

UNCLE SAM'S RARE BIBLES.

Valuable Folios in National Museum at Washington.

SOME ARE THE ONLY COPIES.

The National Museum is in possession of a superb collection of the various editions of the Bible that have in all ages and among nearly all peoples during the Christian era transmitted the sacred word to mankind.

Among the many editions one notices a Syrian New Testament published in Hamburg, Germany, in 1664. The oldest Syrian version of the Bible is the peshitta ("correct" or "simple"), the most accurate of the ancient translations. It is referred to in the commentaries of Ephraim, the Syrian, in the fourth century, and was already at that time an old book.

There is a copy of the Latin Bible, folio edition, printed by Anthony Guburger, Nuremberg, 1478. The Latin Bible goes back to a Latin translation made from the Septuagint in the second century, and known as the Vulgate. It is still the Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. The present version, however, is due to St. Jerome (Hieronymus), and was made by him in Bethlehem between 382 and 405. It was for a long time the Bible of the western church, and a large part of the eastern. Though no doubt based on the Septuagint, the translation was made with reference to the original Hebrew, with which Jerome was well acquainted. The translation is commonly called the Vulgate, a name which was originally given to the Septuagint. It is still the Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. An edition was printed by Gutenberg between 1450 and 1455, being the first important specimen of printing with movable types.

The Bible on exhibition in the National Museum is one of the twelve Colongier Latin editions. It is printed on 468 leaves, in double columns, with 51 to 53 lines to the column. It has no title page, signatures, catchwords or initials. The initial letters of paragraphs are printed by hand. On the top of the first page is written in ink—"Societatis Jesu Monachi," and in the middle of the page, "Approbata 1578." (Approved by 1578, Can. (Peter), born 1524, died 1597, was celebrated as a Jesuit missionary and scholar and was the first provincial of the order of the Society of Jesus.)

An Authorized Version. A folio edition of the King James Bible, known as the authorized version, printed at London by Robert Barker, 1613, is a notable feature of the collection.

The preparation of a new English Bible was decided on at a conference held at Hampton Court, Jan. 16 and 18, 1604. In that year King James I. issued a commission to 54 eminent divines to undertake the work. It was not begun, however, till 1607, when seven of the original number had died. The 17 survivors were divided into six committees, two sitting at Oxford, two at Cambridge and two at Westminster. In 1610 their work was completed and reviewed by a committee of six. Although universally known as the "authorized version," no record either ecclesiastical or civil has ever been found for such authorization. The first edition was printed by Robert Barker in 1611.

A photograph of a couple of pages from the famous Ethiopic version of the Bible, in the possession of the National Museum, is also seen. The original copy (which is not on public view) was obtained from King Theodore of Abyssinia by Lord Napier and by him presented to General Grant. This Ethiopic version was made in the fourth century, probably by Frumentius, the Apostle of Ethiopia. It has forty-six books in all, containing in addition to the canon a large number of apocryphal books. The collection contains also a Hebrew Bible, printed without vowel points, Antwerp, 1574-74; a Hebrew Bible, the first American edition in that language, published in Philadelphia in 1814; the first American edition of the Greek Testament, printed by Isiah Thomas in 1800; Bishop Asbury's Testament, with hundreds of the texts for his sermons marked in his own handwriting; Francis Asbury, it will be recalled, was the first bishop of the Methodist Church ordained in America. He was born in Staffordshire, England, in the year 1745 and died in Virginia in 1816. There is a facsimile of John Wycliffe's New Testament, published in 1380, which was condemned for its inaccuracies immediately upon its publication; also a copy of Tyndale's version of the New Testament. Tyndale was a disciple of Martin Luther. A New Testament translated by Constantine Tischendorf, Leipzig, 1863. Volume 1,000 of the Tauchnitz series was deposited by Dr. G. Brown Goode, who has contributed several other volumes to the collection. This translation was based on the labors of Tischendorf in revising the Greek text, which he was enabled to do owing particularly to his discovery of the Sinaitic codex. The edition is said to point out many errors in the "authorized version" and to have paved the way for the "revised edition."

Old and Rare Editions. A copy of the Old Testament in the Spanish language, printed in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1661, is notable in some respects. The first edition of this translation was printed in the middle of the sixteenth century. It is the title, "The Bible in the Spanish Language, Translated, Word for Word, From the Hebrew Examined by the Inquisition with the Privilegium of the Duke of Ferrara." It is, therefore, generally known as the "Ferrara Bible." The copies of this translation are divided into two classes—one appropriate for the use of the Jews, the other suited to the purpose of Christians. This translation is extremely literal and has indicated with an asterisk the words which are in the original Hebrew equivocal or capable of different meanings.

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BURIED SEVENTEEN BOYS.

Strange Affliction of a Fated New York Family.

LAST DIED ONLY YESTERDAY.

New York report—With the death of Isaac Henry, 14 years old, of No. 227 Niles avenue, West New York, N. J., has perished the last of a family of seventeen boys, who a month or so of a strange malady that doomed all to early graves. Both parents are also dead.

When Mr. and Mrs. Henry began their wedded life, in West New York, they seemed to be especially blessed. They were bound together by the strongest ties of affection, possessed good health and were fairly prosperous. About a year after their marriage a strong and lusty boy made his appearance. Regularly after that a son arrived at their home every year, and almost as regularly one was taken away by death. Despite the fact that they received the best medical treatment, they succumbed to the ailments of childhood which ordinarily are not regarded as serious before they were much more than two or three years old. Sixteen times the grief-stricken parents have seen the bodies of their little sons to the grave.

Isaac was the last child born. He was named Isaac after his mother's father, and as the years slowly passed and he still remained with them, the parents began to think that the fatality which pursued their children had been removed. When he was about ten years of age his parents died. After they had been laid to rest young Isaac was placed in a home, where he remained until taken out by relatives, but he never was strong and speedily succumbed to illness when it came.

Dr. Justin, who attended the children, says that with one exception they were all apparently normal at birth, and he cannot explain why death so remorselessly pursued them.

They were stunning in raiment and their manners were impressive. We saw the other day a little book abounding in curious descriptions of the manners and dress of Americans of fifty years ago. The title is "The Upper Ten Thousand." The author appears on the title page as "A New Yorker." A bridegroom at a wedding in New York is thus described: "His military blue coat, resplendent with gilt buttons, and white satin skirt lining, fits him as if he had been moulded and cast into it. His white watered satin waistcoat, which depends about three inches below than if it were the work of an English tailor, is set off by a heavy gold chain, streaming down from a little watch pocket under his left arm to the lowest buttonhole, into which it hooks. Surely he has appropriated some of what should be his wife's jewelry, for in that very embroidered canvas waistcoat, he wears three splendid diamonds set in dark blue enamel. He must have stolen a bit of her lace to finish off that flourishes, which the pantaloons are a triumph of art, and his superannated fitting boots are not patent leather, but (a wrinkle worth noting) thin French calf, curiously varnished all over from day to day. He has pulled off one glove and is playing with it to show his white hand and a fine sapphire, which he has and cut into a seal ring."—Boston Journal.

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But it Cured the Man of a Bad Case of Hiccough.

A Binghamton man began to hiccough last Saturday. He hiccoughed all day and all night and was hard at it Sunday morning. Every remedy that his alarmed friends gave him seemed to accelerate the hicc. People sent in from all over town and recommended sure cures. And he steadily grew worse.

Then a wise neighbor had a bright idea. He thought it all out by himself. He went over to the hiccougher's home and was ushered into the room where the afflicted one was fast hiccoughing his life away.

"Hello," said the neighbor, in a light and cheerful tone, "How's the old soak this morning?"

The sufferer rolled his eyes at the neighbor in pained surprise.

"Don't give me any of your crocodile glances," snorted the friend. "If you'd quit drinking when I told you to you wouldn't be in this shameful condition."

"What-hic-at's th-hic-at?" gasped the sick man.

"Oh, don't come any of your innocent business on me," cried the neighbor. "I know you, you old sponge!"

The hiccougher's face turned red. "What-hic-at's th-hic-at?" roared the sick man.

"Go to blazes!" yelled the neighbor. "I'm going to stay right here and see the last of you. The people on the street sent me over. Wait until the old wolf's gone," they said, "and then wave a flag out of the window." They're going to have a jollification supper and fireworks to-night—and don't you dare to disappear!"

This was too much for the hiccougher. He said several very bad words as he made a dash at the neighbor, and they raced around the room a half dozen times—the hiccougher getting madder at every jump—and then the neighbor darted through the door and escaped.

The sick man flung a flower pot at him as he raced down the yard, and then he suddenly realized that his hiccoughs had gone.

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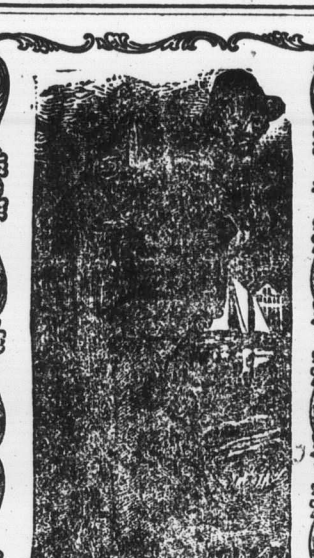
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