COLDENROD.

Spring is the morning of the year, And Summer is the noontide bright; The Autumn is the evening clear That comes before the Winter's night.

And in the evening, everywhere Along the roadside, up and down, I see the golden torches flare Like lighted street-lamps in the town.

I think the butterfly and bee, From distant meadows coming back, Are quite contented when they see These lamps along the homeward track. But those who stay too late get lost For when the darkness falls about Down every lighted street the Frost Will go and put the torches out! —Frank Dempster She

****** OCHE, THE CHICKASAW.

His month was straight and firm, and his small, gray eyes were set unusually close together. His chin was clean shaven, and on either cheek he wore a thin and formal whisker. Perhaps it was to this severe exterior that Colonel Bailey owed his appointment as deputy sheriff of Guthrie district; but be this as it may, everybody knew him to be capable and fearless, and so when an elusive young Chickasaw bandit was seen in the vicinity of Le-high it was the colonel who was chosen to run him down.

Colonel Bailey selected me as one of his associates. For the other he picked out an unsociable fellow, known in the community as "Frozen Pete," I suspect that he had no great confidence in our ability to catch the thief. For when we reached Le-high and found the outlaw under lock and key, he seemed very well satisfied. It merely remained for us to bring the prisoner safely to Guthrie and lodge

him in the county jail. After a short delay, we started After a short delay, we started on our return journey, and so it happened that one breezy autumn evening we four encamped in a hollow of the Washita Hills, Okla-barse with worst than helf, our vide homa, with more than half our ride behind us.

Our prisoner's name was Oche-a Chickasaw word meaning "all right Never was name less appropriate. Ex-cept in his youth, his vigor and the marvellous quickness of his motions, Oche was anything but "all right." Though he stood five feet ten in his moccasins, his extraordinary leanness left his weight scarcely a hundred pounds. He spoke little English and was wholly without education, but his high production is a support had here high reputation for cunning had been thoroughly earned. A pair of frayed buckskin tronsers and a dingy blanket made up his simple costuine. He looked a typical Indian outlaw, but his face was kind, and there were men who said his gratitude for a favor

was keen and lasting. As a professional horse-thief Oche had small claim upon the kindness of honest men, and he must have ex-pected the severest justice at official hands. But at the outset the Indian had reason to be surprised, for con-trary to his appearance Colonel Bailey was generous to a fault, and his kind consideration for a prisoner was i variable. Frozen Pete and I follow was in his example. We had no wish to be discourteous, and it seemed only nat ural and right to offer Oche such little attentions as were within our power to bestow. I remember in particular that last night when the Indian was shivering beneath his scanty blanket how the colonel drew off his heavy weather-coat and spread it carefully over him. Oche merely raised his head and stared hard into the rugged face of the sheriff. The hellow in which we had helted

The hollow in which we had halted was a natural basin, situated on the west bank of a branch of the Washita river. Eastward between us and the stream a very narrow wall of shaly earth rose precipitously to the height of full 30 feet. To the north and west the low hills were almost perpen dicular. Thus on three sides the dicular. basin was entirely shut in by cliffs. On the fourth alone to the southwest the view was open, and through the gap we could see stretches of the il-limitable prairie.

The tall prairie. The tall prairie grass grew aban-dantly on the floor of our camping-ground, and here and there along the hard, dry walls clung an anomy the v walls clung an occasional stubbly buffalo grass or a patch of sickly cluster of yellow cacti. Cer-tainly it was not a preity spot, but the tall banks were a rampart against the chill breezes of the northwest, and the basin had long since been a favor-ite halting-ground for travelers.

The colonel was in command, and had to do was to get up and walk, it was our business to obey orders. You know how slim he was? Well, he's turned out to be one of those fellows whose hands aren't a particle broader than their wrists. What do you suppose they care about things like these?" he added, rattling the handcuffs viciously. "While we were sleeping here, like the gentle lambs we are, he slipped his hands out, un tied the rope from his ankles and left, taking the broncos along as mementos

of a pleasant trip with fools." "Then let's follow him!" I exclaimed, leaping up; but the sheriff gripped me the trousers. "I'm thankful," he said, earnestly, by the

"that I'm not the only idiot in this camp. Why, you dummy, can't you comprehend the difference beveen people on horses and people on foot, and don't____

Frozen Pete had been quietly but rapidly pulling on his boots, button-ing his jacket and tightening his belt. ing his jacket and tightening his belt. His manner was generally so deliber-ate that now we both stared at him in surprise. My view embraced the mouth of our camping-ground, and between the black walls I saw, with horror, a long, unbroken line of leap-ing flame. Extending the entire width of the bottom, its dancing yel-low crest was just visible as it rose low crest was just visible as it rose over a long knoll lying in its path. How the fire started I do not know to this day. Perhaps campers on the prairie had set it going accidentally. It could not have been burning long, for else we should have noticed the glace in the sight also Gonglied the glare in the night sky. Complete-ly hidden by our walls until within the last few moments, the terrible ly hidden b the last few danger had crept upon us unobserved The fire was already within 300 yards of us, and the rough wind was

sweeping it nearer with frightful rapidity. There was no time to start a counter fire. The sheer walls on three sides of us blocked our retreat. A death pidity

of torture was rushing straight at us. Pete and I stared at Colonel Bailey, while in that awful moment the sheriff stood, with bent head, thinking ho e us.

'This way, boys," he cried, suddenly, and ran straight across the canon toward the creek. We followed and quickly reached the narrow bluff opquickly reached the narrow bluff op-posite. The sheriff glanced rapidly along its base. He had seen such formations before and hoped to find a hole through the well hole through the wall.

I was by his side when we reached a spot where the tall grass had been worn down. He stopped, dropped of one knee and then pulled me bodil to the ground. To my astonishment I found myself looking into a wolf-burrow, perhaps 18 inches in diameter. At its other end, scarcely 15 feet away, I could see light. Some enterprising coyote had dug a passage through the narrow wall to the creek beyonJ. "See if it's wide enough for you,

boy," cried the colonel; "maybe we can get through, maybe not. If we can

I lost the rest of the sentence as with both arms extended in front of me I thrust my head and shoulders into the opening, and digging my toes widently into the ground I showed myself forward almost my length. There I stuck fast. With no room to bend my arms or use my knees, I wa helpless. Writhe and squirm as helpless. Writhe and squarm as a would, I could make no progress. In despair I' struggled back into the

'I feared it," said the sheriff, huskilv y. "If we could use our elbows we ould make it, but as it is, God help

For some seconds we stood motion less. The fire had advanced turies yards, and the infernal roar was buzz-ing in my ears when Pete suddenly thrust out his hand toward the west, thrust out his hand toward the buff, Opposite us, on the very of the bluff, was the rascally bandit, Oche. We could see him distinctly in the in-creasing light. There he sat astride the colonel's pony, stolidly watching us and apparently finding a ferocious joy in our approaching destruction. We had hardly time for thought however, before Oche dropped to the ground. Holding the lariat coiled in his hand, he cut it from the bronco' neck and sprang to the edge of the bluff at a point where the wall was slightly less steep. Instantly he squatted down, lurched his weight for ard and slid down the bank into the asin below. The descent was almost basin below. The descent was almost as rapid as a fall, but Oche reached the bottom unharmed, and springing to his feet he came bounding toward us, his lank, wiry body shooting far through the air at every leap. The act of the bandit in dropping from safety to apparent death utterly bewildered us. In the nature of bewildered us. In the nature of things it would not be to attack us. The roaring of the flames grew louder, we could hear the crackling of the tall, crisp grass, yet we could only stand and stare. tall.

understood and grasped the rope near its centre, while Oche, dropping full length upon the ground, wriggled his naked body into the burrow. Thanks to his extreme slenderness and to his Indian blood he crawled through the tunnel with all the dexterity of an animal. Holding one end of the lariat a th is back he drew the slack rapidly at his back he drew the slack rapidly after him, and in less than a minute he stood on the narrow strip beside the creek.

Pete crawled into the tunnel as far as his own exertions would permit, and now the Indian, drawing the rope taut, pulled him along with all the strength of his lithe body. Twisting and turning, the cowboy scraped safely through.

The colonel grabbed the end of the rope which had almost disappeared in the burrow, and running back with it 15 feet he ordered me to go before him. The fire was within 50 yards of us. The wind drove sparks and smoke against our faces. It was no time for chivalrous deference. chivalrous deference.

chivalrous deference. Dropping to the earth I grasped the lariat as Pete had done and was trying to compress my bulk just a little when I feltmyself jerked forward with a vigor which told me that Oche and Pete were hauling together at the rone. In half a minute I was by their rope. In half a minute I was by their side, and our united strength dragged Colonel Bailey rapidly through the tunnel. But just as the sheriff's head emerged from us and running along the sprang from us and running along the bank of the stream stopped some five rods away. It was hardly strange that neither Pete nor I thought of

that betther Fete nor 1 thought of him as a prisoner. Colonel Bailey got on his feet and took a step toward Oche. The out-law stood motionless. The sheriff made another step. The Indian shook his head, then turned and walked slowly away, conscious of his perfect security. He had seen us throw down our holders mixtde and the other side our holster pistols on the other side of the hole, and as an Indian he did not fear our pursuit on foot. The sheriff watched Oche until he

passed a bend in the ridge, then ha turned and walked toward us in si lence. Halting at the wolf-burrow he bent down and peeped through it. As he did so his trousers were drawn tight across his hips, and I perceived the outline of a hard object in his rear pocket. It was the butt of a derringen pistol; but I am not the man to criti-cise the colonel. -- Til Tilford, in Youth's Companion.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A map of Jerusalem in Mosaic, 1500 years old, has been found in Pal estine

A night-blooming leguminous plant f Trinidad is pollinated by the agency bats. of of

There are houses still standing Nuremberg, Bavaria, that were built in 1080

A pen carrying a small electric lamp to prevent shadows when writing haben patented in Germany.

Prisoners when arrested in Morocce are required to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail.

The Roman bride, when being dressed for the wedding, invariably had her hair parted with the point of a spear.

A pedestrian succeeded the other day in setting foot, in the course of five hours and forty minutes, in seven German states.

Simla, India, is built on the side of a steep hill, and the roof of one house is often on a level with the foundation of one in the next tier.

Grasshoppers attain their greatest size in South America, where they grow to a length of five inches, and their wings spread out ten inches.

The Japanese are curiously alike physically. Recent measurements taken of an infantry regiment showed no variation except two inches in height or 20 pounds in weight.

An early Anglo-Saxon custom, strictly followed by newly married couples, was that of drinking diluted honey for thirty days after marriage. From this custom comes the word honey moon, or honeymonth.

Safety for Miners. A recently invented device for miners will no doubt result in lessen-ing the loss of life. It is designed to reader the miners immune for the render the miners immune from the

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titution. Come up from between a wasted life and an untilumined eternity. Like Jonathan, elimb up with all your might, instead of sitting down to wring your hands in the shadow and in the darkness—"a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR AUGUST 28

Lesson Text: "Elisha at Dothan," II Kings vi., 8-18-Golden Text: Psalms xxxiv., 7-Commentary on the Lesson by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Kinge vi., 8-18-Golden Text: Pailms XXXV, 7-Commentary on the Lesson by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.
8. "Then the king of Syria warred against Israel and took counsels with hisservants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp." From the story of Cain and Abel onward all the characters in the Bible are for God or are against Him and are seen eliber leaning upon His wisdom or upon their own. But the borrowed ax at the bottom of the river tells the condition of all men apart from God. All are lost and helpess to recover themselves, and how can such think to do anght for or effectually against God? The stick that caused the iron to swim and be recovered is. like the tree cast into the waters of Mara, suggestive of Him who is the Tree of Life, who only can recover lost souls or make bitter waters sweet.
9. "And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place, for thither the Syrians are come down." Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His servents, the prophets (Amos III., 7). As He told Samuel about Sau would spend to lim to be another king, and also told him what would happen to him the day he left him, adding, "Do as occasion serve thee, for God is with the e," so He sees the end from the beginning of every day for each of us, and if we leave our way with Him He will bring it to pass and order our steps to His prophets, so shall ye persper." There is nothing on earth so sure as the Word of God, for it is forever settled in nearen (Ps. cxix, S9), and, though all elses may fade and full, the Word of our God shall stand forever (Isa, xi, S).
11. "Therefore the heart of the king, and fail, the server settled in nearen (Ps. cxix, S9), and, though all elses there was a traitor among his men, how else could his plane be made know to his eneary? Thus reasoned the king of Israel sent to then, will ye not show more which of us is for the king of Israel?" For unless there was a traitor among his men, how else could his plan

possible that one who had connection with such power might also be able to reveal secrets?
12. "And one of his servants said. None, my lord, O king, but Elisha, the prophet that is in israel, telleth the king of Israel, telleth the king the Israel, telleth telleth

it necessary to send such a host to take one man. So he does the best he knows how to get his man, and to be more sure of taking film he does it secretly by night, so that no human eyes can see what he is doing, for dexenses and the light are alize.
I5. "And when the servant of the man of God was risen carly and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city, both with horses and charlots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master, how shall we do?" In two cases we have seen servants wiser than their masters, but this servant does not seen to have profiled as he might by having such a master. Even our Lord had to say to one of His disciples." Have these so long time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" (John xiv., 9).
16. "And he answered, Fear not, for they that be with these." Here is faith seeing the unseen. Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible. The things seen are eternal. Happy are those who have learned to see the things that are invisible to ordinary eyes, who, like Stephen, look up steadastly into heaven and see the glory of Gol and Jesus and find confort in His words." Heaves of the width words is any fill read to the "fear nots" from the first one in Gen, xv., 1, onward would greatly tend to this happy start of mid which would be "T." And Elisha prayel and said, Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes that lie may see. And the down duil greatily tend to this happy start of more and said. Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes that the may see indicating the low start of the said that the asked for them, and we are told that they are theirs of salvation. (Heb., 14).
T. "Hand when they came dowa to him, sing exploit the max and the said that first would be ther word of Elisha." Notice and so Elisha ther word of Elisha." Notice and so Elisha's third prayer and answer in this incident in verse 20, and it you eatmestly cover such internate followship with god, mane heave of the said that they are thing heave of the montant areas the difference of the may of them wheat s

On this night, however, the wind had veered round until it swept unre-sisted through the mouth of our three-walled flat. All night long its violence steadily increased, and when the colonel wakened us by loud shouts of "Rouse! Rouse!" it was blowing a gale

I started up and began to draw on my heavy boots. The colonel was al-rendy making coffee over a glowing heap of brush sticks. By chance my eyes wandered to the opposite side of the basin, where we had picketed our four brones. They were gone

four broncos. They were gone. In blank amazement I pointed to the spot. The colouel followed the direction of my gaze and understood Then by a common impulse we ran to where his overcoat lay. He snatched it from the ground. Beneath were a blanket, a piece of heavy rope and a pair, of locked handcuffs. Oche had gone

Had the blow been less severe, the colonel might have given expressiv vent to his feelings, but as it was, h merely dropped upon the blanket and began to examine the discarded man

"There are times," he muttered weakly, "when a man who calls him self a man insists upon being a mule This is one of the times, and I'm the

'How was it done?'' I asked, kneel-

The Indian presently reached us. 'Throw away guns - hats ! he cried

"Do it, boys," commanded the colonel, and as Frozen Pete threw down his belt, pistol and sombrero

deadly effects of carbonic oxide in the after damp which follows gas ex-plosions in mines. It is a helmet which will enable the wearer to live for at least half an hour after such an explosion takes place. It is worn over the head and face, and is constructed of a special asbestos tanned leather, or cloth, rendering it proof against fire, heat, steam, boiling water and all poisonous fluids. It comes dow ver the shoulders, and is held firmly in place by means of two straps pass-ing under the arms. At the back of the helmet is a metal reservoir, fro the heimet is a metal reservoir, from which the wearer is supplied with fresh air at the natural air pressure and twenty degrees cooler than the outside atmosphere. The tank has a capacity of 100 pounds' pressure of compressed air, and is always ready for service, the same pressure of pure air being retained for months. The amount of air in store can be seen on the gauge attached to the reservoir, which can be quickly changed by an air pump. A lever on the top of the reservoir forces the air through the supply tubes to a point inside and di-recty in front of the month and nostrils. The supply can be adjusted to the comfort of the wearer. The neck gear has an outlet for the foul air, and the two lookouts are constructed of double plates of clear mica, with re-volving cleaners and protected by four "How was it done?" I asked, kneel-ing opposite him on Oche's blanket. "Pone," he replied; "there wasn't anything to be done about it. All he

upor to inquire as to his weltare. But poverty on one side and sickness on the other are Bozez and Seneh, and they inter-leek their shadows, and drop them upon the poor man's way. God help himi "There is a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side." Now, what is such a man to do? In the name of Almighty God, I will tell him what to do. Do as Jonnthan did-climb; climb up into the sunlight of God's favor and consolation. I can go through the churches, and show you men who lost fortune and health at the sams time, and yet who sing all day and dream of Heaven all night. If you have any idea that sound digestion, and steady nerves, and clear eyesight, and good hearing, and plenty of friends, are miscalculated. It is a difficult thing for a men to feal him

book hearing, and plenty of friends, are nessessary to make a man happy, you have inscaled and the second second second second dependence upon God when he has the housand dollars in the bank, and fifty housand dollars in for a man to feel bis from the second second second second second the second second second second second prediction of stores and three ships. Well, the man sixs to himself, "it is slifty for addition of stores and three ships. Well, the man sixs to himself, "it is slifty for addition of stores and three ships. Well, the man sixs to himself, "it is slifty for addition of the second second second prediction of the second second second will be ships that the the second second dimb up lato the arms of a sympithetic and compassionate God, through all eter-nity you will bless the that in this world. There was a sharp rock on the one side." Who have from the second second second second second the second second second second second second and the same time. The world frattens the hore it wants to drive. But let aman world, then every bus is full of hores and world, then every bus is full of hores and they will carleature him. They will carleature him. They will carleature him. They will carl his generosity self-second up to the second bis persoes the will be smettimes come up up the persoes to not his sement and the second the second the hore it wants to drive. But let aman world, then every bus is full of hores and his generosity self-second up the second to hore second the hore it wants to seme times. The very worst persoes the will carleature him. They will carleature him the second to hore second him from those who profees to be Christians.

A NEW CONFEDERACY.

Central American States Organize "The United States of Central America."

Delegates to the convention to form a constitution for the States of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, at Managua, Nicaragua, have discussed the first eleven of the articles, numbering about fifty-live, in the printed form of a constitution, and have decided on the following principal

stures: First—The organization is to be a confed-racy instead of a central union of the

eracy instead of a central union of the three States. Second—The name of the confederation is to be "The United States of Central American States of Central

is to be "The United States of Central America." Third - There is to be a Federal district, composed of the civil departments of Chin-andega, in Nionragua; Choluteoa, in Hon-duras, and La Union, in Salvador, all bor-dering on the Gulf of Fonseea. Fourth--The organizing capital is to be Amapala, on Tiger Island, in the Depart-ment of Choluteca, Honduras. The perma-nent capital is to be determined by the first Congress, and will be located at either Amapala, Choluteca or Chinandega. Fifth-There is to be one President, In-stend of a triple-headed tribune, as at first proposed.

roposed. It is thought probable that either Presi-lent Bonilla, of Honduras. or President Calaya. of Nicaragua, will be chosen as the rst President of the proposed confederacy.

Emperor William's Invitation.

Emperor William's Invitation. Emperor William of Germany has ex-tended an invitation to representatives of Evangelical churches in the United States to attend the ceremony of dedicating the Church of the Redeemer, at Jerusalem, on October 31.

How They Do It in Manitoba

In Heiper. How They Do II in Manitoba. "They have a very effective way of put-ting the brakes on inebriates up in Mani-toba," writes a correspondent. "When a man has been convicted twice or thrice of druck enness in the local police courts, he is a plain the to subon-keepers that he is a person to whom it is forbidden to sell any intoxicating beverages. No man with this badge of disgrace can get a drink any-where, for the law is strictly respected. The result is that in many cases an entire cure is effected in the individual. Whenever the authorities think that the collar penalty has been endured long enough the collar goes of, and the citizen is at liberty to get a drink."-Scottish Reformer.

The Queen of Greece is the only wo-nan Admiral in the world.