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PREFACE.

THE use of modeling as a means of symbolizing the various land forms in geography has become so valuable in these days of advanced methods in teaching, that it is thought these abstracts from the practical methods of a schoolroom may be found helpful to many teachers. Any application of the anthropomorphic idea of fashioning or making will follow the law of all child-thought in that the unknown is assimilated to the known. The child is really and directly familiar with only one mode of origin, and that is the making of things. One of the great joys of children is to be able to make things; and this desire, which is indeed very great, should be utilized in their instruction.

All the elements of geographical science are found near every schoolhouse; therefore the home district should be studied first. Ritter says, "Wherever our home is, there lie all the materials that we need for the study of the entire globe."

The available language of geography can alone render these home elements valuable; and modern educators are almost unanimous in the claim that speech, modeling, pictures, sketches, and maps form the primal language of the science. These symbols, however, are of use only when they fix a mental picture of the thing represented, and do not fix attention upon themselves. Through the constructive phase of the imagination, unseen places and peoples must be brought vividly before the mind, and the pupils may then translate them into the language of models, chalk models, pictures, and maps.

Geography is truly a study of the earth as the home of man,

and should become "a school of culture for the human race, and an essential link in the chain of sciences." All molding or drawing that simply reproduces the form of the map, without enlarging and completing the pupil's concept of surface structure, fails of its intended object. It becomes a hindrance rather than an aid, since it fails to build up in the mind a concept of the country or continent as a unit.

The teacher will, however, use modeling as a *means*, not as an *end*, and thus make it a power in good instruction.

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