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**OUR COVER:** "The Country School" by Winslow Homer (1836-1910). Painted in 1871, the picture shows the young school ma'am, her sun-bonnet hanging above the blackboard, as she surveys her small charges who probably squirm impatiently awaiting the school bell to announce recess. The one room country school house was a favorite theme of Homer's and he portrayed this passing picture of American life with a sympathetic eye. The young students are undoubtedly studying from "McGuffey's Reader," the subject of an article beginning on page 14 of this issue.

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