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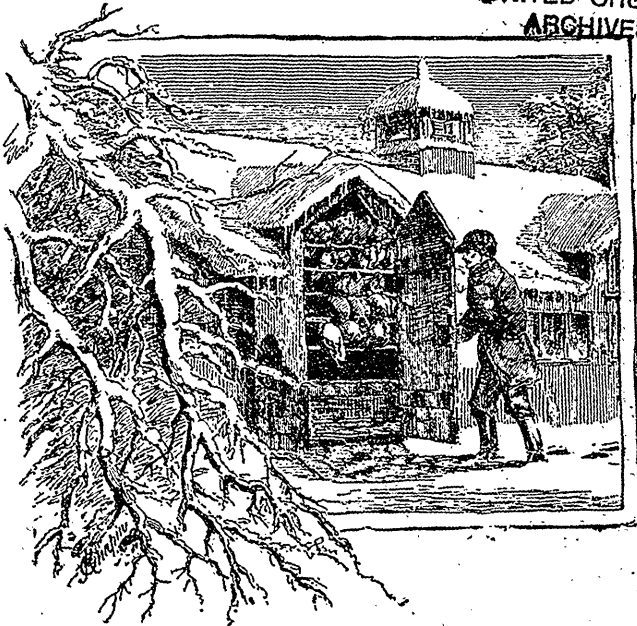
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IN SNOWY WINTER.

This is a rather curious sight, isn't it? What are those funny-looking things perched upon those bars, do you suppose? I thought at first they were poor little sparrows, that had sought refuge from the cold, but concluded they were too large for such birds. So I guessed again and decided that they were fowls that have found a shelter from the biting, chilly blast. That looks like an old turkey on the top bar, don't you think? You see there has been a very heavy fall of snow, and the poor "chickies" had to get somewhere to keep out of the way of Mr. Frost.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 2.] THE CHILD JESUS VISITS JERUSALEM. [JAN. 14.

Luke 2. 41-52.

GOLDEN TEXT.—And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.—Luke 2. 52.

MEMORY VERSES, 49-52.—And he said unto them, How is it ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

When Jesus was a boy he lived in Nazareth. When he was twelve years old he went with his father and his mother to the feast of the passover at Jerusalem. It was a wonderful event to the Holy Child, for he was now called a "son of the law." When the beautiful days were over, and the company from Nazareth began the journey home, Mary could not find her Boy. They searched everywhere and finally found him in the temple. He was speaking wise and wonderful words to the rabbis, and all who heard him were astonished at his words. When he saw his mother he came to her, and she asked him why he had gone away from her. Will you learn his beautiful answer?

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did the Jews go every year?

To the passover at Jerusalem.

2. How long did the feast last?

Seven days.

3. When did Jesus go for the first time?

When he was twelve years old.

4. What happened when Mary was going home?

She could not find Jesus.

5. Where was he?

In the temple, asking and answering questions.

6. What did he say he was about?

His father's business.

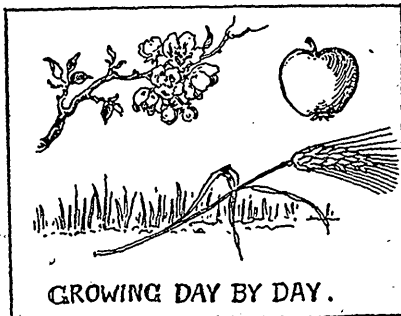
7. What kind of a boy was Jesus at home?

Loving and obedient.



Like a lily in the sun
Grew in grace the Holy One,
In the grace of Jesus so
May his little children grow.

It is winter now, but hidden safe under the snow's white blanket, or curled up snugly and packed away in the branches of the tree, are the blossoms that will waken in the spring. On our banner see written, "Growing and growing." This is all because Jesus kept on growing and growing as any child would, only he was different from any child that ever lived, because he never did wrong.



GROWING DAY BY DAY.



On a far-off Christmas Day
Jesus in a manger lay,
And the angels at his birth
Sang the song of "Peace on earth."

Here we are, with a new year before us, and a new set of lessons for the days to come. Our Father gives us blessings that are "new every morning," and today he has a new one for us if we will use it. Though we have a new set of lessons, we have still the dear old story of Jesus and his love.

The lessons are all about Jesus our Lord,
The Saviour who came from above;
Of his wonderful birth, and his life on the earth,
And his goodness and mercy and love.

THE KIND WE NEED.

Truthful and honest children make truthful and honest men and women. Character is shown in little things. Clean face and hands, neat dress, and pleasant manners go a great way. Even a child is known by his doings.



THE ROCK-A-BYE CHAIR.

Oh, the rock-a-bye chair is a jolly old ship,
And mother's the captain and crew,
And she sings a nice song as we start on our trip,
Though I never have heard it quite through ;
But it's all about islands and rivers and things,
And the treasures and dream-people there ;
And this is the song that my dear mamma sings
In the wonderful rock-a-bye chair.