

hen remove and clean the
the birds will stand this feeding
two or three weeks with good apper-
tes.

Even if labor is scarce an effort
ould be made to have at least a
ew flowers and flowering shrubs on
he farm lawn. Beauty has a value
hat cannot be measured in dollars.

The school-directed home garden is
he most economic form of gardening
or small cities, towns and the sub-
urban districts of large cities. The
child's garden becomes a centre of
interest of the whole family. The food
s produced at the home, where it is
ised and the home is beautified. As
he garden ties the child's interest to
he home, the visits of inspection and
nstruction of the garden teachers tie
he home to the school. In the con-
ested sections of large cities, home
ardens are not always possible and
he community school grounds or
vacant lot plot must be substituted.
his form of school garden usually
quires a greater financial cost in
roportion to the value of the crop but
is still justified from the standpoint of
ducation.—Nature Study Review.

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The Spear and the Cruse of Water.
From the other side of a valley, at a
safe distance, David roused the sleep-
ing camp by his shouts. In the dark-
ness Abner could not see who was
calling, but Saul recognized David's
voice. David takes a keen delight and
a bloodless revenge in taunting Abner
for his neglect of watchfulness. "What
a man art thou!" he said. "Who is
like thee in Israel? Why hast thou
not kept thy lord the king? You and
your men deserve to die for your care-
lessness."

My Son David. Once more, and for
the last time, the king's better nature
is aroused. He can not but see that
his life has been in David's hands and
yet he has been spared. Surely David's
accusers have lied to him and his own
ears have been groundless. His old
affection for the fresh-faced boy,
whose music had charmed away his
fits of moody depression, revived.
David seizes the opportunity to plead
his cause, and confound his enemies
who have persistently stirred up the
king against him. If the king's anger
is from the Lord, will the Lord not
accept an offering, but if it be from
men who tell lies, may those men be
scourged.

18-25. Go, Serve Other Gods. David
interprets his outlawry as banishment
from the country of Jehovah. Of
course he did not serve other gods,
he remained true to Jehovah, the God
of his own people. But that is the
way his banishment would be com-
monly understood in those days, when
most men thought of the god they
served as confined to one country and
to the sovereignty of one people. It
took a long time to learn that Je-
hovah was true Lord of all countries
and nations. David begs that he may
not die outside Jehovah's own land
of Israel, away from the home and
the graves of his ancestors.

Instead of to seek a flea the ancient
Greek version has "to seek my life,"
which is likely to be the correct read-
ing (v. 20; compare 24: 14).

I Have Sinned. David's forbearance
and magnanimity wrought what no
act of violence could have done. It
brought real repentance to Saul's
heart and an honest confession to his
lips. That is the noblest kind of re-
venge—revenge that wins, and heals,
and saves.