

IF I KNEW.

If I knew the box where the smiles are kept, No matter how large the key Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard— I would open, I know, for me.

If I knew a box that was large enough To hold all the frowns I meet, I would try to gather them, every one, From nursery, school and street.

Of my line and then hold him by main strength. "That small line will cut his head off!" cried Mr. Dittmars, in real alarm for the safety of our prize snake.

COTTON TRADE-SCHOOLS

IMPORTANCE SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MILLS IN THE SOUTH.

Start of a Movement Which Promises to Produce Better Skilled Labor—How Workmen Are Trained for the Textile Industry—Designing Taught. The development of the cotton mill in the Southern States has been so rapid in the last ten years that whole sections of the land have been completely changed in an agricultural and industrial sense.

CURIOS FACTS.

THE FIRST CHILD BORN ON THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN ONE JEAN VIGNE, WHO SAW THE LIGHT IN 1614.

The first white child born on the island of Manhattan is said to have been one Jean Vigne, who saw the light in 1614. The corroboration of this interesting historical episode comes from the memoirs of Jasper Dancker and Peter Snyter, Labrador missionaries, who in 1679 visited Manhattan Island, saw Vigne, then sixty-five years old, heard his story and satisfied themselves that it was true.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments For June 9.

Subject: Jesus Appears to Paul, Acts xxii, 6-16—Golden Text, Acts xxvii, 10—Memory Verses, 6-8—Commentary on the Day's Lesson. "As I made my journey," Paul, whose Hebrew name was Saul, was on his way to Damascus, with letters from the high priest granting him authority to arrest the Christians and bring them bound to Jerusalem to Damascus.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS.

June 9—How to Enter Christ's Family—Matt. xii, 46-50. (Children's Day.)

In the reference for this study we have a beautiful illustration from Christ's own lips of what he was always trying to do. He came into the world not to divide, but to unite; not to break down, but to build up. It is true that he once said that he had hated not his father and mother, wife and children, for his sake and the Gospel's cannot be a disciple. But in saying this the Lord was not seeking to divide families, but to unite them under the one bond through which there could be any real union.

TROUBLE WITH A PYTHON.

By William T. Hornaday, Director of the New York Zoological Park.

THE superb reptile-house of the New York Zoological Park was rapidly nearing completion. Its great main hall was swarming with workmen, who were concreting the alligator pool, finishing the big wall cages, dividing the central "installation" for turtles, and doing a hundred other things.

As They Chose.

While waiting for the train the bride and bridegroom walked slowly up and down the platform. "I don't know what this joking and guffing may have been so you," he remarked, "but it's death to me. I never experienced such an ordeal."

The Colonel's Apology.

A curate up North, having preached a very clever sermon on the Sunday, called upon a certain Colonel on the Monday especially to ask his opinion.

The New Baby-Carrier.

It has made its appearance at last, and it is quite in keeping that Brooklyn should be its birthplace. But what will the comic weeklies do since it has displaced the perambulator?

The Electric Eel's Victim.

At the Zoological Gardens a large electric eel was swimming in its tank with more activity than usual, when a big cockroach fell into the water, and in its efforts to get out made a disturbance of the surface, which attracted the attention of the eel.

RAMS' HORN BLASTS.

HUNDER in the pulpit does not lighten the world. Holiness surpasses morality as love surpasses law. He who decorates his body dishonors his Creator. God gives riches to our hands when our hearts are not fixed on them.

Fortunately the floor boards of the cook house were nine inches wide, and in a short time one of them was removed. Down went four heads, and all four came up again, very hastily: "There he is!"

Minerals in the Land of Oranges.

Florida is rich in minerals. In addition to phosphate, of which the world already knows, she has immense deposits of clays of every kind—kaolin, ochres, fire and aluminum clays, gypsum and Fuller's earth of great extent and finest quality.

Sensible Germans.

The Germans are not too proud to learn from other nations. They are now buying American locomotives with a view to ascertaining in what respect they differ from their own make. The administration of the Royal Bavarian Railway has ordered four engines from the United States, and the German manufacturers are agitated at this account.

Sanwich Man's Day is Over.

The twentieth century and the advent of the old-time "sandwich" advertising pedestrian made their advent at midnight. Instead of the historic canvas-back-and-front sign wearer, it is the custom nowadays to see on the populous city thoroughfares the banner supporter, who has troubles of his own at all times, but especially in windy weather.

LESSONS IN THOUGHTS.

"Nothing is more real than the connection of Christ and his believers. The tie of human relationship is physical and temporal; the tie to Christ is spiritual and eternal. And we see from this passage how absurd is the idea that Mary is our intercessor with Christ or God."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

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Scripture Verses—John xv, 4; 5; 14; Heb. ii, 11; Matt. xxiii, 8-12; Rom. viii, 16, 17; Gal. iii, 26-29; 1 John iii, 10; John xii, 35, 36; Eph. v, 6-8.

In that portion of the yard where several dozen glass-fronted snake-boxes were arranged under a shed one of our carpenters built for the python, under Mr. Dittmars's direction, a large box cage, with a front of wire netting and glass. Compared with the other snake-boxes it was a very pretentious affair, as befitted the "star boarder."

SELECTIONS.

A poor but pious woman called upon two wealthy and truly refined young ladies. Of course they received her with Christian affection, and they sat down in the drawing room to enjoy a delightful conversation. While thus employed a dashing youth by chance entered, and appeared astonished to see his sisters so engaged. One of them instantly started up and exclaimed: "Dad! be surprised, brother, this is a king's daughter, though she has not yet got her fine clothing."

SELECTIONS.

When one enters a family by marriage, he becomes responsible for its honor. So when you join the church, the family of Christ, your dishonor becomes the dishonor of the great family, and your honor becomes its honor.

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Little Georgie likes to hear stories, but he has a choice as to what kind. Bear stories always come first, and after that Indian and fairy stories thrill him with interest. Not long ago his father varied the story program by telling him a ghost story, which was the first the child had ever heard. It was about a ghost dressed in white which walked about a lonely graveyard at night. Georgie was interested in the ghost story, but he could not forget about the dreadful thing, and it was noticed that he was afraid to go to bed alone that night.

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