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' For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all nations round about.

" And he spake three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five.

" And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes."

" No wonder, then, that the written relics still extant of the wise king took a strong hold on the youthful imagination, and numerous books allied thereto in style and spirit began soon to be collected.

" Sometimes an antiquated English dictionary in use in the house, a bit of salvage from the home in the old country, was found to contain proverbs as well as mere words, and was prized accordingly. This was the case with Nathan Bailey's Dictionary, and at a little later period with Maunder's, each page of which was garnished on its four sides with proverbs. Ordinary school books also furnished a few pithy precepts, and, as time went on, in the old district grammar school, first under Dr. Strachan, then under Mr. Arnour, and then under Dr. Phillips (its

curriculum embracing Latin and elementary Greek', the grammar and other class books abounded in aphoristic matter, furnishing to some young minds much food for thought. The Greek Delectus and the Latin Delectus, in fact, consisted of brief excerpts from writers of note, and appended to the ever-to-be-remembered Lexicon of Schrevelius were copious collections of Greek moral sentences including the sayings of the seven sages of Greece. The mottoes subjoined to coats of arms in heraldic books likewise attracted attention, as also did the curt Latin sentences attached to printers' devices in title pages, emblems, impresas, etc.

" In the case of the gatherer of these specimens, even before the migration from the old land, his childish ear was captivated by the shrewd sayings, maxims and tales of one, known as a wise man or wizard, over the whole countryside in the neighborhood of the very rustic villages of Dunkeswell and Luppit, in Devonshire, Jan Baker, as he was