

BIBLE COUNTING

"I think I can say my 'leven times," announced Happy at the dinner-table.

"But we don't say tables on the Sabbath," objected Walter.

"'Leven times one are 'leven; 'leven times two——" began Happy.

"I wonder," said mama, quietly, "how much Bible counting we can do. Which of you can tell me something of which there is but one—something mentioned in God's Word?"

"There is only one God," said Carl, reverently.

"That is right. Though there are many false gods, there is but one true God. Now, can you tell me something of which there are two?"

"Two persons—Adam and Eve—were created and put in the garden of Eden," said Walter.

"Two spies brought back a good report of Canaan, said Happy.

"Now what have we for three?"

"Jesus was three days in the tomb!"

"He took three disciples into the mount of transfiguration."

Four was not so easy, but mama remembered that Lazarus was dead four days before Jesus raised him to life.

For five Walter remembered the five barley loaves.

Six was better.

"There were two plates of shewbread, with six loaves on each."

"The disciples were sent out to preach in six couples."

Seven was a very good number.

"Seven days in the week."

"Seven pairs of each kind of clean animals went into the ark."

"Zimri reigned over Israel seven days."

When they came to eight, Carl said that eight persons went into the ark, and it was some time before somebody else remembered that Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign.

Nine called for two answers.

"There were nine ungrateful lepers."

"The woman in the parable had nine pieces of silver left after losing one."

"Who can think of something for ten?"

"There were ten virgins in the parable," said Walter.

"And Job had ten children, twice," said mama. "Now for eleven."

"There were eleven disciples left after the death of Judas," said Carl.

"Eleven of Jacob's sons went down into Egypt for corn," was Walter's answer.

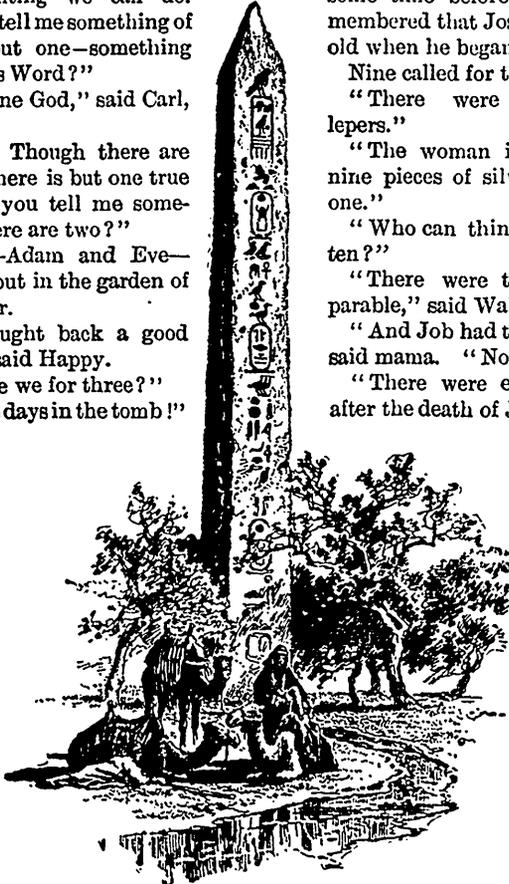
"Now we will have twelve, and that will be all for to-day," said mama.

"Twelve tribes of Israel."

"Twelve foundations of the Holy City."

"And twelve pearly gates."

And they all thought it a very pleasant game, and resolved to find out more numbers for next Sabbath.



OBELISK OF TEMPLE OF THE SUN
HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT

Heliopolis means City of the Sun. The corresponding Egyptian name was On. The obelisk, which is still standing on its ancient site near the modern Cairo, is of red granite, 70 feet in height, and was well-nigh 1,000 years old in Joseph's time. Joseph's wife was daughter of a priest or prince of On. (Gen. 41: 45.)