

WITH THE CHILDREN.

[MARTHA PIERCE.]

The lesson in geography was concerning geysers. The teacher had been discoursing upon the temperature of the interior of the earth, with satisfying effect. The class listened attentively. In the midst of the first pause a little colored boy, whose large round eyes seemed fairly popping from his small, solemn face, inquired in an awestruck tone:

"Miss Smith, do the devil make it hot?"

Evidently he was in possession of some unfortunate knowledge, probably imparted by some conscientious elder concerning the regions the devil is supposed to inhabit, and he made lightening connections.

Teachers often run up against the religious ideas of children, and are often at a loss to account for them.

A teacher who believes in thorough developing an idea before it is defined, thought to add to the interest which attaches itself to Thanksgiving day, by a talk concerning it. She began:

"I am thinking of a certain day, and I wonder if you can tell its name. It is a most interesting day. There will be a great bustle of preparation for it. Everyone will wake in the morning and say to himself. This is the day.

"There will be a great home coming," she concluded. "From far and near the aunts and uncles and cousins, brothers and sisters and friends will meet together once more. Can anyone guess?" said the teacher blithely, and the little girl whose hand was selected from the forest of wildly gesticulating little hands stood up and said solemnly, "It will be the Day of Judgment."

One would think the teacher must have emphasized the woes which sometimes follow indulgence. Perhaps the Day of Judgment had not yet come to include pain in this child's mind as it had in the consciousness of a little girl who came in one noon, crying bitterly. The teacher led her in the hall. "What is the matter Mabel?" she asked. "Where are you hurt?" But Mabel continued to cry aloud and would not be comforted.

"Mabel," said the teacher firmly, "you must tell me at once what is the matter, then, perhaps, I can help you."

Thus adjured Mabel sobbed out the truth. "A big boy told me the world was coming to an end this afternoon." The teacher did not laugh. Perhaps because she remembered a day in her own childhood when she had gone about all one long day with an awful fear, clutching at her heart, and watched the changing clouds with the fascinations of terror. How she had put her earthly affairs in order, and gone out in the wood shed and repented bitterly of her sins, and obeyed her mother all day with a meekness, which much astonished that good woman. She had forgotten the foolish talk of yesterday to which the child had listened with the earnest ear childhood often turns to our frivolity. And nobody in the world except the child knew with what dread she watched the flaming splendors of the sunset, or with what immense relief she saw them fade and die, realizing that the awful day was over and "it" had not come true. "It is a good experience to remember," thought the teacher, "but it was horrible to live," as she comforted the little girl who was so terrified at the thought that the heavens might at any moment begin to roll up like a scroll, while she was ten blocks from her mother. Later the wrath of that teacher descended upon the head of the big boy who put such stuff into the child's head. The cruelty of the big little boy is another subject worthy of study. A cruelty that does not always expend itself upon dogs and cats, but seems to find the little girl's mind

the most profitable subject for its experiments. He rarely really puts sand burrs down the neck of the girl selected for torture or breaks her favorite doll or drops it into the mud, but he makes her think he will, which amounts to the same thing except that it is longer drawn out and a more nerve wrenching pain.

The other day a teacher's attention was attracted by a commotion at the other side of the room. She turned to behold a boy with an exaggerated expression of innocence spread upon his countenance, bending over his book with a rare studiousness. Across the aisle a little girl, a nervous, emotional child, was waving her hand above a grief distorted countenance. "Jim's got my ring," she asserted vehemently. "He picked it up off the floor and put it in his pocket."

James looked up with an air of injured innocence, fished the article out of his pocket and handed it to the teacher.

"I didn't know it was hers, he said with the greatest suavity. I found it on the floor and was goin' to give it to you."

The teacher handed back the property with a sigh. It was a small brass curtain ring.

And glancing that way a moment later she saw the studious Jim exchanging a rapturous grin with the boy on the other side of him, a grin which melted into an indescribable expression of the extreme respect as Jim's eye met hers.

Boys sometimes fight for an ideal, whether tradition bears me out in the statement or not.

"Roy and Raymond was a fightin'," announced a small gossip.

The teacher looked at them with a shocked expression, which she had often used with great effect.

"Well, he said they aint no Santa Claus," cried Roy excitedly, "and I hit 'im, I did."

The spirit of gossip is as rampant in these small communities as in grown up circles.

A five year old came in with an excited face and rushed up to the teacher's desk.

"There's a woman died," he said, "I saw the purse (hearse) come and get her. She lives right across the street," he added seriously. In the same school a little maid showed her teacher some pretty zephyr.

"I'm going to make my doll a vacinator," she said with satisfaction.

Children sometimes are as loath as we are to own the real motive for an act. Not long ago a child of four, who has been teased a great deal by his big brother because he has his bed in his mother's room, was persuaded to sleep in another room one night. But before morning he came crying to his mother's door. In the morning the big brother began: "I hear you couldn't sleep away from your mamma."

"No sir," said the little fellow stoutly, "that wasn't the reason I came back."

"Oh, it wasn't. What was the reason then?"

"The ceiling in that other room isn't the right shape," said Four Years gravely.

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Second Burglar—We're all right. I read in the papers this morning that the detectives were following up a clue.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska. Sadie L. Walker, Plaintiff, vs. Jeremiah D. Walker, Defendant. To Jeremiah D. Walker: You are hereby notified that on the 19th day of January, 1899, Sadie L. Walker filed a petition against you in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you and to be given the custody of her minor children, namely, Catherine Walker, Luey Walker and Joseph B. Walker, on the grounds that you have wilfully abandoned the plaintiff without cause for the term of two years past. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of March, 1899. SADIE L. WALKER. By D. J. FLAHERTY, her attorney.

[First Publication, Jan. 13.] 5 MASTER'S SALE.

Docket T, No. 28. In the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Nebraska.

Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, complainant vs. Bertha E. Finney, et al defendants.—In Chancery. FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of a decree entered in the above cause on the Thirtieth day of December 1897, I, Samuel S. Curtis, Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Nebraska, will, on the thirtieth day of February 1899, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the East door of the County Court House building, in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, State and District of Nebraska, sell at auction, for cash, the following-described property to wit:

Lot number twelve (12) in Block number Thirty-four (34) in the City of Lincoln, in the County of Lancaster and State of Nebraska.

SAMUEL S. CURTIS, Master in Chancery. SAMUEL J. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainant.

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SPECIAL MASTER'S COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster County, in an action wherein Charles White, et al, are plaintiffs, and Tillie May, et al, defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th day of February, A. D., 1899, at the east door of the court house, in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described lands and tenements, to-wit:

The north half of the northwest quarter of section eight (8), township nine (9), range seven (7), east of the sixth P. M., except five (5) acres thereof conveyed to F. W. Little, as appears of record in the office of the register of deeds, also the south half of the northwest quarter of section five (5), in township nine (9), north of range seven (7), east of the sixth P. M., except the south half of the southeast quarter of the said northwest quarter of said section five (5). Also the south half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section five (5), township nine (9), range seven (7), east of the sixth P. M., and a portion of the southwest quarter (s. w. ¼), of section five (5), township nine (9), north range seven (7), east of the sixth P. M., in Lancaster County, Nebraska, described as beginning at a point ninety (90) rods west of the center of said section five (5), running thence south to the south line of said section, thence west along the south line of said section seventy (70) rods to the west line of said section, thence north along the west line of said section to the north line of said southwest quarter (s. w. ¼), thence east along the north line of said quarter seventy (70) rods to the place of beginning, being that portion of said quarter section remaining after the release from a mortgage thereon of two strips aggregating ninety (90) rods in width off the east side thereof, all of said described lands and tenements being in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, A. D., 1899.

JOHN J. TROMPEN, Special Master Commissioner.

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In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

NOTICE TO NON RESIDENTS.

H. P. Lau Co., incorporated, plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Burlingame, Hattie Clide, Edward Clide, et al, defendants. The above named defendants will take notice that on the 12th day of December, 1898, H. P. Lau Co., plaintiff herein, filed a petition in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, against said defendants, the

object and purpose of which are to foreclose certain tax liens for sum of \$88.00 and a certain mortgage executed by Elizabeth Burlingame and Sherman, Albert H., Frank, Edna and Walter Burlingame to H and P Lau, upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The east half of the southeast quarter of section six, township eight, north range five east, in Lancaster County, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, dated October 14th, 1895, for the sum of \$403.48, due and payable in two years from date thereof; that there is now due and payable upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$554.00 with interest from this date at rate of ten per cent. Plaintiff prays for a decree that defendant be required to pay the same, or that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount due, and for general relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of March, 1899.

H. P. LAU Co., Plaintiff, By WILLARD E. STEWART, Its Attorney.

Dated this 3d day of February, 1899.

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In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

In the matter of the estate of John C. Ricketts, deceased.

This cause came on for hearing upon the petition of Andrew D. Ricketts, executor of the estate of John C. Ricketts, deceased, praying for license to sell the following described property belonging to said estate: All of blocks one, 1, two, 2, three, 3, four, 4, five, 5, nine, 9, and ten, 10; lots one, 1, to four, 4, inclusive, thirteen, 13, and fourteen, 14, nineteen, 19, to twenty-four, 24, inclusive, and twenty-five, 25, to forty-two, 42, inclusive, all in block six, 6; lots one, 1, to twenty-nine, 29, inclusive, thirty-four, 34, to forty-three, 43, inclusive, all in block seven, 7, lots one 1 to twenty-four 24, inclusive, thirty-three, 33, to thirty-seven, 37, inclusive, and forty-two, 42, to forty-four, 44, inclusive, all in block eight, 8; all of said property being in Highland Park, an addition to the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, as shown by the recorded plat of said addition. Also lots "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," "H," "I," "J," "K," "L," "M," "N," "O," "P," and "Q," comprising eighty acres of land described as the southwest quarter, s. w. ¼, of the southwest quarter, s. w. ¼, of section twenty-seven, 27, town ten, 10, range six, 6, and the southeast quarter, s. e. ¼, of the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, 28, town ten, 10, range six, 6, all in Lancaster County, Nebraska, which subdivision is known as Cochrane Place; or a sufficient amount of the same to bring the sum of \$4,000 for the payment of debts allowed against said estate and the costs of administration, there not being sufficient personal property to pay said debts and expenses.

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at the equity court room on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., to show cause why a license should not be granted to said executor to sell so much of the above described real estate of said deceased as shall be necessary to pay said debts and expenses, and that this order be published in the Courier for four successive weeks.

Dated this 1st day of February, A. D., 1899.

LINCOLN FROST, Judge of the District Court.

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