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'Ladies' Journal' Bible Competition. No. 9.

During the year ending with September last, the proprietor of the LADIES' JOURNAL has given a very large and valuable lot of rewards to his subscribers, aggregating an immense amount of money. We are sure that the Pianos, Organs, Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Books, etc., etc., have given great satisfaction. A good deal of excitement has been caused by the advent of some of these costly prizes into the towns and villages of Canada and the United States. They have been sent to all parts almost, of the two countries, quite a number even going to England, and other distant places. Full lists of the winners are always published in the LADIES' JOURNAL immediately at the close of each competition, names of winners are given in full, together with the street and number, where possible, so inquiry can readily be made by those who are doubtful. There can be, therefore, no fraud. We can positively testify to the fairness of the matter ourselves, as we know everything is carried out exactly as promised. For the benefit of those of our readers who desire to compete, we give the plan in detail.

To the fifteen hundred persons who correctly answer the following Bible questions will be given, without extra charge except for freight and packing of goods, beyond the regular half dollar yearly subscription, the beautiful and costly rewards named below. We will give the Bible questions that require to be answered first:

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where are HORSES first mentioned in the Bible?
2. Where are CATTLE first mentioned in the Bible?

They are not very difficult, but require a little study to look them up. So don't delay; the sooner you answer them the better. Here you have the list of first rewards. Number one in this list will be given to the sender of the first correct answer to those two Bible questions. Number two to the sender of second correct answer, and so on till all this series of first rewards are given out.

THE FIRST REWARDS.

- 1. Six Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. . . . \$ 600
- 2. One Grand Square Piano, by a celebrated maker. 600
- 3 and 4. Two Grand Square Pianos. 1,100
- 5 and 6. Two Fine Toned, 10 Stop Cabinet Organs by a celebrated firm. 500
- 7, 8 and 9. Two Fine Quadruple Plate Silver Tea Services—six pieces and One Five O'clock Tea Service. 300
- 10 to 15. Six Gentlemen's Solid Gold Stem-winding and Stem-winding Genuine Elgin Watches. 600
- 16 to 21. Five Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem-winding Genuine Elgin Watches. 450
- 22 to 24. Ten Sewing Machines—Williams' Singer Sewing Machines. 600
- 25 to 30. Ten Gentlemen's Solid Hunting-case or Open-faced, Coin-silver Watches. 300
- 31 to 35. Ten Solid Quadruple Silver Plate Case Baskets, elegant designs. 200
- 36 to 40. Fifty Dozen Sets of Heavy Silver Plated Tea Spoons. 400
- 41 to 50. One Hundred and Thirty Elegantly Bound Volumes of Tennyson's Poems. 500
- 51 to 55. One Hundred and Ninety well-bound volumes of Worl'd's Cyclopaedia a library in itself. 570

Then follows a series of middle rewards which will be given in this way: At the close of the competition all the answers received will be counted by three disinterested persons, when to the sender of the middle correct answer (of the whole list) will be given number one of these middle rewards. To the next correct answer following the middle one will be given number two, the next correct one number three, and so on till all these middle rewards as enumerated below are given away. Here is the list of

MIDDLE REWARDS.

- 1. Seven hundred and fifty dollars in gold coin. \$ 750
- 2. One Grand Square Piano, by a celebrated maker. 1,100
- 3 and 4. Two Fine Toned Cabinet Organs, by celebrated maker. 500

- 5. 9, 10 and 11. Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem setting Watches. 400
- 12 to 17. Six elegant quadruple plate Hot Water or Tea Urns. 300
- 18 to 24. Toilette Elegance, Heavy Black & Dress Patterns. 500
- 25 to 31. Twenty Elegant Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 200
- 32 to 34. Ten Pair Fine Lace Curtains. 100
- 35 to 40. Thirty Quadruple Plate Cruet Sets. 300
- 41 to 45. One Hundred and Sixty-seven elegant Rolled Gold Brooches. 500
- 46 to 50. Three Hundred and Forty-three beautifully bound volumes, Shakespeare's poems. 1,029

After these follow the Consolation Rewards, when, to the sender of the very last correct answer received in this competition will be given number one of three Consolation Rewards named below. To the next to the last correct one will be given number two, and so on till all these are given away.

THE CONSOLATION REWARDS

- 1. Five Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. . . . \$ 500
- 2, 3 and 4. Three Fine Grand Square Pianos. 1,500
- 5, 6 and 7. Three elegant Cabinet Organs, by a celebrated maker. 750
- 8 to 10. Three Fine Quadruple Plate Tea Services. 300
- 11 to 13. Eight Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting-case genuine stem-winding and stem-winding Genuine Elgin Watches. 800
- 14 to 19. Twenty Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns. 600
- 20 to 24. Forty-one Fine Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 412
- 25 to 29. Sixty-one sets of silver-plated Tea Spoons. 350
- 30 to 34. One hundred and forty elegant rolled gold brooches. 500
- 35 to 40. One hundred and ten fine silver-plated butter knives or sugar spoons. 110

This altogether forms one of the most attractive and reasonable plans we have ever seen. The aim of the proprietor of the Ladies Journal is of course to increase his circulation. In fact, he says so, but adds that he also hopes to encourage the study of the Bible, but frankly states that this part of the plan is not his sole aim, and goes on to explain that he has lost so much money by dishonest agents, and has spent so much in valuable premiums to encourage them to send large lists, that hereafter he has decided to give all these things direct to subscribers, for answering these Bible questions. Aside from the rewards offered you are sure to be pleased with your half dollar investment, as the Ladies Journal consists of twenty pages of the choicest reading matter, and contains the sum and substance of many of the high priced fashion papers and magazines published in the States, and all for the low price of half a dollar, or one year's subscription. It also contains two pages of the newest music, short and serial stories, household hints, fashion articles by the best authorities, finely illustrated. In short it is about the best monthly publication we know of anywhere for fifty cents, and is as good as many at a dollar. Be sure to remember that every one competing must send with their answers fifty cents by post-office order, scrip, or small coin. They therefore pay nothing extra for the privilege of competing for these costly rewards as fifty cents is the regular yearly subscription price to the Journal. The competition remains open only till **fifteenth February** next, and as long as the letter is post marked where mailed either on the day of closing, (15th February) or anytime between now and then, it will be in time and eligible to compete. You answer this promptly now, and you may doubtless secure one of the first rewards. If you answer anytime between now and fifteenth of February, you may secure one of the middle rewards, and even if you answer on the last day (15th Feb.) and you live a good distance from Toronto, fifteen days being allowed after date of closing for letters to reach the office from distant points, you are almost certain to secure one of the consolation rewards. At all events we most heartily recommend it, and trust many of our readers will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of securing at once an excellent publication and a possibility of a piano, organ, gold watch, silver tea set, or some other of the many rewards offered. The address is **Editor of the Ladies' Journal, Toronto, Canada.** Don't delay attending to this but do it now, and you'll not regret it, you may depend.

Don't Fret.

So much of our lives is spent at home that everybody is interested in making and keeping home happy. Among the indispensable elements of this happiness will be found not only good temper, and method, and industry, but a disposition to temperate enjoyment. Some persons insure their own misery and the misery of others by the morbid prominence they give to trivial worries—the fly in the ointment, the flaw in the sheet of glass magnifying them until they assume a bulk which seems to shut out everything else from their gaze. So irritable and apprehensive is their temperament, and so great is their want of self-control, that the smallest crosses affect them profoundly; their sensitive skin feels a pin-prick as keenly as if it were a spear thrust. Persons thus constituted inflict upon themselves an almost measurable amount of misery, misery not the less because it is not justified by any actual condition of things, but originates in supersensitiveness and timidity, or in vanity, or overweening self-consciousness. I have known a man worried all day by a crease in his coat, or a woman by the discovery that her cook had followers. Even help the poor wretches who thus clothe themselves in hair shirts of their own making, and persist in travelling about with the pins in their shoes unboiled! Why not treat these petty vexations with cool indifference, so that they may cease to have power to annoy you? Why devote yourselves to lamentations doleful as those of Jeremiah, and microscopic annoyances which it is easy to keep under foot? Put your heel upon them and have done with them, but do not lift your heel until they no longer have power to wound you. Is it a blue bottle that buzzes in your ear? Brush it aside, my friend, and don't fret yourself into a belief that you are haunted by some winged monster!

Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine.

The opening number for January, 1885 of this favorite magazine is a remarkably brilliant holiday one; most of the contents are timely and appropriate, and are edifying, instructive and entertaining. "The Angel Christmas; A Christmas Story." "The Dominion of Canada." "A Missionary's Letter to the Youngsters at Home;" "Glances at Bible History—No. I.: From the Creation to the Dispersion," and Religious Art in the Greek Church, are finely illustrated and replete with interest. Representative Religious Journalists is a new feature; the Rev. Dr. Errett, of the Christian Standard, is the first sketch, with portrait. In the Home Pulpit is a sermon by Dr. Talmage, the editor, who has also a characteristic article, The Drink Devil. Among the portraits are those of the Right Rev. Samuel Seabury, the first American Bishop, and of Rev. Dr. Paret, recently elected Bishop of Maryland—the earliest and latest of American Bishops. The price is 25 cts. a number, or \$2.50 yearly, postpaid. Mrs. Frank Leslie, Publisher, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

Time and Money.

Many people take no care of their money till they have come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time. Their best days they throw away, and let them run like sand through their fingers; as long as they think they still have an almost countless number of them to spend; but when they find their days flowing rapidly away, so that at last they have very few left, then they will at once make a very wise use of them; but, unfortunately, they have by that time no notion how to do it. [Gotthelf.]

The cheaper the cigar the more persistently does the cheap smoker puff it in the faces of his fellow-travellers.

Vigorous outdoor workers should beware of heavy indigestible suppers. Suppers should always consist of light easily-digested foods, being, in the country, so soon followed by sleep, and the stomach being as much entitled as the head to profound rest. The moral pluck and firmness to take such food and no other for this last meal of the day can be easily acquired, and the reward of such virtue is sound sleep, a clear head, a strong hand, and a capital appetite for breakfast.

A Splendid Dairy

is one that yields its owner a good profit through the whole season. But he must supply the cows with what they need in order for them to be able to keep up their product. When their butter gets light in color he must make it "gilt edged" by using Wells, Richardson & Co's, Improved Butter Color. It gives the golden color of June, and adds five cents per pound to the value of the butter.

A truly courageous man may be very much afraid; but he can never act the part of a coward. When the crisis comes, he will nerve himself to action, and prove not that he is fearless, but that fear is his servant, not his master.

Mr. George Tolen, druggist, Gravenhurst, Ont., writes: "My customers who have used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure say that it has done them more good than anything they have ever used." It has indeed a wonderful influence in purifying the blood and curing diseases of the digestive organ, the liver, kidneys, and all disorders of the system.

Don't command your grown-up and girls to do this or that. The telling of a child who is past the bounds of childhood that he or she must do a thing, is very apt to awaken a spirit of antagonism, that will grow with amazing rapidity and lead to most unfortunate results.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has no equal for destroying worms in children and adults. See that you get the genuine when purchasing.

Now-a-days, it is not so much the material that a garment is made of, as its "fit," that gives it elegance and grace.

Mrs. D. Morrison, Farnham Centre, P.Q., writes about Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, says: "George Bell used it on his son, and it cured him of rheumatism with only a few applications. The balance of the bottle was used by an old gentleman for Asthma, with the best results. It acts like a charm."

Dishes must be washed three times every day. Are you doing this methodical and ever occurring duty in the cleanest, quickest and easiest manner possible? Plenty of hot water and clean drying towels facilitate matters.

Bad blood, low vitality and a scrofulous condition of the system leads to consumption and other wasting forms of disease. The preventive and cure is Burdock Blood Bitters.

Cheap kid gloves are a delusion and a snare, which the economical woman will do well to shun.

Thos. Sabin, of Eglinton, says: "I have removed ten corns from my feet with Holloway's Corn Cure." Reader, go thou and do likewise.

The language of the Paris boulevard has just been enriched with a new word, "divette," or little diva, specially coined for the benefit of Madlle. Van Zandt.

It is worse than madness to neglect a cough or cold which is easily subdued if taken in time becomes, when left to itself, the fore-runner of consumption and premature death. Inflammation, when it attacks the delicate tissue of the lungs and bronchial tubes, travels with perilous rapidity; they do not delay, get a bottle of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that grasps this formidable foe of the human body, and drives it from the system. This medicine promotes a free and easy expectoration, subdues the cough, heals the diseased parts and exerts a most wonderful influence in curing consumption, and other diseases of the throat and lungs. If parents wish to save the lives of their children, and themselves from much anxiety, trouble and expense, let them procure a bottle of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and whenever a child has taken cold, has a cough or hoarseness, give the Syrup according to directions.

There have been fears of an outbreak of small-pox at Sharlot Lake.

"A customer claims it saved his life. I find it the best selling patent medicine I have in the shop," says J. E. Kennedy Chemist, Cobourg, regarding Burdock Blood Bitters.

A correspondent asks, "What time of year do the days begin to shorten?" Why you have a bill to meet. A bill to meet is the great annihilator of time. The days are crowded together in thin layers, and the nights are like a smear from a blacked brush.

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