of a series of brief outline historical sketches, in which the author will endeavor to eliminate as much as possible the non-essential facts, and to present to the student a single continuous thread of events, which may be easily retained in the memory, and which shall intelligibly connect the present with the past.

The multiplicity of details, without such orderly frame-work whereon to place them, leaves the mind in pitiable confusion, and discourages the most ambitious and industrious scholar; whereas, if one first grasps firmly a simple outline, it will be a pleasure to bring the results of future reading and study into proper relations of time and events.

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In a word, the method of the teacher and the artist should be the same : first an outline, suggested rather than drawn ; then a gradual elaboration of the design, until finally the minute details crown the completed work ; but never at any stage should one lose sight of this in its entirety.

The student is recommended, after a careful examination of this outline History of Germany, to write a series of papers containing each not less than 100 words, upon the themes given in the following list, concluding with a concise historical sketch of Germany, in which the subjects treated in the previous papers shall, so far as possible, have brief mention.

If this plan be carefully carried out, it will form a valuable collection of essays upon related subjects, and one will have learned more in writing them, than in much reading of the works of others.

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LIST OF SUBJECTS.

1. The Aryan Race and the Indo-European Migrations.
2. Traces of Prehistoric Man.
3. Conquest of Gaul and Britain by Julius Cæsar.
4. Hermann.—Ulfila.
5. Hunnish Invasion.
6. Anglo-Saxon Occupation of Britain.
7. Monarchy Established in Gaul.
8. Charlemagne.
9. Conflict between Henry IV. and Pope Gregory, 1073.
10. Guelphs and Ghibellines.
11. Wickliffe.
12. Charles V.—Francis I.—Henry VIII.
13. Martin Luther and Pope Leo X.
14. Thirty Years War.
15. Napoleon Bonaparte.
16. Schleswig-Holstein—Salic Law.
17. Bismarck.
18. Napoleon III.
19. Franco-Prussian War.
20. Emperor William I.
21. Emperor Frederic.
22. Emperor William II.
23. Historical Sketch of Germany.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

GENERAL HISTORY.

- Fisher's Universal History. \$2.40.
Myer's Medieval and Modern. \$1.50.
Sheldon's General History. \$1.60.
Freeman's Historical Geography, Europe. (2 vols.) \$12.00.

GERMANY PROPER.

- Kolrausch's Germany. \$2.50.
Menzel's Germany. Bohn edition. 3 vols.
\$3.00.
Bryce's Holy Roman Empire. \$1.00.
Lewis' Germany. (Student's edition.) \$1.50.
Simes' Germany. (Freeman's edition.) 80 cts.
Carlyle's Frederick the Great. Cheap edition.
\$2.00.
Gindely's Thirty Years' War. 2 vols. \$4.00.

Should these books be in accessible, however, a good encyclopedia may be used, while the Historical and Literary Chart, "Who? When? and What?" will be found an efficient aid in systematizing the confusing historical details in the six centuries of which it treats.

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