

A LITTLE GIRL'S DISCOVERY

A number of the most important discoveries have been made accidentally. A lucky instance of this kind was the discovery or invention of the telescope. Nearly three hundred years ago there was living in the town of Middleburg, on the island of Walcheren, in the Netherlands, a poor optician named Hans Lippersheim.

One day, in the year 1708, he was working in his shop, his children helping him or amusing themselves with the tools and objects lying about, when suddenly his little girl exclaimed: "Oh papa! see how near the steeple comes." Half startled by this announcement, Hans looked up from his work, anxious to know the cause of the child's amazement.

Turning toward her, he saw that she was looking through two lenses, one held close to her eye, the other at arm's length; and calling his daughter to his side, he noticed that the eye lens was plano-concave, while the one held at a distance was plano-convex.

Then taking the two glasses, he repeated his daughter's experiment, and soon discovered that she had chanced to hold the lenses apart at the proper focus, and this had produced the wonderful effect that she observed.

His quick wit saw in this a wonderful discovery. He immediately set

about making use of his new knowledge of lenses, and ere long he had fashioned a tube of pasteboard, in which he set the glasses at their proper focus, and so the telescope was invented.

CAMELS.

I want to tell you something about the camels that are seen in Egypt, that country where Moses was hidden in a basket down by the river.

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His peculiar feet will let him walk with ease on loose sand, where the elephant would be of no use and the horse would soon be tired out.

So in Egypt and the countries near by the camel carries the people and great loads of all kinds of stuff on his back.

In some places, camels are all the cars there are. They can go long dis-

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tances without anything to eat or to drink.

They make a great deal of fuss sometimes, for if they get an idea into their heads that the road is too long, or their load too heavy, they commence to howl. It is not exactly a groan or a cry, but a very disagreeable sound, and they keep it up from the time they start till their journey's end. Once in a while they will just kneel down, and not go one step further till they get ready.

This makes me think of some little children I have seen, who sometimes throw themselves down on the floor, or in the street, and kick and cry because something does not please them. There is a little rhyme which says: "Camel, thou art good and mild, Might be guided by a child."

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