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"Ladies' Journal" Bible Competition. No. 9.

During the year ending with September last, the proprietor of the LADIES' JOURNAL has given a very large and valuable lot of rewards to his subscribers, aggregating an immense amount of money. We are sure that the Pianos, Organs, Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Books, etc., etc., have given great satisfaction. A good deal of excitement has been caused by the advent of some of these costly prizes into the towns and villages of Canada and the United States. They have been sent to all parts almost, of the two countries, quite a number even going to England, and other distant places. Full lists of the winners are always published in the LADIES' JOURNAL immediately at the close of each competition, names of winners are given in full, together with the street and number, where possible, so inquiry can readily be made by those who are doubtful. There can be, therefore, no fraud. We can positively testify to the fairness of the matter ourselves, as we know everything is carried out exactly as promised. For the benefit of those of our readers who desire to compete, we give the plan in detail.

To the fifteen hundred persons who correctly answer the following Bible questions will be given, without extra charge except for freight and packing of goods, beyond the regular half dollar yearly subscription, the beautiful and costly rewards named below. We will give the Bible questions that require to be answered first:

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where are HORSES first mentioned in the Bible?
 2. Where are CATTLE first mentioned in the Bible?
- They are not very difficult, but require a little study to look them up. So don't delay; the sooner you answer them the better. Here you have the list of first rewards. Number one in this list will be given to the sender of the first correct answer to those two Bible questions. Number two to the sender of second correct answer, and so on till all this series of first rewards are given out.

THE FIRST REWARDS.

1. Six Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin \$ 600
2. One Grand Square Piano, by a celebrated maker..... 1,000
- 3 and 4.—Two Grand Square Pianos..... 1,000
- 5 and 6.—Two Fine Grand, 10 Stop Cabinet Organs by a celebrated firm..... 500
- 7, 8 and 9.—Three Fine Quadruple Plate Silver Tea Services—six pieces and One Fine Clock Tea Set..... 300
- 10 to 13.—Six Gentlemen's Solid Gold Stem-winding and Stem-setting Gents' Elgin Watches..... 600
- 14 to 21.—Five Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem-setting Gents' Elgin Watches..... 450
- 22 to 24.—Ten renowned Williams' Singer Sewing Machines..... 600
- 25 to 28.—Ten Gentlemen's Solid Hunting-cases or Opened-faced, Gold-silver Watches..... 300
- 29 to 30.—Ten Solid Quadruple Silver Plate Cake Baskets, elegant designs..... 200
- 31 to 100.—Fifty Dozen Sets of Heavy Silver Plated Tea Spoons..... 450
- 101 to 310.—One Hundred and Thirty Elegantly Bound Volumes of Tenneyson's Poems..... 300
- 311 to 350.—One Hundred and Ninety well-bound volumes of War's Cyclopaedia a library in itself..... 570

Then follows a series of middle rewards which will be given in this way: At the close of the competition all the answers received will be counted by three disinterested persons, when to the sender of the middle correct answer (of the whole list) will be given number one of these middle rewards. To the next correct answer following the middle one will be given number two, the next correct one number three, and so on till all these middle rewards enumerated below are given away. Here is the list of

MIDDLE REWARDS.

1. Seven hundred and fifty dollars in gold coin..... \$ 750
- 2, 3 and 4.—Three magnificent Grand Square Pianos, by a celebrated maker..... 1,600
- 5 and 6.—Two Fine Grand Cabinet Organs, by celebrated maker..... 750

- 8, 9, 10 and 11.—Four Ladies' Solid Gold stem winding and stem setting Watches..... 400
- 12 to 17.—Six elegant quadruple plate Hot Water or Tea Sets..... 800
- 18 to 30.—Fifteen Elegant, Heavy Black Dress Patterns..... 620
- 31 to 33.—Twenty Elegant Black Cashmere Dress Patterns..... 210
- 34 to 41.—Ten Ladies' Fine Lace Curtains..... 100
- 42 to 44.—Thirty Quadruple Plate Cruet Sets..... 300
- 45 to 57.—One Hundred and Sixty-seven Elegant Rolled Gold Brooches..... 670
- 58 to 60.—Three Hundred and Forty-three beautifully bound volumes, Shakespeare's poems..... 1,029

After these follow the Consolation Rewards, when, to the sender of the very last correct answer received in this competition will be given number one of these Consolation Rewards named below. To the next to the last correct one will be given number two, and so on till all these are given away.

THE CONSOLATION REWARDS

- 1.—Five Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin..... \$ 500
- 2, 3 and 4.—Three Fine Grand Square Pianos..... 1,500
- 5, 6 and 7.—Three elegant Cabinet Organs, by a celebrated maker..... 750
- 8 to 10.—Three Fine Quadruple Plate Tea Services..... 300
- 11 to 13.—Eight Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting-cases genuine stem-winding and stem-setting genuine Elgin Watches..... 800
- 14 to 23.—Nineteen Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns..... 590
- 24 to 30.—Forty Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Dress Patterns..... 443
- 31 to 50.—Sixty-one sets silver-plated Tea Spoons..... 360
- 51 to 90.—One hundred and forty elegant rolled gold brooches..... 660
- 91 to 100.—One hundred and ten fine silver plated butter knives or sugar spoons..... 110

This altogether forms one of the most attractive and reasonable plans we have ever seen. The aim of the proprietor of the Ladies' Journal is of course to increase his circulation. In fact, he says so, but adds that he also hopes to encourage the study of the Bible, but frankly states that this part of the plan is not his sole aim, and goes on to explain that he has lost so much money by dishonest agents, and has spent so much in valuable premiums to encourage them to send large lists, that hereafter he has decided to give all these things direct to subscribers, for answering those Bible questions. Aside from the rewards offered you are sure to be pleased with your half dollar investment, as the Ladies' Journal consists of twenty pages of the choicest reading matter, and contains the sum and substance of many of the high priced fashion papers and magazines published in the States, and all for the low price of half a dollar, or one year's subscription. It also contains two pages of the newest music, short and serial stories, household hints, Fashion articles by the best authorities, finely illustrated. In short it is about the best monthly publication we know of anywhere for fifty cents, and is as good as many at a dollar. Be sure to remember that everyone competing must send with their answers fifty cents by post-office order scrip, or small coin. They therefore pay nothing extra for the privilege of competing for these costly rewards as fifty cents is the regular yearly subscription price to the Journal. The competition remains open until fifteenth February next, and as long as the letter is post marked where mailed either on the day of closing, (15th February) or anytime between now and then, it will be in time and eligible to compete. You answer this promptly now, and you may doubtless secure one of the first rewards. If you answer anytime between now and fifteenth of February, you may secure one of the middle rewards, and even if you answer on the last day (15th Feb.) and you live a good distance from Toronto, fifteen days being allowed after date of closing for letters to reach the office from distant points, you are almost certain to secure one of the consolation rewards. At all events we most heartily recommend it, and trust many of our readers will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of securing at once an excellent publication and a possibility of a piano, organ, gold watch, silver tea set, or some other of the many rewards offered. The address is Editor of the Ladies' Journal, Toronto Canada. Don't delay attending to this but do it now, and you'll not regret it, you may depend.

A Sledging Expedition in the Arctic Circle.

The extreme weight of the sledges when packed and fully equipped for an extended journey, on leaving the ship, was 1700 lbs. or at the rate of 220 lbs. to 240 lbs. per man to drag. The tents, each sledge crew being provided with one, were eleven feet in length, affording a little under fourteen inches space for each man to sleep in, the breadth of the tent being about the length of a man. The costume was composed of duille, a woollen material resembling thick blanket, over which was worn a suit of duck, to act as a "snow repeller." Their feet were encased in blanket wrappers, thick woollen hose and moccasins. Snow spectacles are invariably worn. After their first adaptation they were comparatively exempt from snow blindness. They slept in duille sleeping bags, and their tent robes were made of the same material. They had three meals a day. Breakfast during the intensely cold weather was always discussed in their bags. It consisted of a pannikin full of cocoa, and the same amount of pemmican with biscuit. The pemmican was always mixed with a proportion of preserved potatoes. After marching for about five or six hours a halt was called for luncheon. This meal consisted of a pannikin of warm tea, with 4 ozs. of bacon and a little biscuit to each man. When the weather was intensely cold, or there was any wind, this meal was a very trying one. They were frequently compelled to wait as long as an hour and a half before the tea was ready, during which time they had to keep continually on the move to avoid frost-bite. The question "Does it boil?" was constantly heard; and the refractory behaviour of the kettle tried the unfortunate cook's temper and patience to the utmost. After the day's march—sometimes ten to eleven, and even twelve working hours—had terminated, and everyone was comfortably settled in his bag, supper, consisting of tea and pemmican, was served, after which pipes were lighted, and the daily allowance of spirits issued to those who were not total abstainers. The mid-day tea was found most refreshing and invigorating, and it was infinitely preferred of the men to the old custom of serving half an allowance of grog at that time.

The plumber may not be a musician, but he often plays on the piper.

Samson was the greatest of all actors. He only gave one performance, but he brought down the house.

There is an advance in butter on account of the drought. Dairy men would like to advance milk for the same reason, but they are ashamed to.

A lawyer recently went into the surf to bathe, and encountered a huge shark. Their eyes met for an instant, when the shark blushed and swam out.

He: "What do you say to Christmas for our wedding day?" She: "I say no, sir; you must be simple. Do you think I want to be cheated out of one set of presents?"

We must lend an attentive ear, for God's voice is soft and still, and is only heard of those who hear nothing else. Ah, how rare it is to find a soul still enough to hear God speak!

"Yes," he said, "I am refraining from hard work, and trying to get fat and my flesh tender. There's nothing mean about me, and if I'm to go as a missionary to the Pacific Islands I want to do them all the good I can."

"Boy, what is your father doing to-day?" "Well, I s'pose he's failin'." I heard him tell mother, yesterday, to go round to the shops and get trusted all she could—and do it right off, too—for he'd get everything ready to fall up to nothing 'ceptin' that."

"Why," said a physician to his intemperate neighbor, "don't you take a regular quantity every day? Set a regular stake, that you will go so far and no farther." "I do," replied the other, "but I set it down so far off, that I get drunk before I get to it."

A teacher after the Quincy pattern was illustrating the process of evaporation to a class of young scholars. "Suppose I should set a basin of water out in the school yard in the morning and let it remain all day, what would happen?" "It would get upset," was the practical reply.

An old lady, who had lived very many years happily with her husband and was never known to receive a cross word or look from him, was asked by a less fortunate sister how they were always so pleasant and good tempered with each other. She replied, "You see my dear I always feed him well. When I was young I won his heart and now I am old I have won his stomach, and so he is never cross."

A labouring-man out of work and hungry, went one morning into the surgery of a parish doctor, sat down, and asked to have one of his teeth taken out. The doctor opened the man's mouth and looked at his teeth, but, seeing nothing amiss, said, "Which is the tooth, friend?" "Oh, o'er a one you like, sir!" said the man. "I've got nothin' for 'em to do; so I thought I might as well get rid an 'em." The good doctor did not charge his patient anything for looking into his mouth, but gave him a shilling, and told him to go and get his teeth a job for one day, at all events.

A PURE WATER SUPPLY.—Deep well boring for the public supply of water, says a medical exchange, is being more generally adopted, and superseding the usual sources of supply, which are, as a rule, impregnated with dangerous impurities, and a fruitful cause of disease. Deep well water has obvious advantages. It undergoes such prolonged and exhaustive filtration through great thicknesses of porous rock as to render it extremely unlikely, if not impossible, that any portion of the organic matter still remaining in it should be of a noxious character.

In the past thirty years the average of a man's life has improved 5 per cent. and of a woman's 8 per cent. Of every 1,000 males born at the present day 44 more will attain the age of 35 than used to be the case in 1871; and every 1,000 persons born since 1870 will live 2.7 years longer than before. This is due to civilization, and especially to improved sanitary methods, through the establishment of such efficient organizations as our Health Boards, which are adding an average of nearly ten years to human life in every country.

Rev. W. E. Gifford, Bothwell, was cured of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint by three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters; previously his life was almost burdensome with suffering.

Steel and silver tinsel are the correct metal trimmings for gray stuffs of all kinds and in all shades.

Henry Clement, Almonte, writes: "For a long time I was troubled with chronic rheumatism, at times wholly disabled; I tried anything and everything recommended, but failed to get any benefit, until a gentleman who was cured of rheumatism by Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, told me about it. I began using it both internally and externally, and before two bottles were used I was radically cured. We find it a household medicine, and for cramp, burns, cuts and bruises, it has no equal."

Diamond spangled chenille makes a lovely and lustrous tablier or front breadth for an evening dress.

To assist nature most effectually in her efforts to throw off or resist serious disease, it is essential that an impulse should be given to functions which growing ill health suspends or weakens, namely, the action of the bowels, bilious secretion, and digestion. Oftentimes, though this is impracticable by the use of ordinary remedies, it proves an easy task when Northrop & Lynn's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure is resorted to.

Cream white and pale rose are the colors preferred by young girls for evening dresses.

Burdock Blood Bitters enter the circulation immediately to purify, enrich and vitalize the blood, thus renovating and invigorating all the organs and tissues of the body.

A lady writes: "I was enabled to remove the corns, root and branch, by the use of Holloway's Corn Cure." Others who have tried it have the same experience.

The fashionable colors of the season are steel blue, grape red, chestnut, mushroom, autumn meadow green, and twilight pink. Alonzo Howe, of Tweed, suffered thirty-five years with a bad fever sore. Six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him, which he considers almost a miracle.

RUSSIAN JELLY.—Make a little ordinary lemon jelly, and whisk it with an egg whisk till it is quite white; then mould it.