

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

MAY 8, 1881.

THE PRODIGAL SON.— Luke xv. 14-32.

The younger son had got tired of home. He had a good home and an indulgent father; but he wanted to break free from restraints, to become his own master and to see the world.

There is a good deal in this that may be a little strongly sympathized with. But it is a feeling which leads to evil. It is a feeling which will do well to repress; the day will come when the parental rod must be felt. Some boys have committed the grievous sin of running away; but probably there was never a son who did not live to repent his rash act.

Why did his going away lead to his going wrong? Partly because he had a mind to spend, and so little understood its value. It is never a wise thing to send an inexperienced youth out into the world with his pockets full of money.

We have all acted this part in relation to our heavenly Father and his house. We are by sin, in relation to him and our proper place in his family in a far country.

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A GREAT DELIVERANCE.

A good brother in the pastoral charge, noted for his zeal in the cause of God, was an inveterate user of tobacco. He chewed, but that hardly expressed his habit; he fairly ate the vile stuff.

One night at a special service he was called upon to deliver an exhortation, which he did. While kneeling in the altar afterward, he fell to thinking in this wise: "I have just been asking these sinners to give up all for Christ, and I cannot relinquish this filthy habit for his sake."

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Poultry of all kinds are improved in weight, production and health, through the use of Harrell's Condition Powders.

The cultivation of cinchona, which has been proceeding satisfactorily for some time past in Jamaica, has now reached a stage that will shortly enable that island to become one of the chief producers of this valuable commodity.

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Delirium in Fevers Prevailed.—Mr. Norman Ellingwood, Grand Harbor, Grand Marais, N. B., says: "I have found Gray's Pain Expectorator to relieve the most distressing headache and prevent delirium in fever, and the subsequent baldness in my husband's case, while the others of my family that had that disease, before I knew of the virtues of, or had used, that medicine, had suffered with their heads, and had delirium, and their hair came out. I find the PAIN EXPECTORATOR invaluable in that and other diseases."

Good health is impossible when the blood is impure, or when it is thin and cold. Under such conditions one disease after another is developed.

The common expressions, "I feel so dragged," "My food don't digest," "I do not feel fit for anything," which we so often hear during the spring and early summer months are conclusive evidence that the majority of people require at that season especially a reliable medicine that will strengthen the organs of digestion, stimulate the circulation of the blood, and "tone up" the debilitated constitution.

Hammington's "Quinine Wine and Iron," taken according to directions, produces buoyancy of spirits, vigor of mind and gives lasting strength to the whole system.

MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS! Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth?

To make nice potato cakes for breakfast, add to a cup-plate of mashed potatoes half a salt-spoonful of pepper, the same of nutmeg, a little salt, and the yolk of an egg, beat in into small cakes, put in a buttered baking pan, brush the top with the white of egg, and brown in a quick oven.

Do not turn the cattle into pasture too early. While the grass is young the trampling will kill many of the roots. When animals have been properly fed they will not need to be taken to pasture so early in the Spring as they have been fed all Winter with dry hay and stalks.

W. C. Barry, a Rochester fruit-grower, considers the famous, or snow apple, the best variety for table use. He recommends it especially to persons suffering from indigestion. It is a beautiful fruit, of medium size; the skin is of a purplish crimson color, its flesh is white as snow, tender and delicate, and the flavor very pleasant, with just enough acidity to render it exceedingly refreshing.

INFORMATION.

Professor Peck, the great English astronomer, says that with a good telescope 100,000,000 stars can be seen, each the centre of a universe.

FOR A SUDDEN COLD.—Take one teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer in a cup of hot water, well sweetened with loaf sugar. It is better to take this dose just before going to bed.

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A lady assures us of the great value of these directions for washing blankets: For one pair of large blankets, use one pint of soap and one ounce of borax dissolved together; rub this on the blankets, and put in a tub of cold water over night. Have ready in the morning two tubs of cold, soft, blue water, dip the blankets up and down in the water they were soaked in, then without wringing put them in the blue water, going through the same process, and hang immediately in the sun. Do not wring or rub them.

In devising a system for the thorough disinfection of vessels on board of which cases of smallpox had occurred, the Austrian Government, through its medical experts, resorted to the following method: Sulphur to the extent of twelve grains per cubic metre of the space to be disinfected was first burned in an earthen vessel or basin, placed in the centre of a mass of sand to prevent all risks of fire; every article of clothing, all the linen, etc., were hung across the cabin, the latter being then hermetically closed for three hours, and afterward exposed to the strongest possible draughts of air for twelve hours; finally, the walls, floor, ceiling etc., were washed with one kilogram of lime, or one-half a kilogram of chloride of zinc, to every hundred liters of water.

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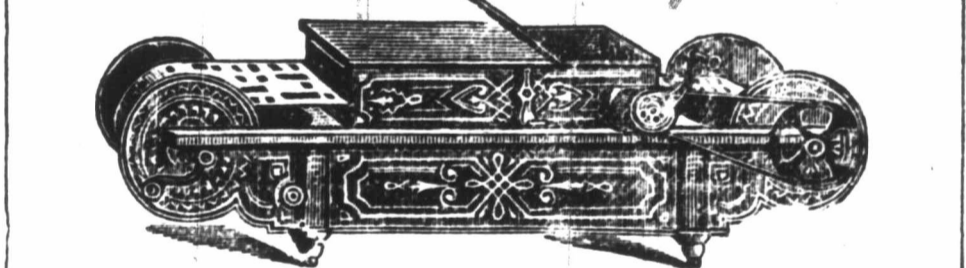
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