

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Text of the Lesson, Gen. xli, 38-48—Memory Verses, 38-40—Golden Text, I Sam. ii, 30—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

38. "And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" Very varied and full of trial had been the 10 years or more of Joseph's life since his brethren sold him to the Midianites, and several of them had been passed in prison through the lying of a wicked woman. As we see him now he has just been brought from the prison to interpret, if he can, to Pharaoh his double dream. Disclaiming all power to do so of himself (verse 16), but giving the glory to God, he, by the Spirit, interprets and applies the dreams; hence from Pharaoh the words of this verse.

39. "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art." Joseph had suggested that officers be appointed who during the years of plenty should make provision for the years of famine to follow, perhaps without a thought that he who had just been brought from prison might be of any service, but God's set time to favor Joseph had come. The dreams of long ago are on the way to fulfillment. "Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious. Blessed are all they that wait for Him."

40. "Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou." Truth is surely stranger than fiction. From a prison to a throne in an hour; from ignominy and disgrace to all but the supreme position in the land. Promotion cometh neither from the east nor from the west, nor from the south, but God is the judge. He putteth down one and setteth up another (Ps. lxxv, 6, 7). There is a good story of a man from a prison to a throne in II Kings xxv, 27-30, but that was simply deliverance, not rule.

41. "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. I have put thee a little differently and more correctly than he said, "God hath made me lord of all Egypt" (chapter xlv, 9). Happy are those who recognize His hand in all the events of life. We may see the visible instrumentality, or look back of it all and see only God. Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible (Heb. xi).

42. "And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck." So did the king to Mordecai (Est. viii, 15) and Belshazzar to Daniel (Dan. v, 29). The soul that is redeemed by the blood of Jesus can truly say, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings." "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." "He hath made me a king and a priest unto God, and I shall reign on the earth" (Ps. xl, 2; Isa. lxi, 10; Rev. v, 10).

43. "And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and they cried before him, Bow the knee, and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt." Joseph's humiliation, although wholly undeserved, could not be said to be voluntary; but Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto the death of the cross, wherefore God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow (Phil. ii, 8-10). If we have the mind of Christ, we will cheerfully humble ourselves unto the death of self for His sake.

44. "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Of Joseph it is written that all things were created by Him and for Him, and that in Him we live and move and have our being (Col. i, 16; Acts xvii, 28). It is to be feared that of us it might be said, "The God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified?" (Dan. v, 23). If, as His redeemed, we would only allow the fact to grasp us that we are to sit with Him on His throne (Rev. iii, 21), we would walk more worthy of our high calling.

45. "And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah, and he gave him to wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phar, priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt." The margin says that this new name of Joseph means "Revealer of Secrets," but in Young's concordance it is said to mean "Savior of the World." Both are suggestive of Him who is the only Saviour, and who does nothing without revealing His secret unto His servants the prophets (Amos iii, 7). That he should receive an Egyptian wife during the period of his brethren's hatred and rejection is suggestive of the fact that when Israel shall again see Jesus they will find that during the time of His rejection he has taken to Himself a bride which will be largely Gentile.

46. "And Joseph was 30 years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went throughout all the land of Egypt." Jesus was about 30 years old when He began His public work (Luke iii, 23). Daniel and his friends at a probably much younger age are said to have stood before the king (Dan. i, 19). But neither Jesus nor Daniel nor Joseph stood before man as much as they stood before God. They were like Elijah, who said, "The Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand" (I Kings xvii, 1). When we learn to stand more in the presence of God, we will be better qualified to stand before men.

47. "And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls." "What God is about to do He sheweth unto Pharaoh," were the words of Joseph as he interpreted the dreams (verse 29). So we see in these years of prosperity the hand of the Lord for good. It was His blessing upon Israel's land which in the sixth year made it bring forth fruit for three years (Lev. xxv, 2). The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and toll addeth nothing thereto (Prov. x, 22; R. V.).

48. "And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities, the food of the field which was round about every city laid he up in the same." In prosperity he prepared for adversity. When we sing, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," we are not authorized to be either careless or improvident. Our Lord did not commend the unjust steward, but He drew a practical lesson from his foolish thought (Luke xvi, 8, 9). Consider in verses 51, 52, the very suggestive name Joseph gave to his children. Compare the "Gad" unto Joseph. What he saith to you do, with Mary's words to the servants (verse 55 and John 9, 3).

HOW TO PREVENT DISEASE.

A Physician Believes Consumptive People Should Not Marry.

At a recent lecture Dr. Potter of Albany said that consumption was the most fatal of all diseases. To prevent this fearful malady he maintained that all animal foods must be examined; also all animals that furnish food, and the food furnished to them. Should any such animal be found to be afflicted with tuberculosis, it should instantly be killed and cremated to prevent a spread of the germs. It would also involve a circumspection of railroad cars and steamboats to prevent people afflicted with tuberculosis boarding them. Then, again, a man afflicted with tuberculosis should not be allowed to marry a healthy woman. The same applies equally to a woman afflicted in the same way, and still more to man and woman if both of them had the disease. "I advocate," added the doctor, "the enactment of statutes by the legislature prohibiting such marriages and making parties contracting them criminally liable." Dr. Potter next outlined the history of typhoid fever and said that no means had yet been discovered to prevent it from spreading. The same thing might also be said of diphtheria. The speaker said that the first necessary step in the prevention of disease was the instruction of medical men, who should acquaint the people with the methods of preventing all diseases and not inform them how to cure them when they get them. Dr. Potter said that it was possible to prevent the spread of diphtheria by seeing that the throats of persons who were apt to be exposed were protected so that there would be no inoculation.

How to Make Polish Pancakes.

Beat 8 eggs very light, use 1 1/2 pints of milk, the richer the better, a sprinkle of nutmeg and grated lemon peel and a saltspoonful each of salt and sugar. Melt 2 ounces of butter, mix it with the flour, of which you will need 10 ounces, and gradually work in the whole mixture. Cook in a frying pan with butter, but pour in more than for the English pancakes. Before the batter has thoroughly set, drop a few currants upon each cake, allow it to cook thoroughly and turn with a fork. Sprinkle thick with sugar and roll.

How to Select a Brush for the Scalp.

The right sort of a hairbrush used on the scalp two or three times a day will remove every perceptible trace of dandruff. The scalp needs care, and to reach it the hair should be cut with the comb at intervals of extreme proximity, so as to bristle every portion of the skin and brush away the scurf. The metal woven brush is not to be recommended unless the desire is to produce baldness. What is known in the trade as the barber brushes are the best, of which the unbleached and undyed boar's bristle is first choice. A black brush conceals the dirt, and a dirty brush will not clean the head. If the bristles are dyed, they will have lost some of their firmness, and instead of going through the hair or scraping the scalp they will bend under pressure. A woman's hairbrush should have bristles not more than half an inch long, unbleached white preferred, and stiff enough to scratch but not irritate the scalp. It should be hand sewed; the points should present an irregular surface to correspond with the elevations and depressions of the scalp. Such a brush, wood bound, cannot be bought for much less than \$3.

How to Make Parchment Paper.

Immerse it for a few moments in a mixture composed of 2 parts of sulphuric acid and 1 of water. Then dip the paper into cold water, shaking it about to remove acid traces. Then dip it in water in which is a small quantity of acid, to perfect the removal of all acid. As it would wrinkle in drying, it must be stretched on a frame while still wet.

How the Saying "A Miss Is as Good as a Mile" Arose.

The above expression had its origin in a tale, by Turpin, of two friends, Amis (or Amys) and Amile (or Amyle), who are supposed to have lived in the reign of King Pepin. According to the story, Amile risked his life and fortune to save the reputation of his friend Amis. The latter nobly repaid him by sacrificing his children to cure Amile of his leprosy by anointing him with their blood. He had the delight of seeing Amile thus perfectly cured, and also of having his children immediately after miraculously restored to life. The friends were buried on the same day in the same grave. Amis was as good as Amile, or, as we have it, "A miss is as good as a mile."

How the Word "Gypsy" Came Into Use.

Gipsy, more properly gypsy, means an Egyptian, the supposition being the gypsies came from Egypt. The French called them Bohemians, believing that they came from Bohemia. The fact is, however, that the original home of the gypsies was India, whence they were driven by invading hordes.

How to Prepare Game.

Dark fleshed birds, like duck and grouse, should be served as rare as roast beef—that is, so that the blood runs when they are cut. Birds with white flesh, like partridge, should be cooked as long and as thoroughly as the hen. A very good rule is to cook canvasback or redhead ducks about 20 minutes, teal 15, grouse about 20, doe birds from 12 to 15, plover or woodcock 10 and English snipe from 8 to 10. Quail require between 13 and 18 minutes and partridge from 33 to 40 minutes. All this means with a good, brisk oven.

To Prevent a Cock From Crowing at Dawn.

The bird cannot crow unless he is able to stand erect and raise his head to the fullest extent. Now, if a plank, or even a slat, be placed above his perch so that he cannot gain an upright position, he cannot possibly lift up his voice, but, on the contrary, must remain dumb.

THE PUZZLER.

No. 100.—Transpositions. When the following words are transposed, their initials, read downward, will form the name of a cathedral town in England: AWWARS—A town of Poland. ROAN—A river of Italy. IHENR—A river of Germany. LKOWOI—A town of Ireland. VERSENNI—A county of Scotland. ELLIRSAC—A town of England. REKITSDDNIERM—A town of Worcestershire.

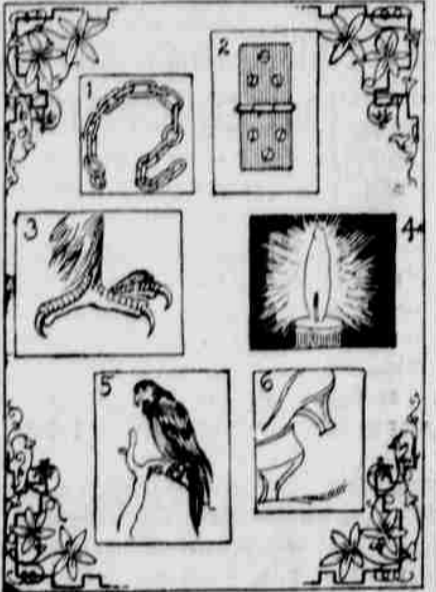
No. 101.—Behaved Words. I am at the very edge; behind me, and I am a place for skating; again, and I am a useful liquid. I am something to sit on; behind me, and I belong to the head; again, and I am the atmosphere.

No. 102.—Hidden Proverbs. 1. "F f a a a a t t t h i l s h e e e d r r b b o o n n l." 2. "M m s s r p e e e e e e e e e e t t t t t t v e a a l s s s k h o u n g." 3. "O o o o e e k t t t t r r i i l l i i l l i i w s s h h." 4. "S s s s k k f p w u u y o o o o c a a a a a e e e e r r i i n n m t."

No. 103.—Historic Homes. 71 letters. 3, 2, 31, 32, 37—64, 65, 66, 70, 68, 37, the country seat of Washington. 13, 30, 21, 16, 48, 7, 9, 54, 54, 63, the country seat of Jefferson. 17, 18, 29—35, 23, 25, 41, 36, 37, 36, 28, 14, the home of Andrew Jackson. 6, 5, 30, 54, 56, 11, 19, the estate of Henry Clay. 7, 4, 22, 24, 30, 7, 8, 43, 44, 17, the estate which Bayard Taylor established in Pennsylvania. 54, 49, 54, 71, 69, 32, David Thoreau's "hermitage." 49, 69, 37, 21, 19, 29, 48, 53, 55, the home of Washington Irving. 38, 39, 45, 62, 62, 56, 41, the cottage in which died the child wife of Edgar Allan Poe. 59, 12, 47, 51, 79, 57, 34, 43, 67, 16, 1, the present home of the Lee family. 53, 65, 70—54, 58, 7, 19, the home of Richard M. Johnston after the war. 59, 69, 61, 37—7, 2, 16, 17, 12, 28, 23, the home of Frances Willard. 30, 54, 33—3, 15, 11, 42, 4, at one time the home of Hawthorne.

The whole is an appropriate quotation.—Examiner.

No. 104.—Illustrated Central Acrostic.



All the words pictured contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one below the other in the order in which they are numbered, the central letters will spell the name of a broad dagger which was formerly worn at the girdle.—St. Nicholas.

No. 105.—Tangle.

Ho, htaw a dntael ewb ew vaeov Nhwef rist ew traricece of cedveel.

No. 106.—Geographical Anagrams.

Go sail, muff! Can tilt a canoe, No earth, S. Tears visit A. D. 'Tis a cable, Can't I cart canoe? A mariner needs tea, In a cap of C ice, Boat Luff, in fog, H., Brig Sary Denn, Belay, Maria! Is a sea cap'n, Reef snug, P. L. C., Is any harbor? Icebound R. P. L. astern, Din in a canoe, Of fun by day, C ice on a cart, A. B. C. lakes, It's to a rock, Trio tars rest, Lot see yawl, I tar ten brigs, H., Rob T. sail by, Y. R. ye boatmen? O dive to raft, s'r! Bo'son, yawl, Dump coon! sail! Cap'n Tebo's boy.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 88.—Alphabetical Puzzle: King Philip. No. 89.—Numerical Enigma: Birmingham. No. 90.—Card Pancake: No answer required. No. 91.—Two Easy Diamonds: L I N C O L N T A R I L L A C C A N A L N A B R A T C L

No. 92.—Double Acrostic.

L a t t i n i s m I n c o g n i t o T u b e T r e a t L e o b o R e a i m O r i f i e C l e a r K u a v e r y

No. 93.—Hidden Proverbs: 1. "A burnt child dreads the fire." 2. "A stitch in time saves nine."

No. 94.—Crossword: Hastings. No. 95.—Geographical Anagrams: 1. Autwerp. 2. Acte. No. 96.—A Character: Kind red. No. 97.—Transposition: Pier, ripe, pert. No. 98.—Concealed Bible Children: 1. Moses. 2. Rhoda. 3. Joseph. 4. Gad. No. 99.—Decapitations: D'raft, C' aut, B' race, A' back, A' base.

POPULAR PROPER NAMES.

Mrs. Newman of London is said to be the only woman jeweler of importance in the world. Alma-Tadema is said to ask more conundrums and to tell more funny stories than any other diner-out in London.

Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court is in charge of the bible class in the First Congregational church of Washington. Paderewski is traveling for pleasure through Italy in remote places, far from the enticement of pianos. He will return to America next November.

Of the twelve bridesmaids at Queen Victoria's wedding only three survive—the dowager duchess of Bedford, the duchess of Cleveland and Lady Jane Ellice.

Edison has perfected and taken perfect plates with his kinoscope, an instrument by which a series of pictures can be rapidly taken of a person or object in motion in what is practically a single picture.

The empress of Austria, who has a castle at Corfu, is said to have added a codicil to her will to the effect that she is to be buried on the island, quite near the shore, so that the waves may continually beat over her tomb.

Mrs. Yang Yu, wife of the Chinese minister to Washington, continues to progress. Not long ago she astonished the capital world by appearing at a state dinner. Now she pays calls with the minister in his stylish brougham.

A Philadelphia paper credits ex-Senator Edmunds with regarding Philadelphia as the most patriotic and American of American cities, and with saying that it does his soul good just to walk around Independence hall and get a glimpse of the old Liberty bell.

The chateau which Dumas built near Saint Germaine and called Monté Cristo, after the book that furnished him with most of the cash wherewith to erect it, is again in the market. It is an architectural toy of which the novelist eventually grew tired, and during the past twenty years it has had many occupants.

Among the numerous talismans which the shah of Persia carries with him on his travels is a circle of amber which fell from heaven in Mahomet's time and renders the wearer invulnerable, a casket of gold which makes him invisible at will, and a star which is potent to make conspirators instantly confess their crimes.

A denial is made on the authority of Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop that Nathaniel Hawthorne was engaged to be married to the late Elizabeth Peabody before meeting her sister Sophia, whom he afterward married. Her aunt, however, Mrs. Lathrop says, took a warm interest in the young writer, and tried with matronly kindness to bring him into more active intercourse with people.

Senator Perkins of California was a sailor before the mast at the age of sixteen, and a few years later he was a porter in the general store of which he afterwards became proprietor. He accomplished this rise in life by rare self-denial. Receiving a salary of \$60 per month, he saved \$50 a month by doing his own cooking, making his own clothing and living in a way that a fastidious tramp would have scorned.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

The discontented woman finds no easy-chair. Working girls are said to earn better wages in San Francisco than any other American city.

The legislature of Alabama has voted to admit girls to the state university, but not one has yet applied.

This inscription appears in a Wisconsin cemetery, over the grave of a woman, written by her husband: "Tears cannot restore thee, therefore I weep."

In Dutch Guiana the women carry upon their persons all the family savings in the shape of heavy bracelets, anklets, necklaces and even crowns of gold and silver.

She—I don't know what I should do if I thought you were marrying me for my money. He—Then, darling, don't think of it. I'm sure it will be ever so much pleasanter for us both if you don't.

The versatility of mind and the ease of manners which a free and social life develops in American women appear in strong contrast with the results of the more formal education which is often seen in Europe.

"Oh, sir, please, I have swallowed a pin!" exclaimed a servant girl, running into her master's surgery. "Never mind, Mary," he replied, deep in study—"never mind; here's another"—drawing one from his pin-cushion.

Children should be trained to eat slowly, no matter how hungry or what important business is pressing. Much safer a little food well ground than a hearty meal swallowed in haste. Cold food is even more difficult to digest than hot, if taken too rapidly.

The number of women writers, editors and journalists in the United Kingdom is very much smaller than one might expect—only 650, as against 511 men. There are fourteen women journalists between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, and twenty above sixty-five.

In one of the best-known gymnasiums for women in this country the resident physician said in a recent interview: "Dust is almost as much out of place here as it would be in the dissecting room. I am eagle-eyed for its appearance, and I am proud to say that the furniture is hand-dusted—that is, with a cloth. To the best of my knowledge and belief a feather duster has never found admission here."

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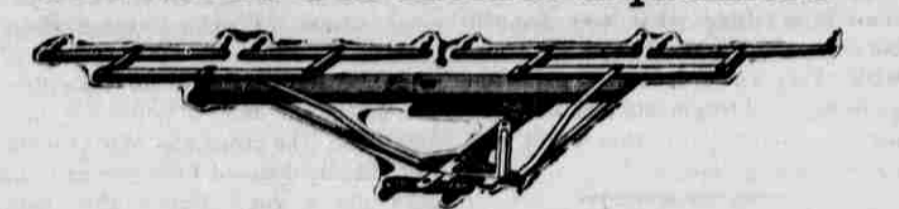
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