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The words "old world," in that chapter 2d of Peter, correspond with the words in chap. 3: "Heavens and earth of old."

ANGLICAN AUTHORITIES ON CHURCH GOVERNMENT. Hooker says "To change those things that are not essential to salvation, as forms of church government, it is no otherwise to change the plan of salvation than a path is changed by altering only the uppermost face of it, which, be it laid with gravel, or with grass, or paved with stones, remaineth still the same path."

fire, can work moral wonders. "The Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." E. B.

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THE HOLY GIANT.

THE STORY OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER.

There was once, long, long time ago, a roving soldier, of the heathen race of the Canaanites, whose name was Offer.

This rough soldier had but one rule for his life he would consent to serve none but the very mightiest. When he heard that the Emperor was the head of all Christendom, he presented himself before the monarch, saying: "Sir Emperor, wilt thou have me? I will serve no meaner man."

Now it happened that the Emperor had also a minstrel, who sang from early morning to the time of rest; and whenever the Emperor was weary with a long march, the sweet tones of his harp and voice refreshed him like a balmy sleep.

With this he plunged into the wood, forcing his way merrily through the tangled thicket into the very heart of the dark forest.

The child looks upon him with a gracious smile, spreads out his little hands, and says, "Offer! thy sins be forgiven thee! Henceforth thou shalt be called Christopher, for thou hast borne the Christ, the Saviour of the world, the Son of Mary, Plant thy dry staff in the ground; in the morning thou shalt behold a sign that this is true."

He vanishes in pure light; Christopher folds his hands, looks up to heaven, and says: "My limbs tremble, my strength fails, I know that my end is near. So be it, Lord; for my sins are forgiven, and I have found the Son of Mary."

A LEGEND OF ST. CHRISTOPHER. "Carry me across! The Syrian heard, rose up, and braced his huge limbs to the accustomed toil; "My child see how the waters boil! The night-black heavens look angry-faced; But life is little loss.

No sooner Arprobus swerved, But gained the farther bank, and then A voice cried, "Hence Christophoros be! For carrying thou hast carried Me, The King of angels and of men, The Master thou hast served."

And in the moonlight blue, The saint saw—not the wandering boy, But Him who walked upon the sea And o'er the plains of Galilee, Till, filled with mystic, awful joy, His dear Lord Christ he knew.

bridge, obstructing the way of pious pilgrims to the Holy City: Let it be thy charge to bear them safely over on thy back." "Willingly," cried Offer; and forthwith he built a hut beside the stream, and waited for pilgrims.

And so he did many a long year, till his hair was white with age. At length on a dark and stormy night, he heard a little piteous voice calling:—"Good Offer, gentle Offer, strong Offer, fetch me over!" Sleepy and weary was the old man; but he remembered the Son of Mary, grasped, yawning, the young pine-tree which he used as a staff to help him through the deep mire and rushing water, and waded lustily to the other shore.

The third time, he takes his pine-tree staff, and steps bravely into the cold, cold water. "Now will I find thee," said he, "be thou man or mouse, if I stay up all night for it. And sure enough, there he found on the other shore a little lad in a white mantle, with a head of golden curls, from which rayed a halo of soft light. With one small hand he grasped a little banner, showing a lamb on its blue ground; in the other lay a round globe. His clear eyes looked up, full of smiling trust, into the face of Offer, who raised him with two fingers and set him on the top of his head.

He plants the pine-tree in the earth. At dawn it had become green as the young grass in spring; as the day advanced it shot forth buds and crowned itself with flowers, as the almond-tree in time of blossom. At sunset the angels came down, and bore St. Christopher away to Abraham's bosom.

[We add to the above beautiful version of the story of St. Christopher—the following metrical version of the same old legend, by Miss Dinah Millock of England.]

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Ob, little is all loss, And brief the space 'twixt shore and shore If thou, Lord Jesus, on us lay, Through the deep waters of our way, The burden that Christophoros bore— To carry Thee across.

H. W. BEECHER ON PULPITS.

Then when these questions are settled, it is also, incidentally, a matter of consideration how to seat the people, and whether the building can be made available for hearing! As to the pulpit, but one thing is usually considered necessary, and that is, that it should be put as far as possible from all sympathetic contact with the people to be influenced by it; that it should be so constructed as to take away from the speaker as far as it can be done every chance of exerting any influence upon those whom he addresses.

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A Story for our Young People.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY.

My dear little Friends:

One evening, only a little time ago, as I was sitting by the fire with my little Charlie, he said: "Oh! mamma, do read me one story before I go to bed, out of the WESLEYAN." So he drew his little chair close to mine, and I read to him that funny story of how Master Robbie made Wiggle-a-bibo!

How he did laugh over it, and wish it was longer. "Oh!" said he, "do write about our party, so all the other children can read about what fun we had, cooking in my little dishes and pots and kettles. They would all like it so much." And Charlie danced about in great glee, to think how fine it would be to have a story, with his name in it (only it isn't his real name, you see) printed in a real live newspaper!

So, as I always keep the promises I make, I must tell you about our cooking party.

First, you must know, that right across the way from where we live is a very interesting family. There is a father and a mother and four children—and such happy, rosy, loving brothers and sisters you never saw. Sometimes, when I look out of the window, I can see all four of the little heads, crowded close together, so that they can see their Aunt Kitty and her sweet baby boy. Then we throw kisses to one another, and smile and bow in a way that astonishes the people passing along the street.

Well one day I sent over an invitation for Minnie and John (Lillie was too little), to come to lunch with me, and cook their own entertainment.

They were in great excitement over such a charming plan, and could hardly wait for twelve o'clock. Before I dreamed it was near time for them to come, I heard little footsteps on the stairs, and going out, there they were, just in time, and eager with curiosity.

They were not very long in eating their chops and baked potatoes, and cake and preserves, and every now and then Aunt Kitty would catch one of them looking at her, in a very earnest way, and when she caught giving a little quiet laugh of joyous expectation.

Well, it came at last! Little Willie, a friend of Charlie's, was invited, and the five little cooks, with towels pinned around their necks, reported themselves ready for duty.

We had a large bowl of flour, a cup of raisins, an egg, a cup of milk, an apple, some crackers, some oysters, and and some sugar.

"Are we, boys, going to cook?" said John, with great dimples in each cheek.

"Why, no, John," said Jennie; boys can't cook. Poor John looked to her for a minute; but Aunt Kitty said "yes, they can, just as well as girls," and the smiles came again.

"Now, first," said she, "you boys, must pound the cracker for the oysters and plum-pudding." So the three went to work, and soon the great pieces were all pounded into powder. "Now, Minnie and Jennie, you must beat the egg." So one took the yolk and the other the white part of the egg, and how they did beat until their little fat arms fairly ached!

Then the boys picked the stems off the raisins, and the little girls stoned them. Minnie was through first, and was ready to make some biscuit.

If ever you want a receipt for nice tea biscuits, just ask Minnie Cook, and she will tell you. How she did mix and mold, and finally roll into the tiniest little biscuits, just large enough for the fairies to eat. Then she put them by the fire to bake.

In the meantime the others were paring and cutting the apple into little pieces, for apple sauce, which they stewed in the tiny china saucepan.

Then Jennie made cake—stirring the butter and sugar together, just as Aunt Kitty told her—putting in some egg and milk, flour, and plenty of the nice raisins, with a little bit of yeast powder to make it light. And oh! such cunning little pans as they put it into! Some of them no larger than a thimble all scalloped in the inside. These and the nice cracker pudding which the boys made, they took down to the real cook, and asked her to bake them in the great oven, and they were as brown and nice as could be.

Then Minnie and Jennie stewed the oysters—skimming them so carefully—and when they were done, putting them into a china bowl for a tureen.

When all was ready they set the little table—and you can see what an elegant entertainment they had! Biscuit, cake, cracker, plum-pudding, apple-sauce and oysters. Then they had a dish of rosy apples, with lady-apples, and pop corn cakes, and fancy crackers.

Minnie waited on the table, and it was the merriest little party you ever heard of.

At five o'clock the little folks went home, and left Aunt Kitty, and dear patient Bridget, to "clear up the mess," and wash all the dishes.

Now what do you think of our party? Would you like to come to such another?

I GIVE MY HEART TO THEE.

I give my heart to Thee, O Jesus most desired! And heart for heart the gift shall be, For thou my soul hast fired; Thou hearts alone wouldst move, That only hearts dost love; I would love thee as thou lovest me, O Jesus most desired!

Here finds my heart its rest, Repose that knows no shock, The strength of love that keeps it blest In thee, the riven Rock, My soul, as birth around, Her citadel hath found. I would love thee as thou lovest me, O Jesus most desired! —Old Latin Hymn translated.

SCIENCE.

TO CLEAN DISCOLORED PIANO KEYS.

First wipe ever partial of dust from the keys with a linen rag, going thoroughly round each; then dip another rag in some good whiskey (two teaspoonfuls will be amply sufficient to do them all properly) and wash them with it, rubbing vigorously. Let the keys remain wet for two hours, then polish well with an old piece of soft silk.

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CLEANING THE EAR.

The external canal of the ear resembles the finger of a glove, the tip being the drum-head, and is lined with skin in which there are from one thousand to two thousand minute glands, which secrete the wax. This wax is gradually pushed out of the canal as it is formed. It is remarkable that the tendency of the wax is always to move outwards, so that there is no necessity in a healthy state for removing it artificially. Those who try to clear it out with pins, push in more than they draw out, and also run the risk of injuring the delicate drum-head.

BAD MILK.

Says Nature:—In every grievance that arises on the score of bad or tainted milk, let us at least learn to distrust the last place it has been in rather than the first, and ask ourselves whether it is not possible that a substance which has already gone so far out of its way to serve us may not have been finally "put upon" in a manner for which our own end of the transaction is alone responsible. Let it be borne in mind that our care of the milk we purchase is more important than that which precedes it, for two obvious reasons—first, that we receive it at a late period of its life, when it has already suffered from previous ill usage, and is, therefore, more susceptible of injury; and secondly, that we receive it in small quantities, and thereby expose a proportionally larger surface to contamination.

THE FEAR OF FAT.

No doubt it is unpleasant to be excessively obese; but the morbid dread of fat which his in recent years become fashionable has no foundation in physiological fact. Fat answers two purposes it acts as a non-conducting envelope for the body and protects it from too rapid loss of heat, and it serves as a store of fuel. In the course of exhausting diseases it not unfrequently happens that the life of a patient may be prolonged until the reserve of fat is exhausted, and then he dies of inanition. Fats supply the material of the heating process on which vitality mainly depends. In great excess it is inconvenient; but the external layings-on-of-fat is no certain measure for the internal development of adipose tissue a much less does a tendency to grow fat imply, or even suggest, a tendency to what is known as "fatty degeneration." It is time to speak on this point, as the most absurd notions seem to prevail. Again, it is not true that the special forms of food determine fat. That is an old and exploded notion. Some organisms will make fat let them be fed on the leanest and scantiest and least saccharine descriptions of food; whilst others will not be "fattened" let them feed on the most "fattening" of diets. The matter is one in regard to which it is supremely desirable and politic to be natural, adapting the food taken to the requirements of health rather than substance. Simple food, sufficient exercise, and regular habits with moderation in the use of stimulants, compose the maximum of a safe and healthy way of life.

OATMEAL PUDDING.

The following is a new method of preparing oatmeal pudding, and differs somewhat from that in general use. Take one pound best oatmeal, one quart new milk, warmed. Stir the oatmeal into the milk, and let it stand over night. Then butter a basin, put in the oatmeal and milk, stir in a spoonful of baking powder, and afterwards tie over the basin a well-flowered cloth and boil for two hours. If eaten as pudding proper, serve it up with custard sauce, currant jelly, or treacle. If it is to be eaten in place of meat—for good meat it is—use tomato sauce. With a sufficiency of tomato sauce it will make a nice meal for three or four adults and several children, and gives a most wholesome and nutritious dish at a very small cost. A very good variety is made by using half oatmeal and half wheatmeal. This is a dish fit for a king.

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