

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Text of the Lesson, Gen. xviii, 10-22. Memory Verses, 12-14—Golden Text, Gen. xviii, 15—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

10. "And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba and went toward Haran." Since the last lesson Isaac has been to the Philistines, and being forbidden to go to Egypt he sojourns at Gerar, where he fell into his father-in-law's hands.

11. "And he lighted upon a certain place and tarried there all night, because the sun was set, and he took of the stones of that place and put them for his pillows and lay down in that place to sleep." If we consider Jacob from this on apart from his nature and conduct as a sinful man, there are several things in his history suggestive of facts in the history of the Lord Jesus.

12. "And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." By comparing John 1, 51, the ladder is suggestive of the Son of Man, who becoming man reached down to where we were, and being God reached up to heaven.

13. "And he beheld the Lord stood above it and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham, thy father and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed."

14. "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in thee and in thy good shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Abram was promised a seed as numerous as the dust of the earth and as the stars of heaven.

15. "And behold I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest and will bring thee again into this land, for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." Here is a fourth behold and associated with what seems to me the most comprehensive assurance in the Bible.

16. "And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." His partnership with his mother in the deceit practiced upon Isaac would not tend to fellowship with God, but to be alone and away from home sometimes causes deep thought, and it is possible that ere Jacob awoke he had turned to God with true penitence and confession, and that this vision was the answer to his prayers.

17. "And he was afraid and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Ever since Adam sinned and said, "I was afraid" (Gen. iii, 10), sin has made man afraid at the presence of the Lord. And yet God is love and loved us when we were dead in sin, and Christ died for sinners. We cannot have peace in the presence of God apart from the forgiveness of sins, but this also has been provided in Jesus Christ (Acts xiii, 38, 39; Eph. i, 6, 7).

18. "And Jacob rose up early in the morning and took the stone that he had put for his pillows and set it up for a pillar and poured oil upon the top of it." A sense of the presence of the Lord is now upon him, and he is awed and subdued and grateful. It should be always so with the believer, with joy added—joy in the Lord and the joy of the Lord, serving the Lord with gladness. The stone that was prostrate, but now upright and anointed, may stand for Jacob himself.

19. "And he called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of that city was called Luz at the first." Near this place was one of Abram's first tenting places in Canaan (chapter xii, 8), and later God appeared to Jacob as "the God of Bethel" (chapter xxxi, 13). But Jacob died when he was set up one of his golden calves (I Kings iii, 29). Every spot in our pilgrimage may be to us a Bethel if we will not delude it by any idol.

20. "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God." In view of the most gracious and unconditional assurances of verse 15, it is surely too bad to hear Jacob come in with his great big "If," and yet how many of us leave out all the "ifs," and when God says a thing boldly declare, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me," or gratefully say, "Be it unto me according to thy word" (Acts xxvii, 25; Luke i, 28).

HOW TO WASH TABLE LINEN.

Care Should Be Used in Washing White, Colored, Embroidered and Damask. Be sure that your linen goes into no vessel that is not clean and freshly rinsed. See that it is put to boil inside a bag of clean cheese cloth.

Use a mild white soap, or the Brown Windsor that comes in long bars. Make a strong lather, only letting the soap touch the fabric at some obstinate grease spot. Tea cloths or others with delicate colors wash brighter if a handful of salt is added to the first suds, which should be barely lukewarm. The second may be hotter. Wash quickly through both. Fold smoothly for the wringer, then pop into your bag and set to boil in cold water for 10 minutes.

Rinse first in hot, then in lukewarm water. Have your bluing water cold and free from specks of color. Dip your linen in very thin starch containing a suspicion of bluing, and hang, if possible, in the sun. See that the line is clean. Take pains to hang each piece square, as if dried awry it will be very hard to make it even again. Let everything dry thoroughly and do not dampen or fold until a little before ironing time.

After a cloth is properly wet pull the diagonal corners as hard as possible and fold with a lengthwise crease through the middle. Roll smooth and tight and let it lie for 20 minutes. For rich damask or embroidered cloths put an extra blanket on the ironing table under its muslin cover. Lay the embroidered part smoothly over it, right side down and press with a heavy iron just below scorching heat.

When almost dry and very smooth, turn and iron on the right side, using very light irons on the embroidery and heavy ones on the plain round. Stretch the fabric well with the hands before pressing embroidery.

When the right side is properly done, fold it lengthwise along the middle, then begin at one end and lay about six inches lightly over; do not fold it down but roll until all the length is coiled. Go over the cloth twice or thrice with a hot iron, changing irons frequently. Iron till the pattern shows plain on a glossy white surface. If not thoroughly dry when ironed, hang upon the horse for an hour or two, then fold or roll to such compass as required for the closet.

How to Wring Out Hot Wet Flannels. Put them inside a towel and hold the ends in the hand while wringing. A square bag with a stick run through each end and an opening in the middle of one side is better. Drop the dripping cloth into the bag, then use the stick to turn it by.

How to Care For a Refrigerator. Place your refrigerator in a cool spot, but one having light and air. Once a week remove everything from it, and take out all shelves or movable parts. Wash these well in hot soapuds, rinse freely in boiling water. Put them in the sun or before the range to dry. Wash in the same way the rack on which the ice sets, but use greater care, as this is generally corrugated or grooved, and secretions of dirt may be overlooked. Wash the inside of the entire refrigerator with suds and boiling water, being careful to wipe all perfectly dry. Use a flexible wire for running down the tube where the refuse water runs off.

How to Make Paint Shine Without Varnish. Paint mixed with a liquid compound of one gallon of linseed oil, two ounces each of burnt umber and black lead, and a quarter of a pound of litharge, boiled together, will dry quickly, with a hard finish and a glasslike varnish.

How the Odor of Food May Be Removed From Cooking Vessels. Sometimes the most careful washing will not wholly remove the flavor or odor of food from the utensil in which it was cooked. This is frequently the case with fish, onions, cabbage, etc., but there is a remedy which, though a little trouble, is well worth trying.

After any of these articles have been cooked, wash the utensil carefully with soap and water. Nearly fill it with cold water, and for each quart of water add about a tablespoonful of dissolved washing soda. Place on the fire and let the water get boiling hot. Now turn this water into the sink. Rinse the utensil with clean warm water, and on wiping it dry it will be found perfectly sweet.

How to Prevent Cold Feet. Do not wear the same stockings on two successive days, but keep two pairs going alternately, hanging each to dry and air when not in use. Every night bathe the feet in tepid water and rub hard with a coarse towel.

How to Make Virginia Egg-nog. To make a gallon of egg-nog take one dozen eggs; separate the whites and the yolks very carefully. Beat each until it becomes as light as practicable. Add a pound of pulverized white sugar to the yolks and mix. Then add a quart of cognac brandy and half pint of Jamaica rum, pouring them in a small stream while stirring actively. Add half a gallon of rich milk. Then add not less than three-fourths of the bulk of the whites. The remainder of the whites should be put upon the surface merely as an ornament. A large portion of the white of the eggs should always be mixed to render it light and wholesome.

THE PUZZLER.

No. 42.—Arithmetical Question. In stocking the fishpond I have just made and filled with water, I put in six times as many roach as carp, and the carp were a third as many as the roach. Now, the tench were fewer than the bream by two and were just half as many as the roach. I counted the fish as they were put in and found them 197. How many of each sort were there?

No. 43.—Enigma. The first and the chiefest in riches I'm seen, Although I in poverty alights have been, And although I'm in rags I am yet on a throne, And without me a monarch could ne'er own a crown.

No. 44.—Buried Trees and Plants. 1. Do you prefer nuts or oranges? 2. Did you ever see a bee chasing a butterfly? 3. If you put out the lamp, you will find the whole place dark as midnight. 4. I hope you found Miriam a pleasant companion. 5. Which do you prefer, Levy or Tacitus? 6. Did Norah eat her dinner yesterday?

No. 45.—A Heartless Change. Remove the heart from a very useful and (usually) kind animal, transpose the remains, and you will find the result on his foot. Transpose again, and you will find something on your own foot. Transpose again, and you will find articles used on the farm.

No. 46.—Metagrams. 1. I am a dignitary of the church; change my head, and I become a vegetable; again, and I am unjust; again, and I am not fat; again, and I am a girl's name. 2. I am a domestic animal; change my head, and I am something seen in most doorways; again, and I am an article used for cricket; again, and I am a species of vermin; again, and I devour.

No. 47.—Lost Birds and Packed Fruits. H L W L W S L E M A Y D E O N L A D G N O L T A R O I L O N E A R I V E C B A E W V P P E M O P W K R G K I E L G R E T R E N L E T A C H A N A In the first square by the king's move in checkers—that is, by spelling from one letter to the next in any direction—find the names of at least 10 well known birds. In the second square by the king's move find the names of 10 kinds of fruit.



—American Bee Journal.

No. 49.—Hourglass. Crosswords: 1. Bestows liberally. 2. To pain acutely. 3. A beverage. 4. In hourglass. 5. An animal. 6. One who scatters seeds. 7. Pursuing. My centenas, reading downward, spell what often may be found by the waterside.

No. 50.—Decapitation. My whole represents cost, behind me, and I come from the "West Indies;" again, I am what boys and girls love.

No. 51.—Progressive Enigma. 1, 2, 3, 4, "to allure by some bait." 2, 3, 4, the first name of a celebrated performer on the violin. 4, 5, 6, "an epoch." 5, 6, 7, a rodent. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, "proportion." 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, "a fixed daily allowance assigned to a soldier in the army or to a sailor in the navy." 9, 10, a proposition. The whole is a word frequently used and signifies "liberty of worship."

No. 52.—Concealed Shakespearean Names. 1. Alice, being shy, looked herself in her room. 2. At Southport I arrived, feeling very ill. 3. We will have ham, lettuce and radishes. 4. Shall we get out here, or land over on the other side of the river? 5. This parcel I advise you not to carry. It is extremely heavy. 6. It was her own garden, she said. 7. I won't be a trice in fetching it. 8. Those pansies ought to prosper on such good soil. 9. I am going to Rome on Wednesday week.

A Y's Farmer. There is a farmer who is Y's Enough to take his Y's And study nature with his Y's And think of what he C's. He hears the chatter of the J's As they each other T's, And Z's that when a tree D K's It makes a home for B's. A pair of oxen he will U's With many haws and Q's, And their mistakes he will X Q's When plowing for his P's. In raising crops he all X L's, And therefore little O's, And when he loses his soil by spells He also soils his loins.

Key to the Puzzler. No. 35.—Transpositions: Nears, nars, ears, snars, Anser. No. 36.—Word Rebus: Selling-ground-sel. No. 37.—Enigma: Leves. No. 38.—A Diamond: N J A Y P O P E R C O L O N E L M A Y F L O W E R O S C E O L A B B O W S J N O S

No. 39.—Hidden Fishes: 1. Opah. 2. Paroh. 3. Boos. 4. Skate. 5. Bonito. 6. Sole. 7. Shad. 8. Angler. 9. Bartel. 10. Carp.

No. 40.—Reversal: Lot, tool. No. 41.—Satisfactions: 1. Missed, mist. 2. Meet, meat. 3. Stars, stair. 4. Steel, steel. 5. Wade, weighed. 6. Right, write, wright.

VASQUEZ WILL BE SHOT.

Decree of Death Issued Against the Fugitive Honduran President. LA LIBERTAD, SALVADOR, VIA GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 27.—Orders have been sent by General Policarpo Bonilla, who is now supreme in Honduras, to all his forces and to all officials of the overthrown government, to pursue the conquered President Vasquez. His escape seems almost impossible, and Bonilla has promised to have him shot to death.

M'KANE GOES TO PRISON. The Gravesend Boss Must Serve the State for a Time at Least. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Judge Cullen denied the application of John Y. McKane for a certificate of reasonable doubt. This vacates the stay of execution and McKane, pending an appeal to the general term, must go to Sing Sing.

His Bride Taken Away. CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Oliver E. Dwight, who was married in Kenosha, Wis., yesterday to Miss Mabel Blood of this city, swore out warrants for abduction to-day against Dr. William Culbertson, William B. Bass and Arthur Clauson, who, he claims, took his bride away from him. The bride's parents objected to the marriage, and last night, Dwight says, the three men called at his house, claiming to have a warrant for the arrest of his wife and took her back to her parents.

To Act on the Pacific Roads Debit. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Representative Reilly of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on Pacific railroads, will call a meeting of the committee Thursday to take up the problem of the Union Pacific indebtedness to the government. For a month past he and Senator Brice, chairman of the senate committee, have held frequent consultations upon Pacific affairs.

Blue and Funston Agree. FORT SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the leading Republicans in this city, Saturday night, Colonel Dick Blue formally withdrew from the race for the congressional nomination in this district with the distinct understanding that Funston and all of his strength should support him for the nomination for congressman-at-large.

LOCAL RAILROAD TIME TABLES. STANDARD CENTRAL TIME. Arrival and departure of trains carrying passengers at Lincoln, Neb. Trains marked \* Daily; † Daily except Sunday; ‡ Daily except Monday; § Daily except Saturday; ¶ Sundays only; †† Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only; ††† Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

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