

SLY REYNARD.

THE FOX IS A MERRY BEAST AND A BOLD FREEBOOTER.

Restless, Alert and Full of Resources—His Career is a Short-Lived, But His Existence is a Happy-go-Lucky One.

Now few people know what an interesting chap the fox is, said the naturalist in the New York Sun. They know him only by reputation and that as a chicken-thief, which he is.

He loves fish; and going down to the stream he waits till he spies a plump trout. It's all over in a twinkling.

Timid rabbits prick up their ears and run, unconscious of danger, along the hillside; the quails skulk noiselessly in the wheat stubble; birds pour forth their notes of praise—and he catches them all.

How do you know I had just been married? thundered the angry guest, who thought he had successfully concealed the fact from everybody.

Oh, I didn't know it, replied the clerk, calmly, but the chambermaid said she swept up a quart of rice off the floor of your room this morning.

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short one, for traps and snares are many, hunters are many and the scent of the hound is keen.

Bridal Couples Undoubtedly. A good story is told by one of the clerks of a hotel near the Treasury on a bride and groom who were here a few days ago from a Western State.

The clerks at this hotel have acquired a National reputation for their ability to "spot" bridal parties immediately on their arrival.

The lady, of course, stopped in the parlor, while the gentleman walked up to the desk in the office and nervously wrote his name on the register.

"Have you forgotten something?" "How's that?" said the man, his face flushing and his head dropping low on his breast.

"Oh, you'll catch on to those little things before long," replied the clerk, as he assigned the couple to the bridal apartments.

Willard A. Lucas, the son of a great woolen manufacturer of Poquetanuck, Conn., wears an artificial hand made of aluminum.

Young Lucas lost his hand in his father's mills, and Lucas, Sr., who grieved exceedingly over the results of the accident, wrote or went in person to every known manufacturer of artificial limbs in this country and Europe.

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The Weight of the Earth.

One of the problems that men of science occasionally undertake to solve over again for the sake of getting nearer to the exact truth is that of the density and mass of the earth.

The density of a body is the quantity of matter that a given volume of it contains, while its mass is the total quantity of matter that the whole body contains.

Water is taken as the standard of comparison in estimating the density of the earth. It has been known, in a general way, for a hundred years, that the earth's mean or average density is between five and six times that of water.

Recently a method of measuring the mass and density of the earth has been put into practice in France. This consists in changing the level of a small lake which can be raised or lowered by artificial means and noting the effect upon the height of a column of mercury.

The results of these experiments have given for the earth's mean density 5.41 times the density of water.

Senman John Fascal has received a letter from Altak, Alaska, giving an account of the suicide of Francis James, an able seaman who shipped on the Merom when she left here about six months ago for the northern canneries.

Perhaps you remember, said Fascal, that a young man named Lawrence fell overboard from the Merom when the bark was sailing through the Golden Gate.

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MEYERS & CO.'S shovel works at Beaver Falls was started. Employees accepted reduced wage rates.

The registrar of the Paris Morgue has the unique distinction of having written 300 popular songs and ballads.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS.

PAID THE PENALTY.

BENJAMIN F. TENNIS HANGED FOR THE MURDER OF LITTLE AGNES WRIGHT.

Tennis' crime was a revolting one. His victim was Agnes Cooper Wright, a school girl of 9 years, whom he assaulted and then choked to death Sept. 19, 1893.

THE WILL OF GENERAL LILLY. The deceased congressman at large, was admitted to probate at Mauch Chunk.

A NOTICE has been posted at the Atlanta Iron works Sharon, that laborers' wages will be \$1.10 a day and all other employees 10 per cent. lower than present prices.

Mrs. FREDERICK DUBLER, the aged widow, of the late Dr. Dubler of Apollo, was burned to death Sunday night, presumably from dress taking fire from a grate.

YOUNG THOMAS LODGERS, who murdered his father and attempted to kill his mother and sister on January 14, was sentenced at Chester, by Judge Clayton, to 25 years imprisonment.

ALEXANDER W. LEIBENBERG, one of the most widely known bankers in Pennsylvania, died at his home in East Mauch Chunk Wednesday evening, age 79 years.

FREDERICK STRUM, a saloonkeeper of Pittsburgh died yesterday from injuries received two months ago by a falling bed closing on him. His lungs were injured.

CHARLES GORDON was drowned in the Juniata river and his death impelled a brother and a sister to attempt suicide, but they were prevented.

Mrs. MICHAEL WEINER, of Monaca, tried to revive a fire with kerosene. She was killed and two of her children were burned.

Voluntary manslaughter was the verdict in the case of Louis Salvadoro, on trial at Washington, for the murder of Benjamin Succol.

ADAM SCHROEDER, aged 47 years was struck and instantly killed by a runaway car on the plane at Primrose colliery, near Mahanoy City.

DANIEL EVANS, silverman of Greensburg was taken with a fit of coughing. A blood vessel burst and he died a few minutes later.

WASHINGTON county farmers are alarmed over the appearance of a disease supposed to be tuberculosis among their cattle.

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17.

Lesson Text: "The Glorified Saviour." Rev. 1, 9-20—Golden Text: Phil. II, 9—Commentary.

"I, John, who also am your brother and companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

"I was in the Spirit of the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet. In the Spirit, led by the Spirit, I wrote unto the seven churches."

"Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and that which was, and is, and is to come, the Lord and the Spirit, and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him come. And he that is thirsty, let him come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks. If John had not heeded the voice and turned to see, he had not seen the great sight. It was only when the Lord said that Moses turned aside to see that God called unto him out of the midst of the bush (Ex. III, 4). I doubt not that we would see and hear more of God if we were more ready to heed His slightest call and see His hand in every event. The seven candlesticks are explained in verse 20.

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. The crown in His right hand is the Kingdom of Him who is always in the midst when we meet in name (Math. xviii, 20) and who was in the midst on Calvary for us. He is our High Priest, as indicated by the garment, and He is the one who is to be glorified for us and to whom we are to give glory and honor for ever and ever (1 Pet. i, 11). His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire. His head is all thoughts, or perhaps that He is the Angel of Days (Dan. vii, 9), whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting (Mic. v, 2). As to His eyes, see also chapters II, 18; xix, 12, and remember that all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (Heb. iv, 13). And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters. Compare also His feet (Dan. x, 6; Rev. 1, 7); they may suggest His judgment, and also His righteousness. As to His voice, compare Rev. xvii, 15; the idea seems to be set forth in these verses as the voice of a host of people.

"And I heard a great voice saying unto me, Fear not. I am the first and the last. As to His voice, compare Rev. xvii, 15; the idea seems to be set forth in these verses as the voice of a host of people.

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." Here is the threefold division of the book. If I understand it: Chapter I, the things which thou hast seen; chapters II, III, the things which are; chapters IV, to xii, the things which shall be hereafter. Notice chapter IV, 1, the last clause. Nothing is received merely for ourselves. All is to be written or spoken for the benefit of others.

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are seven churches." This confirms His words in Math. x, 14, "Ye are the light of the world," and takes us back to the candlesticks of the tabernacle and temple, but especially to the peculiar and supplying or constantly supplied candlestick of Zeel, iv, with its two olive trees, suggestive of Christ, our Priest and King, and its wonderful central thought, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Both individually and collectively we shall shine for Christ only as we rejoice in Him as our Priest and acknowledge Him as our King, believing that He is over in our midst.—Lesson Helper.

NEW YORK CITY'S WEALTH. The wealth of New York City, as a corporation, amounts to the enormous sum of \$559,000,000. It is thus distributed: Central Park, \$200,000,000; fifty other parks, \$20,000,000; Croton aqueduct, \$20,000,000; public markets, \$20,000,000; city lots not in public, \$20,000,000; docks and piers, \$30,000,000; police stations and land, \$5,000,000; schools, \$15,000,000; fire department, \$5,000,000; courts, prisons, and islands, \$20,000,000; water lots, \$3,000,000; armories, \$3,000,000.

TEMPERANCE.

JOHN BARLEYCORN.

Oh, Barleycorn, John Barleycorn, You make a fellow posse Most picturesque while you adorn With sunset tints his nose.

Oh, Barleycorn, John Barleycorn, You promise joy and in a horn And your delights are in a horn And mostly go amiss; Of all deceivers you stand first, The blackest, blindest and the worst!

Oh, Barleycorn, John Barleycorn, The matter I've resolved, And I declare, this blessed morn, Our partnership dissolved; You are a fraud—I've proved it so, And that is all I want to know.

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