

Arithmetic Lesson

Arithmetic was often called “ciphering.” A child was taught arithmetic after he had learned to read and write. Most problems were put in practical terms. The following are some examples to use with a class. Read them aloud and have the students work the problems on their slates.

- 1) If 12 horses eat up 30 bushels of oats in a week, how many bushels will serve 36 horses the same length of time?
- 2) Two farmers bartered: A had 100 bushels of wheat, at \$1.50 per bushel, for which B gave him 100 bushels of barley, worth \$1.00 per bushel, and the balance in oats at \$0.50 per bushel. How many bushels of oats did A receive from B?
- 3) Three partners, A, B, and C, shipped several mules from the West Indies. A owned 48; B, 36; and C, 24. A total of how many mules were shipped?
- 4) Ice sells for 60 cents per hundred pounds. What will it cost a family who uses 40 pounds 3 times a week?
- 5) A farmer has 84 apples. He sold them to seven customers, each customer buying an equal amount. How many apples did each customer buy?
- 6) Ted charges 75 cents to saw a cord of wood. In order to make \$7.50, how many cords would he have to saw?