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little child, and it was too big, too big.





came in the spring and with her soft grandfao-great ther of Happy Jack fingers opened all the little brown name was Happy Jack, 100, Was

the Lone Little Path that comes down the hill through the Green Forest.

the was happy, very happy, was Happy Jack, which was quite as it should be, for there was everything to make the good things be had to ent. He had a teeny, weeny Pine-tree. a benutiful new cont to keep him warm until the little people who live there the little roots growing there. enty to the summer would never, never known it had they happened to have Wind and Jack Frost had not come

vel, and Old Mother Nature was busy ry and make ready for them.

ciost always makes a happy heart.

yellow and brown leaves, his sharp even know it. . eyes spled a little brown seed. It was that it was very good to eat.

Not that he was hungry. Oh, my, snow to keep it warm all winter. no! There wasn't room in his stouach

85 good !

picked up this particular little brown ful young tree.

and covered it enrefully.

upon a time. | ter in the Green Forest. So the little long, long ago, the brown seed lay just where he had hid- mur through all the Green Forest, "I great - great - ever- den it, until gentle Sister South Wind am too big, too big,' Then, one day, when the snow lay white on the Green Mendows and in Squirrel, whose blankets of the leaf buds on the trees the Green Forest, and the Beautiful which Jack Frost with his hard fingers | Pine had watched the little trees for had been unable to open. Then Old Christmas carried away with laugh scampering along Mother Nature remembered the little and shout, as it had for so many brown seed, and she wakened a little Christmases, came men and horses, fairy who was sleeping in the heart of and keen axes sent shivers clear to its

it, and the name of the little fairy was benutiful top, until its proud length the Fairy of Life. So out from the warm earth sprang how the beautiful Pine cared not, for him happy. His sides were fat with a tender green shoot, which really was it so wanted to give joy to just one

Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun, lookwhen rough Brother North Wind and ing down from the blue, blue sky, saw Jack Frost should come driving the it and stulled, and his suile made the show clouds to make white the Green berry, weeny Pine-tree very happy, for Mendows and change the Green Forest | it warmed the ground and comforted

Old Mother West Wind, hurrying past on her way to blow the whitecome back. But rough Brother North sailed ships across the Great Ocean, saw the teeny, weeny Pine-tree and sent some of her children, the Merry preparing the Green Forest for them Little Breezes, to drive up a shower and urging all the little people to bur- cloud that it might not go thirsty.

But no one else saw the teeny, weeny So Happy Jack scampered down the Pine-tree, or if they did see it, they Lone Little Path and pulled over red took no notice of it. Happy Jack serves and yellow leaves and brown Squirrei van right past and didn't so Cenves to see what he could find under much as look at it, for he had forgotthem, and his heart was happy, for ten all about hiding that homely little els stomach was full, and you know a brown seed in the ground there. Once full stomach, unless it be too full, al- Peter Rabbit, albbling tender sweet clover, nearly nipped off the head of Now, as he pulled over the red and the teeny, weeny Pine-tree and didn't

But nothing really happened to the

a homely little seed which had fallen teeny, weeny Pine-tree, and it grew from a rough plac cone, and you and and grew and was happy, for it loved would very likely not have seen it jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun and Old al all, or if we had we would have Mother West Wind and the Merry thought it of no account. But Happy Little Breezes, and they loved it. So Jack's eyes sparkled when he saw that it grew and grew, and when rough nomely little brown seed, for he knew Brother North Wind came again he covered it deep with a soft blanket of

So the teeny, weeny Pine-tree was for the least toony, weeny bit more kept safe all the long winter, and when just then. But Huppy Jack knew that gentle Sister South Wind once more there might come a time when his came in the spring the teeny, weens slomach would not be so full, and then Plue-tree began to grow again. It that little brown sood would taste oh, grew and grew and grew and grew until it was no longer teeny, weeny, Now, he had hidden a great many but put out sturdy branches and was

flite brown seeds and fat auts near very good to look upon and held its the Lone Little Path, so when he bend high, for it was indeed a beauti-

seed quickly he scumpered over the dry And for a fime the young Pine-tree traves until presently he came to the was very, very lappy. But after a edge of the Green Forest. He looked while it began to feel lonely. All the this way and he looked that way to other Pine-trees were in the Green see if anyone was watching him, and Forest, and often it could hear then when he was sure that no one was, he whispering together and It longed to wan out a little way from the edge of whisper with them and could not, an the Green Forest, dug a tiny hole in so it sighed and sighed, and Peter Rab the soft, warm earth with his paws. bit passing that way often stopped to dropped into it the little brown seed wonder what made such a handson

young Pine-tree seem so sad, sold he to himself as he So the years passed and the ye

dows and seeing these little trees It was carried into a great city, and made beautiful with many lights, and there, in the very heart of the great city, the Beautiful Pine was raised unhung with beautiful things to fill the til it stood as proudly as it had stood hearts of little children with joy, it just beyond the edge of the Green Forsighed more than ever. "For." murmured the Beautiful Pine est, and it was hung with many colored to the kindly stars, "I would gladly lights until it was quite, quite the most benutiful that ever was. And there give myself to put joy in the heart of came not one, but a thousand little just one little child; but, alas! I am children, and they danced around the too big. I am too big. No little child wants me because I am too big." Beautiful Pine, and laughter was in their eyes, for Joy was in their hearts. So Christmas after Christmas the And they sang and their voices were Beautiful Pine would watch the little trees carried away and would mur-Joyous. And they shouted and their

mur sadly, "I can give Christmas joy voices were merry. And they cried: to not one little child because I am "It is the most beautiful tree in all the world, for It is our Christmas too big, too big." And the wandering tree-the Christmas tree of all the Night Wind would carry that sad murchildren !"

told it of peeping in at many win-

Then was the heart of the Beautiful Pine, planted long, long years ago by the great-great-ever-so-great grandfather of Happy Jack Squirrel, filled with a great joy-the joy of giving, for it had given its greatest gift, the gift of itself, for the joy of many, And the spirit of Christmas, which is love for all mankind, descended upon it as sweet-toned bells chimed, "On carth peace, good will toward men," and the iny stretched on the snow. And someglad volces of a thousand little childrep eried, "Merry merry Christmas!"



and Song Would Cut Young Pine Trees and Carry them Away.

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Oh' it's Christmas eve, and moonlight, us air is chill,

up beside the flue.

love 't will hold:

mighty firm and strong;

up boside the flue.

So old Santy won't fergit it, though it

isn't fine and new-That plain litle worsted stockin' hangin'

And the crops may fall and leave us with

shower or two of rain, Why, we'll face it bravely smilling, and

Long as Christmas comes and finds u

here together, me and you, With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up

benide the flue. -Joe Lincoln, "Cape Cod Ballads."

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A Sweet Revenge.

"I sent my present to Nellie Sly

oots when she was at her club, and

"Why, I thought you didn't like Nel-

I knew all the girls and fellows would

ther around to see her open it."

Hey

we'll try not ter complain.

long's we've got a dime,



TEXT-And after him was Shamgan which slew six hundred Philistines an ox goad.-Judges 3:31

When the chosen people entered the promised land, God left certain nations of the Cananites

in the land in or der to prove Isrnel by them, to see whether she would be faithful to Jehovah or not. These nations were assigned to different tribes ci Isrnel, and God promised that he would drive them out on certain conditions.

new heaven and the new earth. Isainh These coudi saw the vision of his first coming. John saw the vision of his second coming. tions were that when what he began the first time Israel was not to shall ultimately be accomplished. The associate with

prophecy here spoken was uttered durfiem, nor bow down to their gods, nor ing the reign of Ahaz, B. C. 738 to even mention the name of their gods. 723. The king of Assyrin was attack-But Isrnet did not obey, and the teps of their downfall are recorded ing Syria. The tribes of northern is in this chapter; they did not drive out rael were carried away as captives. their enemies, they took their daugh-Judah was in danger of invasion. (See ters to be their wives, they dwelt H Kings 15:29.) Isalah wag preachamong the Canaanites, they served ing in his home city, Jerusalem. His their gods, they forgot the Lord their vision of the Messiah Saviot was not God, and he sold them into the hand more than 800 years before John saw of the enemy.

the vision of the giorified Jesus. The book of Judges is a sad, sad story of disloyalty, defeat and bond-We need to go back into the eighth age, brightened now and then by a chapter to get the full historical situadescription of some noble man or tion of this part of the lesson. Ahuz, woman whom God raised up to defend trembling in Jerusalem, had with him his honor, and to deliver Israel from the Prophet Isalah, the wisest and greatest man in his kingdom, yet Ahuz listened not to his words of warning her sad condition.

Among the heroes whom God used for this purpose no name shines out and rebuke. He doggedly pursued his more signally than that of Shamgar. own course and sought help in every of whom it is said that he slew six other quarter than the right one. This hundred men single-handed with nn explains Isaiah's words, "The people ox goad. And that is all that we know that walked in darkness." Primarily about him. To my mind this is a strikhe may have referred to those of the ing proof of the inspiration of the lands of Zebulon and Naphtall, the Scriptures. If the Bible had been Galilee of the nations (John 1:46; made by man, he would surely have 7:52) and the light which shone it devoted a whole chapter to such a rethem, which was the light of the world, unrkable achievement, but the Holy Jesus of Nazareth (John 8:12). But Spirit for reasons best known to himthere is a larger application in this self gives only 26 words to it. The inspiration of the Scriptures is proved In darkness until Jesus came, and the is conclusively by their silence as by what they say.

Shamgar is a good type of the personal worker. We need many like him joy (v. 3 R. V.). In Israel there is to today. We have men enough to combe, through Christ, a wonderful inplain and criticize, but not enough "crease (Isa, 40:20-22; Zeeh, 10:8). In of those who are willing to grapple Christ there is to be great joy, the joy with the problems of life, and attempt of harvest and of victory. The reto solve them. If he had been like some men he would have called a conthe religion of joy (Acts S:S; Phil. vention to discuss the state of religion 4:4; I Peter 1:8) but the Child that in Israel, passed resolutions, appointed a committee to report and returned too, for the "yoke of burden" was a tax home. Shamgar was not that kind of a man. He believed in personal levied by the king of Assyria. It was work, and so he took hold of the matter himself, and lo, the whole probtem was solved.

darkness. (Read Rom, 1:20-32.) But Furthermore, he was not a trained the prophet saw the joy of deliverance. worker. In these days we have schools Jerusalem had been left in peace, to instruct workers in the best methods, but Shamgar had received no training at all. He knew nothing about war, and he had no weapons except an ox goad. It is not likely that he killed those Philistines just as scien tifically as some might have done it. but he did it just as effectually for he left them dead.



"UTTERLY FALSE."

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

GOLDEN TEXT-For unto us a child

is born, unto us a son is given; and the sovernment shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful. Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Evernas-ing Father, the Prince of Peace.-isa. 9:5.

The Christmas lesson naturally and

logically follows the three lessons we

have just had from the book of the

Revelation where Jesus in his glory

had been portrayed, and the ultimate

success of his work is foreseen in the

I. Darkness Versus Light (vv. 1-5).

verse to the whole world which lay

whole world has seen or shall see the

great light (Luke 1:78-79). With the

coming of light comes the increase of

ligion of Jesus Christ Is pre-eminently

was to be born was to be a Deliverer

of \$1,800,000 that had recently been

a night of thick darkness for Israel.

Then, even as now, we have the moral

LESSON TEXT-Isaiah 9:1-7.

In search of the facts concerning the claim of the brewers that "beer is liquid bread," the Christian Advocate, leading periodical of the Methodist Episcopal church, wrote to the director of the faboratory of the Connecticut board of health, asking for a scientific statement. The unabbreviated reply was as follows:

"Editor the Christian Advocate: In reply to your note I will say that it is hard to conceive a more misleading statement than to call beer 'liquid bread.' The facts are that the grains out of which beer is made do contain a deal of nourishment, adapted both for fuel and tissue building. In the process of beer-making the materials are mostly destroyed and removed by the process of clarifying. As a result the final product has lost practically all the tissue-building material It ever contained, and most of its fuel food has been converted into alcohol, which has less fuel value, to say nothing of its poisoning effect upon the nervous system. Before the fermentation the material might possibly be called 'liquid bread,' but not after the fermentation and clarification; for these processes have destroyed nearly all the value it originally possessed. The final product has no tissue-building value, only a little fuel value, and in addition has a poisoning action upon the rervous system. Bread has large value as a tissue builder and also as a fuel, and in addition has no bad effect upon the nervous system. To call beer 'liquid brend' is therefore utterly false and badly misleading. "H. W. CONN."

PROMOTES PROSPERITY.

Constant reiteration of the false statements of liquor advocates has undoubtedly led some persons to the conclusion that Maine is suffering and has been impoverished because of its prohibition policy. A careful and truth-seeking investigation will show the exact opposite to be the case,

A bulletin by the United States census bureau reviewing the 30 years preceding 1912, shows the steady advancement of Maine in financial independence. In 1880 Maine's per capita debt was \$\$.49, as contrasted with an average of 11 states of \$5.48. In 1912 it has been reduced 75 per cent, and the average of the other states only 36 per cent. Maine now owes \$1.67 per capita, while the other states average \$3.62. Massachusetts, with her highlicense system, which the liquor advocates say is the best license law in the world, has a per capita indebtedness over 13 times larger than the prohibition state of Maine. The general comfort of the people of Maine is manifested by the large percentage of homes owned free from debt. In 1910 the total number of homes owned was, according to the census report, 109,-298, and 75 per cent of these were free from mortgage.

GOOD OF PROHIBITION.

"The plea that prohibition fails to prohibit would be quite valid if it could be shown that any license system succeeds better in regulating the liquor traffic. Police administrations fall down in the attempt to restrict illicit selling of liquors in any community where the traffic is licensed. Problbition does throw the business in.e thoroughfares of the saloons and removes from the sight of the young. who are taught that the business is outlawed and disreputable. The drunkards for which it is incidentally responsible die off rapidly, for they are tempted to drink the worst and most powerful concoctions. Prohibition may kill the poor miserable tip-plers, but it tends to preserve the middle classes .- New York Times.



scampered back to the Green Forest Pine-tree became bigger than any of And the fronty Campered back to the Green Forest its neighbors in the Green Forest, and en one will think to look out here for things I have hidden."
Old Mother Nature, who knew just

Qid Mother Nature, who knew just Mendows, and gave them shelter and what Happy Juck had done, smilled, for was happy-

she also knew that it was more than Once every year, long after the auts skety that Happy Jack would forget had been gathered and all the world all about that little brown seed, and if seemed drear and bare, came merry

be did sho had a plan to use it her- children, and older folk, and with self, and Happy Jack had saved her laugh and song and happy shout would some trouble, for, though he didn't cut young Pine trees and young Hem-

know it, he had planted it for her. lock trees and carry them away. At "It all came about just as Old Mother first the Beautiful Pine had pitled the

much fer show, And the darms are pretty plenty 'round about the heel and toe, And the volor's kind er faded, and it's Kature had thought it would. Happy young trees, but when it saw that it Nature had thought it would. Huppy young trees, but when it saw that it sort or worn and old. Jack never once thought of that par- was the possession of these trees that But it really is surprisin' what a lot of ticular fittle brown seed, for he had made the children so happy, it began And the little hand that bung it by the chimney there along. Has a grip open our hearistrings that is bidden plenty to cat all the long win- to envy them, and when Jack Frost

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A Municipal Christmas Tree



The municipal Christmas tree has become a popular institution in many itics throughout the country. Shortly before December 25 the largest tree that can be secured is erected in some park or public square, strung with sands of lights, which sprend their silvery glow over the tree during the aliday season. On Christmas eve it is the meeting place of people in all walks I life, who join in singing the old carols. In New York city the municipal Christians tree is creeted in Madison square; in Chicago in Grant park on be take front.



N there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enroliment made when Guirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. "Timn's slik, that little stockin', and it lan's

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid hi a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

our plans all knocked ter smash. And the mortgage may hang heavy, and the bills use up the cash. And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. But whenever comes the reason, jest so There'll be somethin' in that stockin'-won't there, Mary?-every time, And if in amongst our sunshine there's n

And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the giory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid, for behold - I bring you good tidings of great joy, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: 'Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying :

"And on earth peace, good will toward men."

"I can't bear her. The present was a nice long hair switch."

18 18 18 Annual Phenomenon.

"Now," said the magazine editor. we'll have a cover design represent ing the old year as an aged man and the New Year as a smilling infant." "All right," replied the artist, "But it looks like nature-faking to me. Any-

loody knows that a smilling infant couldn't grow all those white whiskers in one short year."

18 18 18 Power Prayer.

Prayer is the door, forever open between earth and heaven. Sooner than sound can reach a human ear through this lower atmosphere, the longing desire of the spirit rises to the heart of the Father. We are living in an invisible world, where our wishes are understood before our words are spoken .-- Lucy Larcom.

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Fnith is all-powerful; it conquers everything, and despises world goods, since it is sure of eternal bliss .--| Savonarola.

There is a large place for untrained workers in our day. There is always something that anyone can do, who really wishes to help, and in the doing of it he gets a certain training.

Where did Mr. Moody get his training? Or Uncle John Vassar, Mel Trotter or a host of others who have been signally successful in winning souls to Christ?

Shamgar had faith in God. He was familiar with his Bible, and he remem bered that God had promised Mose and Joshua that one should chase 1,000, and two put 10,000 to flight. Here were only 600 Philistines, and it God's promises were reliable, that way an easy job.

I suppose it came about in this way The Phillistines had raided the country so often that the people were intimidat ed. We read in Judges 5:6 that the highways were unoccupied and the peo ple traveled in the byways. In th spring of the year the frightened Is raelites crept out lato their fields an sowed them. During the summer their enemies left them unmolested, bu when the crops began to ripen, the raided them constantly and carried o. the harvest.

One day a band of Philistines cam down upon Shamgar's field. Some me: would have run away, but not s Shamgar. He said: "This thing ha gone far enough. It is a disgrace t our nation and to Jehovah as well If no one else will resist them, I must and I may as well begin now as ever. Accordingly he attacked the 600 men with nothing but an ox goad. God han ored his faith and gave him the vie tory. This put fresh courage lato faint ing hearts. When they saw what Goe and one brave man could do, they ral the one which St. John saw, of which lied as a nation and soon threw of the voke of the enemy.

two verses are marvelous ones, not Observe, too, that Shamgar was Jeal only because of the clear prediction of ous for God's honor. It was not the Jesus of Nazareth, made more than loss of his own crop or even his neigh seven centuries before his first advent. bors' crops which led him to enter but marvelous also for the fullness such an unequal contest. He felt that and richness of the revelation they con-God's honor was at stake, and he could tain concerning the person, character not bear to have the Phillistines despis and work of Christ. This King is to Jehovah or his people. And so he was be the king of a growing kingdom. Of willing to run some risk, if indeed there was any risk, 'n trusting God's promises.

Jonathan did the same thing, as we read in I Sam. 14:6, and Nehemiah also, and God honored their faith in a similar way. God needs more Shamgars in our day-men who are willing to work for him in a small way, and work alone, and work with what they have. Will you be one?

Never do today what you can put of till tomorrow. Delay may give clearer light as to what is best to be done. Anron Burr.

Hezekinh succeeded his father, Ahaz and entered upon a religious revival in the kingdom. The people who had walked in darkness had seen a new light. The prophet saw the dawning rays through the midst of this darkness of ignorance being removed. He also saw the coming of the Light of Men 700 years later, and the multiplication of the nations, the increase of their joy. When Jesus comes again he will deliver Israel from her present oppressors that have ground her down these many centuries, and will then exalt Israel above the nations (Zech, 12: 1-21; 9:12-17; 8:20-23). But Jesus Is delivering men today, removing every sort of yoke of burden, and breaking the rod of oppressors (John 8:36; Math. 11:28). He also is bringing peace to men, and with the consummation of his work, wars will cense,

Shall we not all pray for the speedy

consummation of that day? "Even so,

II. Unto Us a Son Is Born (vv. 6-7).

The greatest Joy for Israel In Isaiah's

time was in this vision of the Messiah,

the promised Savior. Isniah is look-

ing ahead seven centuries. We are

looking back nineteen. He was to be

king over his people. Name and title

is here given. (1) "Wonderful" be-

cause of his nature, being both hu-

man and divine. The word made flesh

and dwelt among us. (2) "Counselor,"

one who has the wisdom to guide him-

self and others. No one guided by him

"The Mighty God." He was truly God

so that we can trust him to the utter-

most. He can also save to the utter-

most. (4) "Everlasting Father," ex-

pressing his divine loving kindness and

self-identification with the Father. (5)

He is also "Prince of Pence," the one

who rules so that peace and prosper

ity abide in his kingdom. He brings

peace between man and God, and be

tween man and man. He is the peace

of the soul as well as bringing

pence to the soul. The completeness

of this picture which Isninh saw is

we have been recently studying. These

it, rule it, control it with justice, es-

that kingdom.

during.

and endure.

(3)

has ever failed of true success.

come Lord Jesus."

ABSTINENCE INTELLIGENT.

Major General O'Ryan, commanding the division of New York troops, issued an order before leaving for the South, in which he said : "You will refrain at all times from the use of liquor and beer and the reason should appeal to your intelligence." One of the results of this order is seen in the reports of the sick rate. From July 27 to August 14 in the Sixth New York division it was only .0183. In the Spanish-American war the sick rate was from 7 to 15 per cent.

TAXPAYERS REJOICING.

In the first six months that Arizons was without saloons the city of Phoenix increased in taxable wealth \$5,000,000, had a decrease in the tax rate, and the city government cost \$20,000 less than during the saloos regime. Furthermore, the first siz months the city was without saloost the number of arrests for drunkenness was 85, compared with 1,210 for the corresponding six months in the prefous year.

A TRIBUTE TO PROHIBITION. To show his appreciation of profibition in the state of Washington \$ traveling salesman recently sent \$3 to the Anti-Saloon league in Seattle with a note which read:

"From a salesman who lives in California and who has come to Seattle for twenty years to sell merchandisa and who has sold more merchandis on his first trip in March of this yest under prohibition than he ever sol on any previous trip; also more good on the March, 1916, trip than with three trips in 1915 with open saloass"

PER CAPITA TAX.

A census bulletin, for 1913, should \$10.12 per capita of general taxes of lected in the prohibition states; \$11.00 the increase of his government there is to be no end. He is also to be a king upon the throne of David. Jesus per capita in the near-prohibition was David's descendant and lineal heir. states; \$14.82 per capita in the par-tially license states; and \$16.93 per and his kingdom is the development of capita in the wet states. He is to order it, govern it, manage

MAN TO ELIMINATE.

tablish it and make it firm and en-It is the man behind the sa rather than the man behind the lan-All manner of rights between classes that we must eliminate before we can achieve real results,-Charles Lei and individuals will be settled with justice and righteousness without which no kingdom can be successful erer.

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May Christmas have for you Health and Happiness galore

