

This little Lad's the brother of a girl, and I'm her beau!"

SOME STATISTICS.

and low-

If all the burnt fingers of today were on one man, and he were to strike them with a hammer while driving a nail, the yell he would emit would be so loud that it would waken the oldest inhabitant of Saturn from his midday nap, and the sound would pass the nearest fixed star in forty seconds from the time it left

If all the regrets over the money wasted in fireworks were to be collected in one place they would make an air of gloom so thick that the sun shine would not get through it for 110

If all the dogs to whose tails firecrackers were tied today were placed in single file the leading dog would be running through Bombay while the last dog would be breaking for an alley in New York.

If all the hot air in the speeches de livered today were collected it would fill a tank eighty miles high and ten miles wide, and would be sufficient to heat a city of 200,000 inhabitants during the coming winter.

If all the coming roman candles would be tall enough to reach the moon and the balls shot from would penetrate the Milky Way and glance off the north pole to Jupiter but even then it would not be big enough or last long enough for the average small boy.

WILLIE SURVIVED

Father's lost his whiskers;
Coat's in ashes, too;
Nose is in court plaster,
One eye black and blue;
They cut his shirt off of him
To graft skin on his back,
For he was showing Willie
Why his crackers wouldn't crack,

Uncle's in his bedroom,
Minus lots of skin;
Thumb and finger missing,
Splints upon his shin;
They turned the hose upon him
In time to save his eyes,
For he was showing Willie
Why his rockets wouldn't rise.

Mother's feeling awful, Mother's feeling awful,
Moaning in distress;
Says it simply ruined
Back breadths of her dress;
She also lost her collar,
An eyebrow and a curl,
For she was showing Willie
Why his pinwheels wouldn't whirl.

Grandpa goes on crutches
When he goes at all—
He collided with a
Roman candle ball.
But what about young Willie?
When do they bury him?
Why, Willie came through safely—
Unscathed in life or limb.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

"People are careless," said the man with the big firecracker in his hand.
"If they would exercise common sense we would hear of less accidents on the Fourth."

He touched the lighted end of his cigar to the fuse, and resumed:

"There is no danger in the use of fireworks if those who handle them think of the risk they are running. I have shot off firecrackers since I was old enough to strike a match, and never even got a finger burned."

A smile of recollection came upon his face, and he dropped his hand idly to his side while he said:

"I remember once when my Uncle Thomas came to our house on the Fourth. I was a small boy at the time, but I recall distinctly that we had an old toy cannon, and Uncle Thomas inold toy cannon, and Uncle Thomas insisted upon telling us boys how to fire it. Well, sir, he—"

Whack! Bang! Wow!

Without apologizing for his haste.

the man who had held the firecracker ran to a drug store, leaving his friend musing upon the necessity of being careful.

WHY HE DID IT.



King Stranger-My dear little boy, why do you tie those firecrackers to the tail of that dog? Little Boy-Aw he's an English mas-

HE KNEW IT

The patriotic crowd, being enthused by the exercises began singing the "Star-Spangled Banner." Soon everybody was singing "tum te te te tum as is usual, except one man who lustily sang every word of the song to the end.

Later it was learned that he was a

"A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a mighty nation."—Isaiah, IX, 22.

Run up Old Glory!

Let it blaze
In red and white against the sky And tell the story of the days

When hearts were stout and hopes were high. Forget the daily fights of greed. Forget the struggles, the dismay Of facing cruelty and need-Run up Old Glory for the day!

Run up Old Glory!

Think of all
The old flag means to you and me.
Of how the blast of freedom's call Shook out its folds from sea to sea; Red with the blood that it has cost, White with the souls of them that died. Today by laughing breezes tossed It whispers of a nation's pride.

Run up Old Glory!

Fling it forth
And feel anew the country-call
That thrills east, west and south and north And has its words for one and all. Run up Old Glory-fling it far Across the blue of heaven's dome, And feel that every stripe and star Is warder of your hearth and home.



学家宗宗教不 A Freckled Cupid

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

It is not written in books of fate that the Fourth of July is any day to propose to a girl.
Christmas day, Thanksgiving day,

Christmas day, Thanksgiving day, New Years day, or any other day will do, but the Fourth is not romantic; it is patriotic. On that day a man is supposed to love his native land. He is to listen to speeches, or make them, about the indivisibility of our country. He is to watch the fireworks—where they are permitted—and not do any sparking on his own account.

Every day is Fourth of July to some men. They have made up their minds that they hope to marry a certain girl, but when it comes to stating their de-cision the tongue cleaves to the roof of the mouth and the right arm seems to have lost its cunning.

Jim Hicks was such a man. When love making was concerned, all days were the Fourth for him. Otherwise his name would have been Armand Decourcey. As it was, he was just what you would expect of a man of

Jim had been "keeping company" off and on with Luella Miller for a matter of three years. This guaranteed him a certain standing as her "beau," but what woman wants to go on forever that way?

On Luella's mind was the one important thought which rests upon the mind of every woman when she has right man. That was to make Jim propose. The romantic no- limply against his manly bosom tion that a woman in love is a coy, blushing thing, timorous, trembling, afraid of the great masculine creature, may be justified in some cases, with the Luellas and Jims of world it does not obtain. Luella had exhibited to Jim her deftness as a cook; she had acquainted him with her cleverness as a needleworker, she had demonstrated over and over that she would make an ideal wife.

But Jim hadn't proposed. Consequently, on the Fourth, when Luella saw Henry Nelson, the bad boy of the village, with a huge cannon cracker he had kept secreted since last year, and which he proposed to explode somewhere during the day or

evening, she made war plans.
"Henry," she said, "don't you know
it's against the law to have such a firecracker?"

"Aw," Henry muttered. "I don't

know.

"Well, it is. And if the marshal finds it out he will put you in the lockup as an example." Somebody's always makin'

"Aw! Somebody's always makin' a example o' me. I s'pose you're goin' to go an' blab on me now."

"I won't, if you'll do something for me—and it will be a whole lot of fun for you, Henry."

"Don't you want to play a good joke on Jim Hicks?"

"Aw! He's your feller."
"Well, anyhow, Henry, I'll tell you how to play a good joke on him, and I'll help you to do it. You come up by our house this evening, and Jim by our nouse this evening, and Jim will be there. I'll get him to stand at the gate and talk to me, and you slip up and set off your big firecracker right behind him. That'll scare him half to death, and will be just lots of

"Aw! Wot d'ye want to scare him

"Well, you know how big and strong he is, and how brave he acts. Let's see if we can't get a good one on him, Henry."

"Aw! I was goin' to shoot this off

behind the school teacher."

But at last Luella managed to convince Henry that he could have more fun with the cannon cracker by ex-ploding it behind Jim than if he set it off anywhere else.

Jim never has understood why Luella was waiting at the gate for him that evening, nor why she kept him standing there, talking of the weather and the crowd down town and this, that, and everything. It had always been her custom to greet him at the front door, and to express surprise at seeing him. This is one of the enjoyable fictions of courtship.

"I think it is so lovely when the time it is so lovely when the stars come out as they are coming out tonight, don't you?" Luella was asking Jim.

Bang!! Luella shrieked and fainted dead away, apparently, but she fainted toward Jim in such a manner that the gate swung open and she reposed

Under the circumstances, there was but one thing Jim could do, and that was to keep her from falling to the ground. This is best accomplished in the case of a fainting lady by placing your arms about her and allowing he head to rest on your shoulder. comes natural to most men. else Jim did, and what he said to Luella to calm her fears and to revive her to consciousness may only be conjectured.

Henry Nelson, however, kept up a derisive series of yells and howls of laughter, and Luella at last opened her eyes and asked dreamily: "Where am I?"

Henry shouted: "Aw! He was ahuggin' you, an' he kissed you!"

Then Henry turned and fled, Jim

shaking a fist after him.
"Luella," Jim said, "I—I'm ashamed
—but Henry told the truth. When you fainted in my arms I just couldn't help kissin' you."
"Why, Jim!"

"An now he'll tell it all ever town an' I don't want to have people talkin' about you without good reason, soso-hadn't we better have em say

we're engaged?"

And then it looked as though Luella had fainted all over again

INTERNATIONAL

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LESSON FOR JUNE 30

REVIEW OF SECOND QUARTER.

GOLDEN TEXT-"I am not come to estroy, but to fulfill."-Matt. 5:17.

The lessons for this quarter belong for the most part to the year 28, known as the year of popularity. Beginning with the great Easter lesson there is set forth the fact, certainty, and meaning of the resurrection of our Lord, by which was demonstrated his fulfilling of the purpose of God both in his own life and in his work upon the cross whereby was made possible the establishment of the new kingdom. Several of these lessons are taken from his manifesto to show us the application of the law which us the application of the law which he came to fill full with a newer and richer meaning. Speaking of the ideal Sabbath as contrasted with that presented by the religious teachers of the day, Jesus uses the illustration of healing and also the plucking of grain to show us that man is of more value than the ceremonial observance of the law. Jesus proceeds in the third lesson to choose and set apart those who shall share with him in the establishing

who shall share with him in the establishing of this new kingdom.

In the fourth lesson Jesus depicts the character necessary for those who shall share with him in the fulfilling of God's purposes in this kingdom. The blessings of poverty and the danger of riches form the subject matter of the fifth lesson wherein we are taught a full revelation concerning taught a full revelation concerning life and its true substance.

Key to Situation.
The sixth lesson has to do with love as the secret of the fulfillment of all that is required, of all that has been already stated. been already stated, or that may hereafter arise. In this lesson by a set of skilful questions Jesus asks

set of skilful questions Jesus asks and answers the fundamental principles of this law of love. So deep does he build and so high does he reach that we are compelled to exclaim, "Who is sufficient." And so it is that the seventh lesson logically follows the sixth, for in this we find the key to the whole stration. Begin. the key to the whole situation. Begin ning with the verse that forms the golden text for today, Jesus goes on to show us that what is impossible with man is possible with God. That while the law is immutable and its penalties therefore still in force, that he, Jesus, is the one and only one who keeps the law outwardly and at the same time its spirit and intent as well; hence we have in him and his righteousness all that is essential.

The eighth lesson still further car-ries out this teaching by showing us the fact that in the constant con-sciousness of God there lies power that will enable men, independent of oaths, in simple truth to fulfill all the requirements of truth.

The ninth lesson is one of the practical applications of these principles which Jesus has been setting forth. The ancient high priest with the bells and pomegranates upon his garment carried as much fruit as noise into the holy place. So Jesus, this new high priest teaches us that though we are justified in the sight of God by our faith we demonstrate that faith in the sight of men by our actions toward those about us.

If we are truly and properly spiritually related to him our alms and prayers and fasting will not be for the purpose of attracting the attention of men but each disciple will be as his master who sought only to glorify the Father. This is the man who builds upon solid ground and whose house stands amid the breaking storm rather than the one whose house not so founded goes to pieces amid the storm. This is the tenth lesson.

Dominant Notes.

Following these lessons upon the kingdom Jesus is shown in the eleventh lesson as depicting John the and significance as the forerunner of himself and because of that position as being the exalted among those born of women yet he who in humbleness is little shall be greater even than John. John represented the end of the old and Jesus the beginning of the new.

The tast lesson affords us a signifi-

cant view, a radiant revelation, of the compassion and at the same time the mercilessly keen discernment Jesus. His dealing with her who her best as contrasted with Simon who from his abundance gave only discourtesy and friendless criticism; teaches us what should be the real heart motive of our lives. He came to break the shell of self placency glorified the act of the sinful woman who in contrition broke her alabaster box at his feet; he who loving much could forgive much.

There are two or three notes that are dominant throughout the lessons of this quarter. He, Jesus, who is the light, not only sets up high standards but at the same time shows men the path of attainment. Again in all of his work there is a perfect co-operation of the son with the Father in the carrying out of the beneficent work of this new kingdom

Though the old is set aside it is not set down, but contrariwise it is aised higher, and in its fulfillment has ever raised men higher and nearer

WEKTEHEN **GABINET**



That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When you are making a cake in which the color is not objectionable, use coffee instead of milk and enjoy the change of flavor.

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If you have a faded dress which is too good to throw away and would be unsatisfactory if recolored, try bleachingt. Put a heaping tablespoonful of bichloride of lime in a pail full of water and let the garment soak in it over night. In the morning add the same amount of the bleach to another nailful of water and bring to the holl-nailful of water and bring to the hollpatiful of water and bring to the boiling point; hang out and dry after rinsing well. Usually this will be sufficient to bleach the fabric; if not, soak again. soak again.

When face powder is to be placed When face powder is to be placed for the use of a group of women at an evening company, furnish a box of medicated cotton for their use, as each may pull off a small piece and not find it necessary to use a common powder puff.

A convenient arrangement for cooking in the open for campers or pic-nickers is a heavy piece of wire netting and a piece of asbestos. The wire may be supported on four stones with the fire underneath, and all kinds of

cooking and broiling may be done. A steel crochet hook is a useful utensil to use in pulling out basting threads or finding ends of threads to be tied in fine tucking.

For those who delight in the brown crispiness of the Vienna rolls which are so wholesome, try making them at home. When the bread is very light and ready to mold into loaves, care-fully pinch off bits as large as a walnut, drop into greased gem pans. They will be nearly all crust.

For a supper dish on Sunday night, cut rounds of bread, lay on a thin slice of cheese and on top of that a thin piece of bacon. Place in the oven and cook until the bacon is curled and crisp. Serve hot with cocoa.



FAVORITE DISHES.

Why, rain's my choice.

The homely, old-fashioned boiled din-ner is not much spoken of these days. and yet it has many stanch supporter's all over our land. The drawback with a boiled dinner for a family of two is that there is so much left over. This is extremely nice for hash, but once served in that way is sufficient. A small boiled dinner may be prepared, but even then there is a large amount of left-overs. A good plan for the lov-ers of the old-fashioned dish is to gather together those who enjoy it and

gather together those who enjoy it and have a feast. A head of cabbage or two, a few potatoes, turnips and carrots all boiled together with a good thick piece of well-flavored sait pork.

Corned beef is liked by many instead of the sait pork. A small bag of cranberry beans that have been soaked over night, in a cotton bag, and added are another vegetable well liked. They may be heaped at one end of the platter or served in a septended. end of the platter or served in a separate dish.

Fruit Dessert.—Whip a pint of cream with the white of one egg; this egg aadds more body to dish. Sweeten the cream to taste, add a half cup of ground nuts, twelve figs and six dates, chopped. Mix and pack into a mold and cover with ice and salt. Let stand four hours. This will serve six to eight people.

A delicious serve with an ice or any frozen dish is made by rolling pie crust about a quarter of an inch thick, cut it in strips six inches long, roll until round, lay in a pan and bake. Dip them into boiled frosting and, when dry, again into melted chocolate. They may be rolled while moist in chopped nuts or in cocoa instead of the chocolate.

While strawberries are in season there is no more delicious ice cream than that flavored with the fresh fruit. A box of berries, crushed and strained. added to a plain mixture of ice cream is sufficient for flavor and color. blespoonful of lemon juice added brings out the flavor of the berries as as making the color more inten-All fruit flavors are best added after

the cream is partly frozen.

Nellie Maxwell.

Not Unexpected.

"I see in your hand," muttered the seeress, as she looked into the out-stretched palm, "that you will meet stretched palm. with some dark obstacles.

"Those confounded coal-cart hold-ups again," he exclaimed.

Natural Inference.

"Were the tribes you speak of glad to welcome the missionaries?' "Glad?

Glad? They fairly ate them up."
Why, I didn't know they were cannibal tribes!'