

GRANDMA LAND.

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Where's a wonderful country far away,  
And its name is Grandma Land;  
With a beautiful, glorious, witching place,  
With grandmas on every hand,  
Everywhere you may look or go,  
Everywhere that the breezes blow,  
Just grandmamas! Just grandmamas!

In this wonderful country far away,  
Where grandmamas abide,  
In this beautiful, witching Grandma Land  
The good things wait on every side—  
Jam and jelly-cake heaped in piles;  
Tarts and candy 'round for miles;  
Just good things here! Just good things  
here!

In this wonderful country far, afar,  
Where blow the candy breezes,  
In this beautiful, glorious pudding land  
Each child does just as he pleases.

All through the night, all through  
the day,  
Every single child has his own way,  
Each his own way! Just as he pleases!

In this wonderful country far away—  
In this gorgeous grandma cline—  
When tired children can eat no more,  
There are stories of "Once on a time."

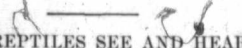
Stories are told and songs are sung  
Of when the grandmamas were  
young—

"Once on a time!" "Well, let me see!"

In this wonderful country far, afar,  
Where only good things stay,  
In this beautiful, glorious Grandma Land  
Good children only find the way.

But when they sleep and when they  
dream

Away they float on the gliding stream  
To Grandma Land! To Grandma Land!



HOW REPTILES SEE AND HEAR.

The best sense that reptiles have is that of sight, according to a Viennese naturalist named Werner, who has recently published the results of observations on nearly two hundred snakes, lizards, frogs, etc. But even this sense is very dull. *Success* tells us that a crocodile cannot see a man more than six times its own length away, while fish can see only about half their own length. Snakes are still worse off. Some can see a quarter of their length away; while others are limited to one-fifth or one-eighth. Frogs are much nearer-sighted. They can tell what is going on at a distance of fifteen or twenty times their own length. Most reptiles are nearly or quite deaf; but, in compensation, all, according to Werner, seem to have a marvellous sense of the direction in which water lies. They will make a

bee-line for it, even when so far away that no sense known to us would help them. Werner thinks this is due to some sort of attraction akin to chemical action; but he cannot explain how or why it takes place.—*Ex.*

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FROM SOLOMON TO ELIJAH.

LESSON XII.—SEPTEMBER 18.

ISRAEL REPROVED.

Amos 5. 4-15. Memorize verses 14, 15. GOLDEN TEXT.

Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.—Amos 5. 6.

THE LESSON STORY.

Just before the time when Isaiah was a prophet in Jerusalem, Amos came with the word of the Lord to speak to the people of Israel. He came from Tekoa, which was in the hill country of Judah, between Jerusalem and Hebron. He also had words to speak about the sins of Israel, so that Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, told Jeroboam, the king, that Amos was conspiring against him, and he urged the seer to go back into the land of Judah and prophesy there, for he did not like to hear unpleasant things. The reply of Amos was very touching as well as brave. "I was no prophet," he said, "neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit (wild figs), and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." And then he went on to give the Lord's message to Israel, which was not comforting, and which was that God would severely punish the people for their wickedness.

When true religion began to die in Israel, then the Lord always sent a man from among the people to give them his word of warning and of teaching, and to try to win them back to the faith in the one God. Such a one was Isaiah, and such another was Elijah. The people were willing to sacrifice at Bethel, but they would not seek the Lord and give their love and obedience to him. "Seek him!" was the cry of Amos.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was Amos? A prophet of the Lord.

Where was his home? In Tekoa, south of Jerusalem.

What was his work at first? He was a herdman and a fruit-gatherer.

Who called him to carry the word of the Lord? The Lord.

Did the people want to hear it? No. What did they do? Offered sacrifices. What did they fail to do? To seek the Lord from their hearts.

What did Amos prophesy? That they would be taken into captivity.

What did he beg them to do? To seek the Lord.

What did he say the Lord had made? The seven stars and Orion.

When had he studied the stars? Keeping his flocks and herds at night.

When had the Lord called him? Perhaps at night under the stars.

LESSON XIII.—SEPTEMBER 25.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord is merciful and gracious.—Psa. 103. 8.

Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly studied.

TITLES.

GOLDEN TEXTS.

1. The K. D. . . . . Pride goeth—
2. J. I. . . . . Keep yourselves—
3. A. G. R. . . . . Help us, O—
4. J. R. . . . . Deal courageously—
5. O. and A. . . . . Righteousness—
6. G. T. C. of E. . . . . He earth—
7. O. and E. . . . . I thy servant—
8. E. on M. C. . . . . If the Lord—
9. E. D. . . . . In my distress—
10. E. E. . . . . Fear thou not—
11. E. T. up to H. He was not—
12. I. R. . . . . Seek the Lord—

A MOTHER'S COUNSEL.

The great men of the world have generally owed much to the character and training of their mothers. If we go back to their childhood, we see there the maternal influences which form the aims and future habits of their future life.

Bayard, the flower of French knight-hood, the soldier without fear or reproach, never forgot the parting words of his mother when he left home at fourteen to become the page of a nobleman. She said to him, with all the tenderness of a loving heart, "My boy, serve God first. Pray to him night and morning. Be kind to all. Beware of flatterers, and never become one yourself. Avoid envy, hatred, and lying, as vices unworthy of a Christian, and never neglect to comfort widows and orphans."

When Bayard was foremost in battle, confessedly the bravest warrior in the field, or when, in his own great thirst, he was giving water to a dying enemy, he was only carrying out his mother's counsel, and striving to be worthy of her name. The memory of a mother's love is a talisman against temptation, and a stimulus to a good life.