

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 23.

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.

PROVERBS 1: 4-16.

The title of the book is taken from its first word. A proverb is a current saying which has fastened itself upon the public mind, and passed into popular use.

The greater part of the book is the production of Solomon. The book of Proverbs is the chief manifestation which we possess of his wisdom.

Ver. 2.—The design of the Proverbs is the acquisition of wisdom. This is the most general and comprehensive term used of the aim of the writer.

Ver. 3.—Wisdom, thoughtfulness (not the word in the previous verse,) Justice, that is righteousness, Judgment, that is rightness.

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Ver. 7.—This verse is the text of the whole book. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Ver. 8.—A general exhortation to obedience. My son, a form of address used by a teacher to a scholar.

Ver. 9.—The remainder of the lesson consists of a warning against evil companionship. The "sinners" (v. 10) are described as "laying in wait for blood," as "lurking privily for the innocent."

the innocent who are innocent in their own eyes. These, of course, are words of the wicked man. It is only in their view that innocence is vain.

THRASHING.

There are several ways buckwheat can be threshed. Where it is a special crop and is grown for making flour, farmers make a threshing floor in the field by scraping and sweeping a piece of ground twenty or thirty feet in diameter.

USEFUL HINTS.

Ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth, and also from the hands.

Land that needs draining is usually much richer after it is drained than that which does not.

A bag of charcoal suspended in a cistern will purify the water, and meat wrapped in a cloth and packed in charcoal will keep fresh for weeks.

If lamp chimneys are boiled in cold water with common salt in it they will afterwards resist sudden change of temperature.

He is a foolish man who runs his mill with no grain in the hopper. So should the farmer who fosters his cows just enough to keep them alive.

A poor child was under treatment seven weeks in a Boston hospital for badly swollen feet caused by poison from cheap red stockings.

"Adam never was troubled with the dyspepsia" says a medical circular. Probably the reason of that was that Eve did not try her hand at saleratus biscuit.

One way to beguile an invalid into taking more beef tea than he is willing for, is to add gelatine to it and let it cool in a mould. When it is hard and like jelly serve with salt and with water.

Don't waste your time securing your bread-pans; bread never bakes as well in a bright tin. Indeed, the best bread pans—if one can afford to have them made—are oblong ones made of Russian sheet iron.

One of the best ways to cure sore throat is as follows: Write a cloth out of salt and cold water, and keeping it quite wet bind tightly about the neck. Cover this with a dry cloth. It is best to use this remedy in the night.

Sheep that have been uniformly kept will have fleeces of the greatest strength. A week of starvation, unusual exposure to severe weather, or often a very cold period in winter with suppressed good care, will stop the growth of wool and a weak place in the fibre will be the result.

A new thing has just been started in England, and that is to attach a dairy school to each of their dairy factories, where the peasantry of both sexes can be taught dairymaking in the most perfect manner.

The death of Louisa, Countess Dowager of Seafield, gives a lesson to such persons as sleep in a room alone to have a bell within reach of their beds.

Sleepless people—and there are many in America—should court the sun. The very worst soporific is laudanum and the very best is sunshine. Therefore it is plain that the poor sleepers should pass as many hours of the day in the sunshine as few in the shade as possible.

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