

between a snare set to trap animals and the many snares set to allure and cause people to fall into sin. (Some teachers may prefer the analogy between the guarding of important points by watchmen or soldiers, and God guarding our lips from evil words and the door of our mouth against all that would injure us, our hearts fortified against evil.)

Have you seen or heard how rabbits are trapped? Away up in the north of Scotland I saw a great piece of country covered with scraggy bushes and grass, and thickly dotted with little mounds, a little round hole in the face of each mound. Amongst the mounds and grass scampered hundreds of rabbits, black and white, and grey and brown.

Indians and others in our own country set snares (outline) or traps with some kind of bait that the rabbits like, and when they go near the snare and smell the bait they go closer and closer, till they get caught.

A minister tells of having watched an Indian kneeling in the snow making a little lane of pine branches and twigs and a little arched opening into this lane. "What are you making?" the minister asked. "A snare for rabbits." "But where is the snare?" "Oh, I don't put in the snare for a couple of weeks," said the Indian. "Then

what is the use of this arrangement?"

"Oh, this is to get the rabbits *used* to the place. To-night they will come and be very careful and afraid of this. Next night they will come a little closer, and so on, till they think there is no danger. Then they begin to nibble at these twigs, and then I put in the snare, right in this archway, and I catch a rabbit every night."

Snares to Catch Boys and Girls—The teacher can draw the lesson from this, speaking of various snares that catch our young people. Chocolates filled with wine or brandy are snares. The brightly lighted, attractive saloons are snares. Bad companions are snares. At first you do not see any danger in these things, till you are caught and do the bad things yourself. (Outline a wine glass; wine is a snare.)

Read the prayer of King David, vs. 1-10.

Golden Text—Repeat. This is our only safeguard from snares,—Prayer. God can keep us from falling into snares. Keep away from places where snares are likely to be found (explain).

What the Lesson Teaches Me—I SHOULD ASK GOD TO KEEP ME FROM WRONG-DOING.

FROM THE PLATFORM

"Keep me from the snare"

Call for the Golden Text, and write on the blackboard, *Keep me from the snare*. Have a little talk with the scholars about the way in which trappers set snares for rabbits in the winter, first making a path to the place where the snare is to be set and putting some bait at the end of the path each day to entice the little animal, but not setting the snare itself until the rabbit has got into the habit of going along the path to get the bait. But at last, one day, the snare is set and the rabbit is firmly caught. Now help the scholars to see that people are enticed to become slaves of drink in a way like that in which the trapper snares the rabbit. They are induced to take a glass now and again until the habit of drink gets the mastery over them. Remind the scholars of all that is being said about the evils of drink by the greatest men in our empire, and urge them to fight against drink in every possible way.