

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DEC. 9, 1883.

DAVID'S FRIEND, JONATHAN.

1 SAMUEL XX. 32-48

1. Sometime before this, to escape one of Saul's determined attacks, David had to take flight. He naturally went to Samuel. The aged prophet arranged for him to remain with him, thinking Saul would not venture to molest him there. But as soon as the king heard where the fugitive was, he sent messengers to take him. Then a very extraordinary thing happened (chap. xix. 20-24). The Lord sent a special influence upon a company who were prophesying, under which Saul's messengers were so brought that they forgot their mission. Two other bands of messengers were brought under the same influence, and then the king, exasperated, determined to go himself; but no sooner did he appear upon the scene, than he too was once more found among the prophets. This did not, however, produce any amendment in Saul. David having no confidence in him fled from the spot, convinced that there would be no safety for him anywhere in his own land. But, taking advantage of the king's absence, he ventured back to the court to have a parting interview with Jonathan.

David did his utmost to convince Jonathan of his peril, and Jonathan tried his best to show his friend that there would be no danger. Jonathan would naturally put the most favorable construction upon his father's conduct, and in addition he had the fact before him that on a former occasion his father had taken a solemn oath that David should be slain (chap. xix. 6). He does not seem to have been acquainted with the more recent incidents. As there had been a war (xix. 8), Jonathan may have been absent and only just returned when David met him. It may be noted that we are indebted to David here for an expression which has become proverbial: "There is but a step between me and death." Jonathan if not convinced was silenced, and simply offered in reply to do anything that he wished. David then suggested that as the next day was new moon, when according to custom he should sit at the king's table, Saul would be likely to miss him and make enquiry into the cause. He furnished Jonathan with an excuse to offer, and told him that by the manner in which the king received it, he might judge whether David's fears were groundless or not. Perhaps it was not deemed safe to remain where they were, and an arrangement was made to meet in the open country, probably some distance away.

2. David and Jonathan met according to agreement. David had been the chief speaker before. Jonathan is in this interview. He had apparently come to the conclusion that there was more ground for David's fears than he had at first supposed. Recognizing the probability that he and his friend are about to be separated for a long time, if not forever, he makes the most solemn promises, and they solemnly renew the covenant they had formerly made. Jonathan evidently was acquainted with the fact that David was destined to be his father's successor. He had his more reason to be jealous than his father had. On Jonathan the deprivation would probably fall; but he submitted to the Divine decree, as the result of his father's sins, and cultivated the closest friendship with the man who was to supplant him, knowing that he cherished the same feelings towards himself.

3. The day of the new moon came, and David's place was empty; but the king, evidently anxious to know the cause, would make no remark about it. He evidently hoped that his having been among the prophets at Ramoth would lead David to suppose that he might take his accustomed place with safety. On the second day, however, he could restrain his wish to know no longer, and enquired why David was not there. Jonathan answered for him as agreed. The king, inquired that David should ask leave of absence of his father, paired out advice to him, and Jonathan for cultivating the friendship of David; and when his son made an attempt at interceding for his friend, Samuel flung his javelin at him, as formerly at David. Convinced that the case was hopeless he rose from the table in anger, and went away. The following day, with a sad heart Jonathan went forth with his little servant had to give his friend the prophetic signal. That signal having been given, the lad was sent home, and then David came out of his hiding place; and the two friends, with the warmest expressions of affection, bade each other farewell.—H. M. S. S. M. O.

A SUGGESTION.

An engineer says: With reference to the disaster on the steamer *Reverend* of New York city, I have a suggestion to make: It is that engineers on steamboats and railways should not be permitted to paste a fancy picture or device upon the glass which covers the dials of the steam and vacuum gauges. I travel frequently upon steamboats and trains, and find that this is a universal custom. It must be clear it is impossible to notice any changes in the index, which could not but be seen if the view of the dial were unobstructed. In cutting out a fancy picture several points are usually left around the edge, any one of

which might be mistaken for the index of the gauge, especially if it is in the neighborhood where the engineer knows the point indicative of safety to be, while through some negligence of the fireman, or some other cause, the real hand may be just over the explosive point and not observable at a glance, because the figure pasted upon the glass hides it from view.

BIRCH BARK ORNAMENTS.

Already many ladies have begun the preparation of Christmas presents. Quite a popular fancy is to utilize for these gifts the birch bark that was brought home from last Summer's wanderings. This can be done in many ways. If one can paint or sketch, a sign can be decorated with brush or pen and hung on the wall; or the bark can be twisted in the shape of cornucopias, or baskets, and hold flowers and grasses. Beautiful portfolios can be made, or boxes covered with it for handkerchiefs and gloves. If one can not paint nor etch, nicely prepared Autumn leaves and ferns can be arranged in groups; and the effect will be very good. Photographs are sometimes mounted on squares of this bark. Shaving-cases are pretty made with the covers of bark, with the monogram of the recipient done in India ink on the back.

BOILED CODFISH.

Lay the fish in cold water, slightly salted, for half an hour before it is time to cook it. Wipe it dry and put it into the fish kettle with boiling water enough to cover it, in which a little salt has been dissolved. Let it boil gently. A piece of cod weighing three pounds will cook in a half hour from the time the water boils, if put in without a cloth. A better plan is, after wiping the fish, to wrap it in a clean linen cloth, which should be dredged with flour to prevent sticking. Sew up the edges, so as to envelope the fish entirely, but have only one thickness over any part. Fish cooked this way will require twice as long to boil as when put into the water without any covering; but the flavor is better preserved, and when unwrapped, it will not present the crumbling grain, that disfigures most boiled fish.

USEFUL HINTS.

To spoil potatoes—let them lie and soak in water after boiling.

To spoil scissors—cut everything from a sheet of paper to a bar of cast iron.

The great French chemist, Fourcroy, says: "The formation of alcohol takes place at the expense of the destruction of the vegetable principle."

The Scotch pine, according to Professor Sargent of Harvard, is the most valuable tree farmers can plant for screens and wind breaks about their fields and buildings.

Let your horses stand loose, if possible, without being tied up to the manger. Pain and weariness from a continued position induces bad habits and causes swollen feet and disorders.

Miss Emily Faithful says: "The servants of the period are shiftless and unthrifty, and the average girl spends all her wages in spinning her mistress's dress rather than putting it in the bank against a rainy day."

For a baked Indian pudding take one pint of scalded milk, one half-pint of meal, a tea-cup of molasses, a tea-spoonful of salt, six sweet apples pared and cut into small pieces, one egg. Though so very simple, this is a superior pudding for variety.

The *Tribune* and *Farmer* has the following: "The apricot tree possesses above all the other fruit trees, the valuable property of being able to be transplanted at any age with the certainty that it will succeed as well as if it had not been displaced. The green gage has the property to reproduce itself with all the qualities of its excellent fruit by the sowing of the pits without the graft."

Do not throw away the bones of turkey or chicken. Crack them and let them boil for two or three hours in a little water; put in also any nice bits of the fowl that are left, particularly the neck, which is never eaten. To this add any soup stock you have, and with a little barley or sage you will have a nourishing soup. Season with salt, pepper, and any herbs you choose.

A pretty ornament for a bracket or shelf in a dining room is made by gilding, or purchasing already gilded, a little easel which will hold a panel of plush about ten inches high, and five or seven wide. To this is to be fastened a small pitcher of china or some fancy ware; it is fastened by having a ribbon put through the handle and then having this tied to the easel itself. A little white china pitcher with a spray of flowers hand-painted is very effective.

The following paragraph may prove of interest to lumbermen:— "A new and simple method has lately been discovered for ascertaining the number of feet in a log, which will be found very convenient in case a log rule is not at hand. It is as follows: Multiply the diameter in inches by one half the diameter; then multiply this product by the length of the log in feet and divide by eight. The quotient will be the number of feet in the log."

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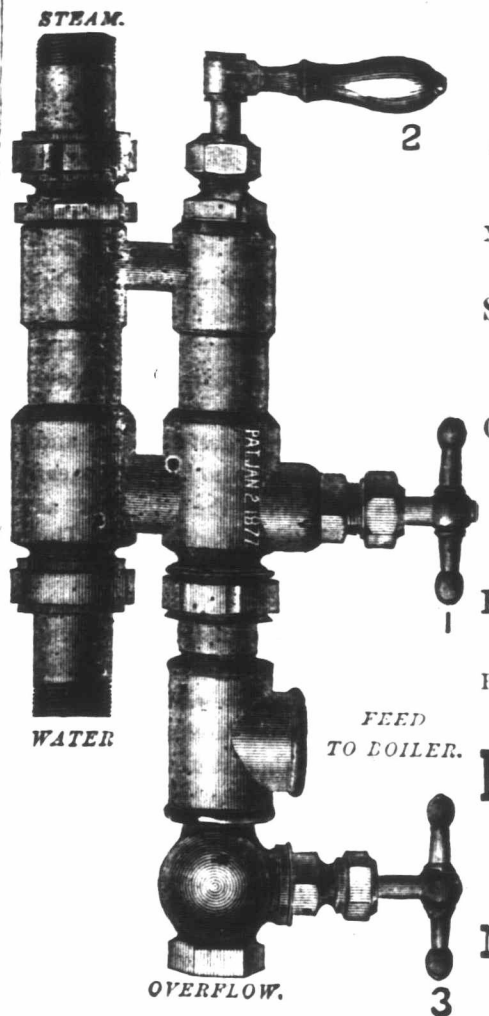
Twenty-three feet below the surface, at Washington, D.C., under a solid mass of clay twelve feet thick, a dense forest and thick growth of plants were found. The formation of the trees is perfect. They resemble ash, cedar, and poplar, and it has probably been thousands of years since they saw the light of day before.

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