

NATURE STUDIES.



The Phunniebird—Hello, who are you? The Other Bird—Don't you know me? Why, I'm "The harp that once through Tara's Halls."

The Marital Grasshopper. What is a grasshopper? The latest definition comes from western Australia. Domestic servants are almost unprocurable there, and wives have to do nearly all their own household work.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness.

The Earth and the Moon. That the earth must shine on the moon even as the moon shines on the earth is obvious. To detect this light from the earth on the lunar surface scientifically prove its existence is another matter.

No Romance About It. The stricken man constantly moaned the name of the young woman who had jilted him.

"Tell her," he said to the medical man, "that her cruelty killed me. Tell her I am dying from a broken heart."

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day.

Nobleman, Probably. How well—I see that the helress has put her money into the lumber business.

Powell—That so? Howell—Yes, she has married a wooden man.

Criticism should never exasperate us; on the contrary, it should benefit us, and even occasionally amuse us.—Max O'Rell.

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The Philippian Jailer

Sunday School Lesson for July 11, 1909. Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 16:16-40. Memory Verses, 29-31.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:31.

TIME.—About A. D. 50, 51. The same period as our last lesson.

PLACE.—At Philippi in Macedonia.

Suggestion and Practical Thought.

I. The Story of the Frenzied Girl. Her Mental and Physical Trouble. Paul's Faith. Her Deliverance.—Vs. 16-18. The missionaries frequently went from Lydia's house within the city to the place of prayer beyond the walls by the river side. On several occasions they met in the streets "a . . . damsel possessed with a spirit of divination."

"Cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God," etc. She seems to have been impelled to tell the truth, as some demons were in Christ's time.

"But Paul, being grieved said to the spirit" as distinct from its victim. "To come out of her," and go away from her, not to return. "And he came out the same hour."

II. The Missionaries Thrust Into Prison; Their Faith; Their Deliverance.—Vs. 19-26. The masters, having lost their source of gain, like the makers of silver shrines in Ephesus, stirred up a mob in the city and dragged Paul and Silas before the magistrates.

The clothes of Paul and Silas were torn off and the men were "tied up to the triangles, and beaten with the flogging sticks" upon the naked body (see 2 Cor. 11: 25; 1 Thes. 2: 2), till their backs were torn by the merciless blows. Why did they not escape by means of their Roman citizenship, as they did the next morning? Probably the clamor of the mob gave them no opportunity to be heard, and if they protested, their protests would be disregarded by the excited people. Then, all mangled and bleeding as they were, they were thrust into the inner prison and their feet placed in the stocks.

Songs in the Night.—25. "Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises." "And the prisoners heard them." This was the beginning of the furtherance of the gospel through the suffering of the missionaries.

26. "And suddenly there was a great earthquake." This was the Lord's answer to prayer, whether it came by miracle, or was timed by special providence. "All the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." Either by the action of the earthquake, or by the same supernatural power which produced the earthquake.

III. The Conversion of the Jailer, Deliverance from Sin and Death. Through the Faith of the Jailer.—Vs. 27-34. "The keeper . . . would have killed himself" because by Roman law he was responsible for the safety of the prisoners, and he would avoid by suicide the disgrace of an execution.

28. "Paul cried . . . we are all here." Thus saving the jailer's life, for there was no longer a reason for his committing suicide.

29. "Called for a light." The Greek is plural, lights, torches or lamps. "Fell down before Paul and Silas."

30. "Brought them out." of the inner prison, into the open court, or into his own house. What was the jailer's motive in asking, "What must I do to be saved?" The motive was a consciousness of sin, of danger, of need, and of the goodness produced in Paul and Silas by their religion.

31. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Saved from sin, from its punishment, and to holiness and heaven. "And thy house." By leading his family to the same faith.

IV. The Missionaries Released and Sent on Their Way.—Vs. 35-40. The next morning the magistrate, learning what had taken place, sent officers to quietly release Paul and Silas, as the easiest way to save trouble. But Paul knew a better way, and stood upon his rights, quite as much for the good of the young church as for himself. "They have beaten us openly, uncondemned," without trial, and legal decision that they were guilty according to Roman law. "Being Romans," and exempt from stripes and torture. "Let them come themselves and fetch us out."

33. "They feared, when they heard," etc. The crime was regarded as treason, and those who committed it were liable to degradation from office, confiscation of property, and perhaps death. As the result, the magistrates apologized, and requested them to leave the city, which they did with dignity, and for the peace and good of the infant Philippian church.

Had they remained, there might arise useless opposition; while by leaving Luke with the church (as we learn from the change of pronouns "we" to "they"), there was a peaceful but large growth of the Christian community. From a comparison with what follows it appears that Timothy went with Paul and Silas.

"Two words of Jesus in this lesson can mean everything to every one of us." Follow Me. What will your answer be to-day? He calls you now. Will you follow him trustfully into danger, into safety, into glorious service?

STATUE TO GEN. JOHN MORGAN

Design of One to Be Erected at Lexington by Kentucky Daughters of the Confederacy.

Lexington, Ky.—An equestrian statue of Gen. John Hunt Morgan will be erected in front of the Fayette county court house in this city, permission for which was granted by the fiscal court of the county several days ago. The statue was accepted by the committee from the Kentucky division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here recently after a half-day meeting in which several members of the committee, notably Mrs.



Equestrian Statue of Gen. John H. Morgan.

James L. Arnold of Covington, Mrs. James H. Mulligan of Lexington and Mrs. John I. Woodbury of Louisville fought hard to prevent its acceptance.

The objections of these members were based on a statement made to the committee by Gen. Basil Duke of Louisville, who contended that the figure of the man was wholly unlike Gen. Morgan in life, as it made him appear too weak chested and more like a consumptive, while as a matter of fact, Gen. Morgan stood six feet in his stockings, was a man of large build, with broad shoulders and a massive chest.

Local and visiting horsemen who spent much time at the studio during the past few weeks, pronounced the model of the horse the most perfect they had ever seen. The Daughters of the Confederacy are now engaged in raising \$15,000 to pay for the work, which is expected to be cast in bronze and placed in position some time in the coming fall.

APPOINTED TO HAWAIIAN POST

George W. Woodruff Named for District Judgeship by President, But May Be Transferred.

Washington.—George W. Woodruff has been named by President Taft to be United States district judge for Hawaii, but some objection having arisen the appointment is being reconsidered and may be withdrawn. Mr. Woodruff was a noted football player at the University of Pennsylvania, and his strenuousness in athletics recommended him to President Roosevelt so greatly that he was appointed to a position in the bureau of forestry, and later became assistant attorney general for the interior department.

When the department of justice was reorganized President Taft appointed some one to take Mr. Woodruff's place. But Mr. Woodruff's friends brought pressure to bear, and the president named him to the judicial position in Hawaii. The appointment



George W. Woodruff.

met with strong opposition on the ground that Mr. Woodruff had not had sufficient judicial experience to fit him for the place. The fact that many of Mr. Woodruff's rulings in the interior department had been overruled by the courts was quoted, and the president suspended action for the time, and it is thought, may transfer Mr. Woodruff to some other position or withdraw his name entirely.

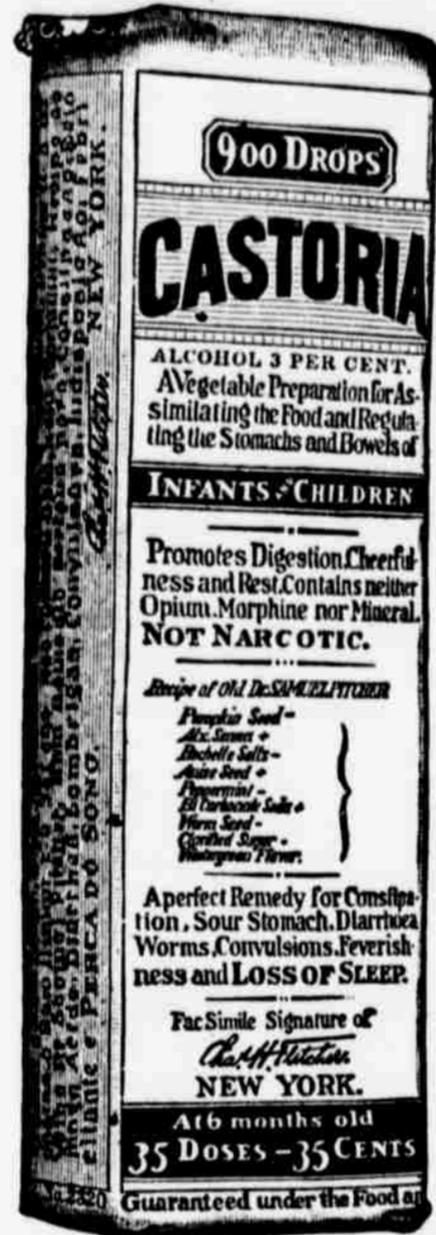
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It has recently been discovered that the leaves of the fern plant, which grows almost anywhere, is an excellent preservative for packing articles of food, fruit and even meat. It is said that on the Isle of Man fresh herrings are packed in ferns and arrive on the market in as fresh a condition as when they were shipped. A number of experiments have demonstrated that potatoes packed in ferns keep many months longer than those packed in straw. In fact, potatoes packed in fern leaves are as fresh in the springtime as when they were first dug in the fall.

Save the Babies.

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Like an Hour Glass. Nelle—Is that fellow of yours ever going to get up the courage to propose? Belle—I guess not—he's like an hour glass.

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