

house, the scene of these early pedagogic exhibitions, is still standing.

A school-house was built in 1849 in the village, and Peter Jenny was teacher for some six years. Afterwards J. C. Zimmerman taught three years; and since, with few intermissions, Matthias Steussy has taught the district school in the village for the last eighteen years. All these teachers were Swiss. The outlying districts in the township are taught as is usual by different persons almost every term. Several young men of Swiss descent, have qualified themselves for teaching at academies elsewhere; but no "school-marm" has New Glarus ever produced. The reason for this is not apparent, unless it be the general belief here entertained, that much education for a girl will spoil her for a house-wife. A knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic, is considered sufficient for women. A girl is early taught the mysteries of cooking, washing and sewing; and her education is not considered complete unless she also understands milking, making butter and cheese, and binding grain in the harvest field. In consequence of the active out-door labor, which in addition to their household duties, the females perform, they are in general more healthy, robust and fit to fight the battle of life that awaits all, than are their American sisters who seldom allow the summer sun to shine upon their unprotected hands and faces, and who as a rule, are hardly allowed the needful exercise which health demands. Weak nerves and hysterics are often the rule with the latter, while with the former they are unknown.

The German schools in the village have been fully as ably conducted as the English. First, a Mr. Ernst and Mr. Tschudy, and then the Rev. Mr. Streissguth, and subsequently Rev. Mr. Zimmerman, taught the German school; and, in addition to the ordinary branches of study, included such religious instruction as the rules of the church required. In 1867, Mr. F. Knobel, a teacher from the canton of Glarus, settled here, and has taught German uninterruptedly since his arrival. Christian Luchsinger has taught a German evening school for those who, more advanced in years, and employed in labor, could not attend in day time. German school books were first brought from the old country;