The Family.

FAIRIES.

BY MRS. S. M. WALSH.

Why, did you think the fairies dead?
Or traveled far away?
Oh no! don't shake your little head!
I saw a troop to-day!

They stood beside the garden walk,
As prim as they could be;
They didn't even deign to talk
At least, to speak to me.

Some stood in caps of paly gold,
And some in hoods of blue;
Some I descrayed a purple fold,
And some a tissue or two.

Some held aloft a sharp green lance,
Prepared to push their way,
Some gaily [illegible] if to dance,
Some waved their hands in play.

Then count not fairies dead or lost,
Just come and walk with me,
I'll show you soon a fairy host
On every bush and tree.

Their slender fingers [illegible]
The stiff, ungainly bough,
And hang gay banners from the limb,
That looks so life'ess now.

And soon along the garden walk
Their brilliant ranks shall rise,
And we might learn their fairy talk
If we were only wise.

But we may touch their dainty caps
Of purple, blue, and gold,
And smooth the emerald sheen that wraps
Their forms in loving fold.

And we may kiss their velvet cheeks
And scent their fragrant breath;
Then woe to him who lightly speaks
Of fairy loss or death!

For while we watch their gorgeous dress,
Their fresh and bright [illegible]
We know there's not one fairy less
Than [illegible]

—*Christian Union*

BEREAN NOTES.

BY REV. [illegible] D.

LESSON II. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS. Mark 1. 16–27. *Topic.* The Universal Authority of Jesus. *Golden Text.* [illegible] Jesus came and spake unto them, etc. Matt. 28. 18.

OUTLINES.

See "Berean Leaf," page 165. Or, 1. A walk by the sea, vers. 16-20; 2. A scene in the synagogue, vers. 21–27. . . . . 1. Gospel fishing, vers. 16–20; 2. Gospel teaching, vers. 21, 22; 3. Gospel working, vers. 23–27.

NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

1 AUTHORITY TO COMMAND MEN, vers. 16–20. 1.) He made men; 2.) He knows men; 3.) He redeemed men; 4.) He knows what is best for men; 5.) He has power over men; 6.) He has need of men to carry out his purposes. BY THE SEA. A beautiful lake fourteen miles long and seven wide. Its shores thickly populated in those days. The lake often covered with sail-boats. GALILEE. A despised half-heathen region in the [illegible] of Jerusalem Jews. Less orderly and orthodox and scrupulous than the Pharisees of the Holy City, but more approachable, teachable, and humble. WALKED. If for recreation he used it for further fishing [illegible] work. Had seen and called them before. John 1. 25–36. He had called them to *know* him, now to *serve and follow* him fully. FISHERS. Not necessarily poor. Peter was a fishing a good business in those days.

Here is a good book on which to catch the attention of children. Did they ever fish? Where? When? Like it? Different kinds of fishing they know about? A simple fact. Four kinds of fishing alluded to in the Gospels: 1. With hook and line. 2. Hand-net. 3. Bagnet; and 4. The large drag-net.

COME YE, ver. 17. A command and a promise. An exchange of objects, but utilizing of all the natural and acquired skill and knowledge, and tact, and excitement [illegible] way. [illegible] which [illegible] uses one times. He wrote it one eager to bring as much as possible, and that as soon as possible, before his readers. The impulsive zeal of the Apostle Peter here. FOLLOWED. "When Christ calls, we must not reason but run."

. . . . "Who will go to China?" asked the moderator of a Scotch Presbyterian Assembly. "I will," answered Wm. C. Burns. "When can you start?" "Immediately."

When the preacher is in earnest, and the bearers are in earnest, and the Divine Spirit is present, it takes but little work to win leaders. "Who will go?" "Here am I, send me." Peter, Andrew, Arthur's Die hard wrong. He had hired servants, yet. We must at Godly call-bears all, in the [illegible] God's will that we should remain with our father and the accustomed nets, we should remain in the same spirit on submission—for under such circumstances even this is following Christ.

. . . . "1. [illegible] world is the sea; 2. The Church is a net; [illegible] be caught are the [illegible]"

. . . . Matthew, the publican, [illegible] Mamaria did her pitcher. Matthew his toll-book, and blind Bartimeus his cloak, when Christ called for him.

. . . . My father [illegible] many times before, [illegible] left nothing behind me, and all my brethren, sisters, children, kindred, bowing on every side for [illegible] use in a sinful [illegible] with them. I would fain say mother to the ground, despite all my kindred. I ran over my father and trod him under my feet thereby to run to Christ, when he called me.—*Jerome.*

2 AUTHORITY TO TEACH MEN, vers. 21, 22, 27. 1.) He has the knowledge of man's wants; 2.) Of man's capacity; 3.) Of knowledge of the truth that will meet that want; 4.) The deep sympathy which gives the teacher power over the pupil. GAERNAUM. A busy city. Its ruins lately unearthed. SABBATH DAY. Which he observed. SYNAGOGUE. A religious school or Church for reading and expounding the law. Every town had a number of them. HE TAUGHT. Having the *Knowledge* and the *Spirit* and the *privilege*, how could he help? His great soul full of truth. ASTONISHED. *Literally, struck out* (of their senses.) His clear, pure, bold, free, fearless, holy words, guileless, so practical and warm, come with wonderful power to the people.

. . . . Of an eminent divine it was said, "No man ever saw him without reverence, or heard him without wonder." Much more is this true of Christ.

Notice that Jesus had power to excite men to self-questioning activity, ver. 27. The best proof of the teacher's power.

3. AUTHORITY TO SAVE MEN, vers. 23–26. AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT. Impure, vile, low, sensuous. *Literally*, in an unclean spirit, that is, under his control, as a prisoner chained to his guard is subject to him. Bloomfield thinks this was a case of epilepsy produced by a demoniacal possession. How sin does reverse all the properties of life! Jesus can save from sin.

A. AUTHORITY TO SUBDUE SATAN, vers. 23–26. This spirit spoke to Jesus. LET US ALONE. Spoke for his class. Devils and bad men want to be let alone. Christ would not let them alone. Nor should we. The unclean spirit called Christ the HOLY ONE. Jesus wants no homage from foul friends. Sin in men and in devils is possible even when they know all about holiness and its demands. Evil spirits recognize holiness in God. They know the dreadful doom to themselves which it involves. *Rotherham's* translation is: "What is this?—new teaching!—with authority even to the impure spirits—he is giving orders,—and they are obeying him!"

HOUSE-CLEANING.

BY ELEANOR LEIGH.

'Amanda Jane, I wish you'd peak out the window and see who that was that rang the front door bell. Likes not it's the minister, and me with this ragged wet gound on, and my hair all in a frouzle. O, dear! I wish folks knew enough to keep away when they know, or'd orter know, that everybody as pretends to being anyways neat is a doin' of their spring-cleaning.' 'Who'd you say 'twas?'

'Miss Cap'n Mayfield.'

'Wal, you jest slick down your hair a leetle, and run down and let her in; take her into the back parlor, be sure now, for it's the only room in the house that ain't upsot.'

'O! dear,' she sighed, as she proceeded to exchange her damp, soiled clothing for a clean wrapper, and the dusty towel pinned over her head for a tasty little cap, which was found after a tiresome search, in its band-box, but tucked safely away in the boy's boot-closet. [illegible] as she fastened the lilac ribbons under her chin before the glass. 'If I shant be the thankfullest critter that ever lived, if we ever get settled again, then my name ain't Betsey Ann Fullerton. Everything from cellar to garret is topsyturvy. I wish we hadn't come Saturday night; I spose now that Mis' Mayfield's got her cleaning all done.'

'O! good afternoon, Mis' Mayfield. Your's quite a stranger.' 'I began to thing you'd gone to Boston, we hadn't seen nothing of you for so long. Won't you lay aside your bonnet? You really look better.' 'You must excuse the looks of everything to day; we're all up in arms, you see, cleanin,' but law! I s'pose your's was all done long ago.'

'I've not [illegible] yet. I [illegible] until the first of May. The weather is so cold and raw, usually, through April that, if we have the stoves taken down, the carpets pulled up, and the windows open, sweeping and cleaning, some one of us usually takes a violent cold; so I wait until the weather gets a little settled, then I begin at the top of the house, and finish one room at a time, which I find much better than that of upsetting all the house at once.' I used for a number of years to think, that unless I had all the carpets taken up to begin with, the furniture and pictures covered, and the curtains taken down in every room, ready for Bridget to wash the windows, that I was no sort of house-keeper. But in that way every-body in the house was made so thoroughly uncomfortable, that I soon got tired of it, and I assure you that we all find the new way an immense improvement upon the old. My husband declares that he should hardly know that we were cleaning house at all, for everything seems to go on as usual.'

'I [illegible] Manda,' said Mrs. Fullerton, 'for it does seem as if it would be less work, don't it?'

'Don't hurry off, Miss Mayfield; stop and take tea with us, can't you?'

'O, I thank you, I have a few more calls to make, so I'll not stop to-night. I hope that you will be able to return this one before long.'

'Thank you, just as soon as we get settled. Well, good afternoon.' And the front door closed behind the visitor.

'Now, Manda, you slip on your water-proof, and down to the baker's, as the corner, and buy some pound-cake or a pie for tea, for there hain't a living thing in the house for your father's supper. I was skeered to death for fear that she'd stay to tea to-night, for she's such a model housekeeper that I should have been shamed sank to have had nothing but baker's stuff to set before her. Maybe there's that liniment that used to be up in the dining-room closet? Little Annie fell down and hurt her knee.'

'Why, it's there now, I 'spose, unless Maggie broke the bottle when she cleaned the closet. You ask her what she did with it.'

'O, fuss,' pouted Fred, 'she's way upstairs cleaning her room, and she told us boys, if we bothered her this afternoon, we'd catch Hail Columbia. I guess I can reach it, if I stand up in my boy's high-chair.'

'Fred Fullerton, if you go near that closet, I'll box your ears, soundly,' fingering the dishes, and knocking down my best cut-glass goblets. 'O, what a trial boys are.'

'Better say what a plagney nuisance spring cleaning is,' muttered discomfited Fred, as he slammed the door behind him, in his hasty retreat.

'I wish you'd lay me out a clean shirt, wife,' said Mr. Fullerton, after tea that evening. 'It's board meeting to night, and I'm in something of a hurry.'

'O dear me,' responded his better half, 'I don't believe Maggie had time to do you up any to-day; it's too bad, I declare. I'll have her fix up the fire and iron some to-night, so's you can have a clean one in the morning, if that'll do. You see we are driving so to get all settled by Saturday night, that we can't think of every little thing. For my part, I'm so busy that I don't know which end my head's on half the time.'

'Well, I would take things kind of easy, wife, and let Maggie do all the paid work. I expect you'll be down sick by the time we get settled again.' And the good-natured man took his hat and left his wife complaining fretfully, "that men never did, and never would know one half of what a woman had to do and put up with, who had a large house to take care of and keep in order, to say nothing of five children and her husband, and only one hired gal."

Sabbath morning dawned bright and beautiful everything was in its old-time perfect order, from chamber to cellar, at No. 36, and quiet reigned supreme throughout the mansion.

'Isn't that lazy Maggie up yet?' inquired the head of the house, as the pealing of the church-bells roused him from a delightful morning nap. 'Now, you see, I meant to have been there bright and early this morning, so's to hear the new minister; they do say he's powerful smart.'

'Well, I spose the poor thing is all tired out; she worked like a tiger last week, and was tacking down the back entry carpet at ten o'clock last night; so there's some excuse for this once,' returned Mrs. F. She herself had woke up with a severe headache, and was inwardly fearing an attack from her old enemy, neuralgia.

'I wish you'd knock at the girls' door, Rufus,' said she, 'and ask Manda how little Annie's throat is this morning. She seemed quite feverish last night, and although I pinned a bit of flannel round her throat, and gave her a good dose of composition, I worried about her a good deal.'

The sore throat, unfortunately, developed itself into a severe attack of diptheria, and poor, tried, Mrs. Fullerton got no rest for the following fortnight, for the pet lamb of the flock lay terribly near death's door, and only the tenderest nursing and most watchful care brought her back to their anxious arms once more.

Not long ago I heard that Mrs. Fullerton had remarked to a friend, that unless she adopted her neighbor, Mis' Mayfield's plan, she should never try to clean house again; which I think a very wise plan.—*Zions Herald.*

Wisdom loves virtue rather than style; and utility rather than color.

House and Farm.

SHADE AND PURE WATER FOR STOCK.

We always thought it cruel to expose stock to the fierce midday rays of our summer sun without shade trees. That stock of all kinds do suffer more or less from the direct rays of the sun is evident enough to all who have observed with what tenacity they cling to a shade in the middle of a hot day, even preferring to endure the pangs of hunger to the meridian rays of the sun. We have known oxen, that had been ploughing all the forenoon of a hot day, refire to the shade and stand there during their nooning in preference to cropping grass in the sun.

Some farmers are in the habit of keeping their cows in the barn yard all night, and until the sun is some distance above the horizon, in the morning, without anything to eat, and then after cropping a hearty breakfast they will retire to the shade and remain there until within a few hours before milking time, when they go forth for a short time. Is it any wonder that cows shrink in their milk in hot weather, and that farm horses that run out fall away in flesh?

We have known some writers to depricate shade-trees in pastures, because, they say, cattle will cling to them so, as to cause them to neglecting to eat all the grass necessary to their greatest usefulness, but it must have been a heartless disregard of the comfort of brutes that dictated such a proposition. An animal to thrive and do its best must be comfortable contented.

If stock in a pasture remain under the shade too much of the time to crop sufficient feed, why would it not be a good plan to drive them into a cool stable during the heat of the day, and give them a little cut grass or other nourishing food? It is undoubtedly the true policy in keeping such stock as employ their organs in manufacturing food for man, whether it be flesh or milk, to induce them to consume all the feed that their organs can digest and assimilate without detriment to their health. If they are driven by the fervid rays of the sun to remain under shade too much of their time, then they should be fed under the shade, either by placing mangers in the shade, and drawing them food, or by shutting them up, in stables and feeding them. We throw out these suggestions for the consideration of the humane man as well as the economical, for we believe it is both inhuman and wasteful to compel stock to seek their food exposed to the heat of the midday sun.

WATER.

The lack of an abundance of pure, cold water, easily accessible, is another cause of suffering to stock, and loss to their owners. Too many farmers rely upon stagnant swamp water for their stock during a great part of the pasturing season. This is cruel and unnecessary in a country where veins of living water can almost always be found by digging from thirty to a hundred feet. To be sure, it costs something to dig wells and pump water for stock, but [illegible] the pain being them drink impure, stagnant water. However abundant and nutritious the pasture, stock can not do well when suffering from thirst, and cows can not make pure, wholesome milk from foul water. Impure water not only makes unhealthy milk, but it affects the health of the stock that drinks it; therefore provide pure, sweet water for your stock.—*Rural Home.*

POTATO BUGS HOW TO CHECK THEM.

This pest is already making its appearance, and judging from the numerous complaints we hear, the potato crop will be a failure, unless something is done to check the ravages of the bug.

We hear of one farmer who treated part of his crop with a liberal sprinkling of coal oil, by which means he succeeded very nicely in killing the bugs, but unfortunately the vines too. Not being fully satisfied, however, with the result of his experiment, he added about an equal part of water, and applied the mixture. This proved a success, or it entirely demolished the voracious invaders, without any apparent injury to the plants.

We hope the farmers will find this an efficient remedy. The most common article of coal oil will, of course, answer the purpose, so it will cost but little to try the experiment. The most convenient way is to mix in a tub and apply [illegible] the oil and water thoroughly mixed.

We would also suggest that farmers try what virtue there is in lime. Dust it over the vines while wet with dew, and lime enough to justify bond, then ever, that the leaves where the eggs are deposited may receive [illegible]

This is a successful mode of checking the ravages of the cucumber beetle, and if judiciously applied will, no doubt, do much towards protecting the potato vines. And as lime is an excellent fertilizer, little can be lost by this experiment, though it may prove unsuccessful, as a means of accomplishing the end specially in view.—*Home Journal.*

PARSLEY FOR EDGINGS.—Parsley, properly, belongs to the vegetable garden, but it makes a beautiful edging for flower beds, the bright green of its finely curled leaves giving a pretty finish to flowers that lack foliage. Last year's few seeds of the Champion Moss-curled parsley sown in the hot-bed, gave us some strong plants that were set out in the border, and proved to be not the least, of our possessions. Those ladies who decorate their tables will find parsley a valuable acquisition. The leaves, arranged in a plate or glass fruit dish, make a nice foundation for flat bouquets of balsams, pansies and other short-stemmed flowers that need to rest on the surface of the water. The seed germinates slowly, and one must not be surprised if the plants do not appear for several weeks, so it is best to reserve some corner of a hot-bed for it, or wait until the ground is warm enough to sow in the garden.—*Rural New Yorker.*

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D. M.	Day of Wk.	SUN. Rises	Sets	MOON. Rises.	South.	Sets.	H. Tide at Halifax
1	M.	4 22	7 33	9 44	0 42	4 43	3 7
2	Tu.	4 21	7 34	10 35	1 39	5 34	8 43
3	W.	4 21	7 35	11 18	2 35	6 36	9 30
4	Th.	4 21	7 35	11 56	3 31	7 44	10 59
5	Fr.	4 20	7 36	morn.	4 26	8 56	10 42
6	Sa.	4 20	7 36	0 23	5 17	10 11	11 34
7	SU.	4 19	7 38	0 46	6 7	11 28	A. 22
8	M.	4 19	7 38	1 8	6 56	A. 44	1 24
9	Tu.	4 19	7 39	1 28	7 44	2 0	2 36
10	W.	4 19	7 40	1 50	8 33	3 16	3 49
11	Th.	4 19	7 40	2 17	9 26	4 35	4 55
12	Fr.	4 18	7 41	2 46	10 20	5 54	5 50
13	Sa.	4 18	7 41	3 29	11 21	7 13	6 42
14	SU.	4 18	7 42	4 19	A. 22	8 26	7 32
15	M.	4 18	7 42	5 20	1 23	9 26	8 20
16	Tu.	4 18	7 42	6 28	2 21	10 14	9 5
17	W.	4 18	7 43	7 37	3 14	10 51	9 50
18	Th.	4 18	7 43	8 48	4 3	11 18	10 33
19	Fr.	4 19	7 43	9 55	4 48	11 41	11 15
20	Sa.	4 19	7 44	10 58	5 29	morn.	morn.
21	SU.	4 19	7 44	11 59	6 0	0 10	1 1
22	M.	4 19	7 44	A. 59	6 48	0 18	0 48
23	Tu.	4 19	7 44	2 4	7 27	0 35	1 30
24	W.	4 20	7 44	3 8	8 9	0 50	2 38
25	Th.	4 20	7 44	4 15	8 54	1 10	3 40
26	Fr.	4 20	7 45	5 21	9 41	1 33	4 38
27	Sa.	4 21	7 45	6 27	10 33	2 1	5 33
28	SU.	4 21	7 45	7 33	11 30	2 39	6 22
29	M.	4 22	7 44	8 29	morn.	3 27	7 5
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