

Umbrella handles from Japan are of lyoprella handles from Japan are of lyory, exquisitely carved and etched. A downtown umbrella store displayed a windowful of these costly but valua-ble objects. One was a long handle, nearly flat, with rounding sides. A chain of monkeys swung hand in hand over the entire surface. They were in very low relief and were only slightly cobred with pale yellow. The work-manship was beyond ordinary criti-cism, and the little figures were per-fectly brought out. Thuy mice were carved on another handle, while others show flower designs, cherry blossoms, fris and chrysanthemums. It can hard-ly be called an extravagance to buy such works of art, since they can be used indefinitely. used indefinitely.

A Easy Woman. A busy woman once said that she recomplish until she became the could ac-complish until she became the could ac-transformer and the she could ac-sports and limiting her own working hours to theirs. To day they are young men and she looks like their sister. There are other young mothers of grown men, and they are rather for-midable rivals of younger women. The sons unconsciously make compari-tive sons unconsciously make compari-tive sons unconsciously make compari-tive sons unconsciously make compari-tive beautiful to "grow up" in this fashion with one's children, to keep ace with them in new studies and second youth, says an exchange. We only the says an exchange we are quick to put away youthful things hold them.-Indianapolis News.

hold them.-Indianapolls News. The Handkerchief. About the year 1540 an unknown Venetian lady first conceived the happy idea of carrying a "fazzoletto," and it was not long before her example was widely followed throughout Italy. The handkerchief then crossed the Alps in-to Frence where its use was immedi-

widely followed throughout Italy. The handkerchief then crossed the Alps in-to France, where its use was immedi-ately adopted by the lords and ladies of Henry II's court. The handkerchief of that period was an article of the greatest luxury. It was made of the most costly fabrics and was ornamented with the rarest embroideries. In the reign of Henry III it began to be perfumed and re-ceived the name of "mouchoir de Ve-nus." It was not until 1550 that the handkerchief made its way into Ger-many, and then its use was long confined to princes and persons of great wealth. It was made the ob-ject of sumptnary laws, and an edict published at Dresden in 1595 forbade its use by the people at large. Slowly, but surely, however, the vul-garization of the pocket-handkerchief has been accomplished, and to-day even the humblest is superior in one impor-

has been accompassed, and to day even the humblest is superior in one impor-tant respect to Petrarch and Laura, Dante and Beatrice, who, it is some-what painful to think, lived in a pre-handkerchief age.—London Standard.

Difficult to Be Original.

Difficult to Be Original. It is a great pity from a writer's point of view that all the best phrases the come stale and unprofitable after a time. All the best epithets are used up, and it is nearly impossible to invent anything else haif so good. No writer with self-respect can call clouds "fteecy," or the sea "the rolling deg," and yet these are the ideal phrases. Clouds are undeniably fleecy, and it any one thinks that the deep does not roll we should recommend him, says the London Globe, to cross from Jersey to Southampton the day after a gale. There ought to be some sort of copyright in the near phrase. The man who first said that a miss was as good

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR APRIL I.

FOR APRIL 1. Subject The Two Foundations. Matt. vii., 15-29-Golden Text. James 1., 22-Memory Verses, 24-25-Toplet Consides in Character Eukling. I. The false and the true (vs. 15-20). Jesus has just been speaking of the narrow entrance into His kingdom and the broad way which leads down to death; He now turns His attention to the false guides which lead you not guard; look out for. "False prophets." Who will deceive you and lead you into the broad way. "Sheep's clothing." A symbol of deceptive, wicked men put-ting on the garb of piety. See 2 Cor. 11:13-15. "Inwardly," etc. Under their outer covering they hide hearts like wolves, and are ready to tear and de-stroy. 16. "Know them." Their real nature will soon appear, and their false doctrines will be detected. "Their fruits." The moral tendency of their lives and doctrines. I. 7. 8. "Good teo-corrupt tree." The comparison of men to trees fre-cuently occurs in the Bible. I. Hewn down." To this day in the East trees are valued only so far as the yroduce fruit. "Cast into 'the structor. II. Mere profession not sufficient

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

APRIL FIRST.

Lives That Endure .- Matt. 7: 24, 25; 1 Cor. 3: 10-15; Eph. 2; 19-22; 1 Tim. 6: 17-19; 2 Tim. 2: 14-19.

Tim. 6: 17-19; 2 Tim. 2: 14-19. Every one of us may found some-thing that will outlast the earth—a Christian life." A foundation half Carist and half worldliness is as unsound as a foun-dation half stone and half turf. Earthly buildings are formed once for all, and are enlarged only with difficulty; but a Christ-founded life is a growing organism. Whatever good we build on earth has its counterpart in our "house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens."

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Suggestions.

Suggestions. All lives endure,-but where? That is the question. The best way to gain a lasting memory among men is to live, not for the future, but wisely for to-day. Lives soon become gigantic if they are steadily built upward, with no tearing down. We spend many years in "getting a start in life," and too many of us never get to the living. Illustrations.

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who first said that a miss was as good as a mile, or commented on the tenc-ency of lanes, however long, to turn, said a good thing and should have had the exclusive benefit of it. Instead of which, as the judge said to the man

of which as the judge shift of the man who went about the country stealing ducks, a host of rivals crowd in, hor-row his neat phrase, without the slight-est acknowledgement, and use it as their own throughout the length and their own throughout the length and breadth of the country. And when the original author with a glow of pride observed during a lull at his next din-ner party, "Takking of hanes, I was saying to the Duke of Asterisk only

God's Care. People talk about special provi-dences. I believe in providences, but not in the specialty. I do not believe that God lets the thread of my affairs go for six days, and on the seventh evening takes it up for a moment. The so-called special providences are no exception to the rule—they are common to all mein at all moments. But it is a fact that God's care is more evident in some instances of it than in others, to the dim and often bewildered vision of humanity. Topon such instances men seize and call them providences. It is well that they can, but it would be gloriously better if they could believe that the whole matter is one grand providence.—George MacDonald.

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THE WAY TO PEACE.

With eager heart and will on fire I fought to win my great desire; "Peace shall be mine," I said, but life Grew bitter in the endless strife.

My soul was weary and my pride Was wounded deep; to Heaven I cried: "God grant me peace or I must die;" The dumb stars glittered no reply.

Broken at last, I bowed my head, Forgetting all myself, and said: "Whatever come, His avil be done;" And in that moment peace was won. —Henry Van Dyke.

John Barleycorn, Pagilist. If John Barleycorn Knocks out a prize-fighter at forty-two, at what age will the business man throw up the ponge to the great champion? We are told that Bob Fitzsimmons was not a drunkard. He was a steady drinker. Few business men are drunk-ards, but many of them are steady drinkers. A business man may go on for years may be a steadily, and if the "punch in the stomach" in the shape of uu-foressen difficulties does not come he may pull through. But who can say when it will come or that it will not come at all? Is it possible that the business man has a better chance to survive the punch than the pugilist?--St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Why Trade Increased. Since the saloons were abolished in Lebanon, Tenn, the merchants of the place claim that trade has increased from twenty-five to forty-seven and a half per cent, and real estate has in-creased in value twenty per cent, while the mayor reports that only one third as many cases are tried before him as before the closing.