

**ANTS WHICH SEEM CIVILIZED.**

In a lecture on "Ants," delivered at the Lowell Institute, recently, the Rev. J. G. Wood said that colonies of the common wood-ant are divided into civil and military groups just as civilized human beings are.

Among the ants, the civil insects are divided into artisans, nurses, servants, and so on.

The military is divided into officers and private soldiers. Four officers are allowed to each one hundred ants. The orders are given from the rear—a thing that we have just learned to adopt.

With our militia the rank is indicated by the uniform. With the ants, the size of the head indicates the rank of officers.

**A STORY OF A COSSACK BOY.**

ONE afternoon, a few weeks ago, a boy of thirteen years was admitted to a hospital in St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia. The lad was ill of typhoid fever; and no wonder, for he had just completed a tramp of one thousand five hundred miles, during which he had undergone many hardships.

His home was a Cossack village named Vladikavkaz. When a boy of six years, he had shown an aptitude for music, and at thirteen he decided to seek a thorough musical education. With no friends to advise him, he strapped a bag of biscuits to his back and bravely set forth.

At night he would make himself a bed of straw. During the day, he would push forward, and occasionally some good-natured guard would give him a lift in a cattle-van.

The adventures of the boy on the road probably would make a chapter as interesting as the ordinary romance. In this true story, however, the ending is not happy like the conclusion of novels generally are, as when last heard from the poor lad was very ill.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

A GENTLEMAN who was well known for his liberality was besieged by many children who were selling tickets for a fair. A dozen filed into his office at once, and many more would come. He could not be expected to buy of all, yet he hesitated to refuse any without a good cause. Said he:—

"I will buy tickets of all who can say the Ten Commandments."

Of the twelve not one could make the required recitation, and all belonged to the same Sunday school and the same class.

Another energetic young salesman made her appearance.

"How many commandments should you say there were?" she was asked.

"Sixteen."

"You place the figure rather high; but let's hear what you know."

"Well," she said, slowly, "I don't know but four."

"Say the four for me, then."

A moment's pause.

"I don't believe I know but two." "We will hear the two, then, if you please."

"I've forgot them," said the vender of tickets; a member of the same Sunday school and the same class before mentioned.

"Well, then, I guess I can't deal with you," and she was dismissed.

As many as fifty applied at that time, yet none could say the commandments except one little girl, of whom tickets were bought.

**BEHAVIOUR IN COMPANY.**

LEIGH RICHMOND gives the following excellent advice to his daughters: Be cheerful, but not gigglers. Be serious, but not dull. Be communicative, but not forward. Be kind, but not servile. Beware of silly, thoughtless speeches; although you may forget them, others will not.

Remember that God's eye is in every place, and His ear in every company. Beware of levity and familiarity with young men; a modest reserve, without affectation, is the only safe path. Court and encourage serious conversation with those who are truly serious and conversable; and do not go into valuable company without endeavoring to improve by the intercourse permitted you.

Nothing is more unbecoming, when one part of a company is engaged in profitable and interesting conversation, than that another part should be trifling, and talking comparative nonsense to each other.

**HOW EARLY?**

ONE day a lady was teaching a class of little girls in a Sunday school. "My dear children," she said, "how soon may we give our hearts to God and become true Christians?"

They did not answer at first. Then she spoke to them one by one. Turning to the oldest scholar, she asked, "What do you say, Mary?"

"When we are thirteen."

"What do you say, Jane?"

"When we are ten."

"What do you say, Susan?"

"When we are six."

At last she came to little Lily, the youngest scholar. "Well, Lily," she said, "how soon do you think we may give our hearts to God?"

"Just as soon as we know who God is," said Lily; and she was right.

**A CHILD'S THOUGHTS ABOUT HEAVEN.**

"MAMMA, I had better go to heaven while I am little, for I might be bad when I get big, and could not get in." The mother didn't answer, and the boy went on: "But if I do go when I am little, who will mind me until you come?" "Oh," said mamma, with a tear in her eye, "God will manage it." "Yes, He will send an angel to care for me, and he will tell me as soon as you get there, so I can run and stay with you, and then I'll be all right, mamma," and mamma thought if they were so happy as to be shut in with God for ever, it would be "all right," sure enough.

**BIRTHS.**

How.—March 8th, the wife of the Rev. H. How, of a son.

**BAPTISMS.**

APPLETON.—At Vale Colliery, by Rev. D. C. Moore, March 6th, Sarah Alice, daughter of Joseph M. and Mary Appleton. Born Jan. 7, 1884.

**MARRIAGES.**

HURD—BROOKS.—At Almonte, Thursday, 13th, in St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. F. L. Stephenson, B. A., John Rosamond Hurd, son of the late Dr. Hurd, to Miss Jessie Brooks, niece of John B. Menzies, Esq., Almonte.

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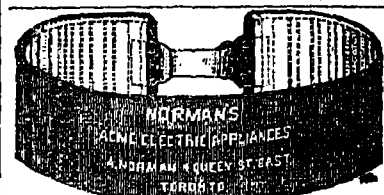
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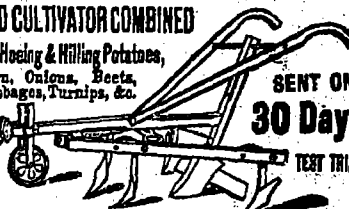
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