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the hot fire in which the Toledo blade is rged. We may not always know why we affer, for no explanation has ever been lyen, but somehow or other the suffering uls are always the noblest, provided they affer under the shadow of God's sym-athy. To be unconscious of His presence

perish? The Bible 5 &: "They shall have judgment without mercy that showed no mercy." I see the scribes of heaven looking up in-to the face of such a man, saying, "Whalt you plead for mercy, you, who in all your life never had any mercy on your fellows? Don't you remember how hard you were in your oplaions of those who were astray? Don't you remember when you ought to have given a helping hand you employed a hard heel? Mercy! You must mis-speak yourself when you plead for mercy here. Mercy for others, but no mercy for you. Look," say the scribes of heaven, "look at that inscription over the throne of judg-ment, the throne of God's judgment." See it coming out letter by letter, word by word, sentence by sentence, until your startied vision reads it and your remorse-ful spirit appropriates it: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Depart, ye cursed!"

#### SOUTHERN COTTON MILLS. Statistics Showing the Rapid Growth of

the Industry in North Carolina.

The first report of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, of North Carolina, devotes

# THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR APRIL 10.

Lesson Texi: "Suffering of Jesus Fore-told," Matthew xvi., 21-28-Golden Texi: Matt. xv., 25-Lesson Commen-tavy by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Text: Matt. xr., 26-Lesson Commen-tary by the Bev. D. M. Stearns. We have our choice of two lessons for to-day, either the regular lesson in the series, Math. xr., 21-26, or this resource-tion lesson, but as the latter, which we choose, is a brief section we can with great profit devote a third of our space to the former. Having warned His disciples against the leaven, or false doctrine, of the Pharisees and Sadducees, He drew from Simon Peter the confession, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the Hying God." This, Jesus said, was a revelation to Simon from the Father and was the foundation on which He would build His church, which He now mentions for the first time and only on one other occasion (Math. xvill., 17). He then told them plainly that Ho must suffer and die and rise from the dead the third day, and, when Poter, taught by stan, objected to this, Christ then taught the disciples that not only was death the only way for Him, but the only way for His resurrection He called their attention to the fact that all the prophets have spoken! Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" (Luke xxiv., 25, 26.) It is the great truth which is ever being spoken by the Spirit through Paul and to enter into His glory?" (Luke xxiv., 25, 26.) It is the great truth which is ever being spoken by the Spirit through Paul as when he says: "I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I lite, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "We who live are always delivered unto death for Jessa's made manifest in our mortal flesh." "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the followship of His suf-torings, being made comfortable unto His death" (Gal. II., 20; H Cor iv., 11; Phil. II., 10.

I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made comfortable unto His death" (Gel. H., 20; II Cor iv., 11; Phil. in., 10).
The And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet splees, that they might come and anoint Him. These women loved Him, followed Him and ministered unto Him. They also variable Him to the end and saw His body had not the Sabbath day, according to the commandment (Luke xxiii., 55, 56, Mark xv., 41). In them and their ministry is seen great devotion to Him, the manifestation of true and heartfeil love, but in they believed His oft repeated words, that He would not have perated to anoint His ease their love lacked faith, for had they believed His oft repeated words, that He would not have perated to anoint His ease their love in this day of the week they would not have perated to anoint His ease their love in the day, they would not have perated to anoint His ease their love in the day they would not have perated to anoint His ease their love in the day they would not have perated words, that they came looking for what they would not have perated words. "But they came looking for what they would not have perated words." "But had not be an anoint the sequence is to hold fast these words. "I best word, and it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts xxii., 25).
8. "And they said among themselves, Woor of the sepuleher?" Had they been for they had the comfort of Deut, xxi, 3, John X., 4, but He had not sent them for the site of God. It was a labor of the more they would not a work of faith (I Thess. 1, 3), it would not have perate, how were the diselples, but this from the first and they were the diselples, but this from the first and they were the diselples, but this from the first and they were the diselples, but this from the first and they were they they had no there word they which is beast in the sole work the have had not been rolled away that hey had no then yone wor

seen and yet have believed (sona xx., e, 23). 5. "And entering into the sepulcher they saw a young man sitting on the right side, slothed in a long white garment, and they was a feature in the sepurating the ac-

## KEYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDENSED DISOBEY THE LAW.

#### Oleomargarine Dealers Numerous in the Pittsburg District.

James Terry, agent of the dairy and food department for the Pittsburg dis-trict, has made a report to Commis-sioner Levi Wells. He says there is probably no district in the state where the law regarding the sale of oleo-margarine is so openly and deflantly vioated. He has secured more than 400 samples, a large proportion of which, upon analysis, have proven to be cleo-margarine. Many of these samples were obtained from small dealers who disappeared on suit being brought. He says the dealers in oleomargarine in Pittsburg district have behind them men of wealth and influence who make it difficult for the agent to enforce the law.

taw. The following pensions were granted inst week: Lewis Rawie, Allegheny, 512 Matthew Williams, Firsthere 512; George S. Richardson, Soldiers' home, Eric, 16; Samuel S. Bossler, Orwigs-burg, 16; John Pickering, Titusville, 16; Williams M. Thompson, Saxonourg, 36; George S. Richardson, Soldiers' nome, Eric, 5; Samuel S. Bossler, Orwigs-burg, \$6; Samuel S. Bossler, Orwigs-burg, \$6; John Pickering, Titusville, \$6;
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Richard A. Rice, Eldred, McKean, \$6 to \$15; Uhrich Schlandrecker, Erie, \$8 to \$15; Uhrich Schlandrecker, Meadville, \$6 to \$15; Uhrich Schlandrecker, Meadville, \$6 to \$10; William F. Biair, Storrstown, Somerset, \$12 to \$24; Minnie Kleves, Washington, \$1; W. Ward, Phillips-burg, Center, \$6; James F. Howden, Jefferson, \$; David Hopfer, Lumber City, Clearfield, \$10; John Bush, Ore Hill, Blair, \$8; Samuel D. Van Woert, Wharton, Potter, \$6; William B. Low-man, Pittsburg, \$6; Joseph Gundy, West Middlesex, Mercer, \$10; Benj, F. Markle, Maze, Juniata, \$6; Samuel F. Rogers, Oll City, \$5; Bernard Slegel, Huefner, Clarion, \$6; George Yonkers, Elk City, \$2; William Hamma, Green-ock, Allegheny, \$6; to \$10; George Myers, Bellefonte, \$8 to \$10; George Myers, Bellefonte, \$8; to \$10; George Myers, Bellefonte, \$8; to \$10; Sarah Elder, Deckers Point, Indiana, \$8; Charine Behe, Lilly, \$5; Annie E. Wangaman, Knights, Westmoreland, \$20; Martha Gregg, Frugality, Cambria, \$8; Char-lotte Mosser, Ellicottsville, Fayette, \$8; minor of Jos. Behe, Lilly, \$2; Jos. Miller, Pittsburg, \$5; Jonas Brown, Johnsburz, Somerset, \$6; William Bell, Blanco, Armstrong, \$6; Jonas Brown, Johnsburz, Somerset, \$6; William Backson, Uniontown, \$6; Gabriel Barnhart, Mt. Chestnut, \$8 to \$12; Andrew Schutz, Allegheny, \$12; Elizabeth A. Watson, Fay, Law-rence, \$8.

\$12: Elizabeth A. Watson, Fay, Law-rence, \$8. Mrs. Isabel Ridgway, aged 28 years, and her son Charles, aged 5 years, were found dead in bed the other morning at the home of Charles Hartley near West Chester. Their throats were cut, the heads being nearly severed from the bodies. The weapon used was evi-dently a butcher knife, which was found close by the bodies. The bodies were found by Hartley, who said the deed was probably committed while he was harnessing a horse. According to the statements made the woman was about to become a mother. She was housekeeper for Hartley. Some are of the opinion that the woman committed suicide after cutting the child's throat. The authorities are making an investi-gation. gation.

The authorities are making an investi-gation. A sad case is reported from Arm-strong township. Sunday afternoon two young men, supposed to be sons of James Carney, of Apollo, drove into the township in a buggy, having with them a quantity of alcohol. They evidently drank to excess, and in the evening their horse wandered to the farm of Robert Johnston, with both young men helpless in the buggy. The farmer and his family took the young men to the house and summoned a doctor, but, despite all efforts to revive them, they grew steadily worse. One of them died Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and the other died early Monday morning. They were aged about 22 and 45 years, respectively. Within the last few days 95,000 trout from the State hatcheries at Corry have been deposited in the streams sur-rounding Bellefonte. This is only one-third of the number that will be put in before the supply is exhausted. Anglers who have been investigating the vari-

who have been investigating the vari-ous trout streams of Center and sur-rounding counties say the prospects are for better trout fishing this year then last. Alfred Putnam, of Middlefield, N.Y.,



A Happy Family. Twas a bitter cold morning; the new-falle

snow Had pierced every crack where a snowflake could go; The streams were all solid, the ice sharp and

clear; And even the fishes were chilly, I fear.

Almost all the wild creatures were troubled

And sighed for sweet summer, the shy and the bold: But one thrifty family, as you must know, Was breakfasting merrily under the snow.

Close by a tail tree, in a hole in the ground Which led to a parlor with leaves cushioned

round, Five joily red squirrels were sitting at ease, And eating their breakfast as gay as you please. -D. H. B. Goodale.

#### Strength of a Spider's Web.

Size for size a thread of spider's silk is decidedly tougher than one of steel. An ordinary thread will bear a weight of three grains. This is about fifty per cent. stronger than a steel thread of the same thickness.

#### A Clever Ant.

The president of the Agassiz associa-The president of the Agassiz associa-tion, H. H. Ballard, recently caught an ant near its hill, shut it up in a box, carried it 150 feet away and set it free in the middle of a sandy road. What followed he thus describes: "It seemed at first bewildered. Then it climbed to the top of a ridge of sand, erected its hody as high as possible erected its body as high as possible, waved its antenne for several seconds and then started in a straight line for home."

Hats.

The felt hat is as old as Homer. The Greeks made them in skull-caps, The Greeks made them in skull-caps, conical, truncated, narrow, or broad-brimmed. The Phrygian bonnet was an elevated cap without a brim, the apex turned over in front. It is known as the cap of Liberty. An ancient figure of Liberty in the times of Antonius Livius, A. D. 115, holds the cap in the right hand. The Persians wore soft caps; plumed hats were the head-dress of the Syrian were the head-dress of the Syrian corps of Xerxes, the broad-brim was worn by the Macedonian kings. Castor means a beaver. The Armenian cap-tive wore a plug hat. The merchants of the fourteenth century wore a Flan-ders beaver. Charles VII, in 1469, wore a felt hat lined with red, and plumod. The English men end seen plumed. The English men and women in 1510 wore close knitted or woolen caps; two centuries ago hats were worn in the house. Pepys, in his diary, wrote: "September, 1664, got a severe cold because he took off his hat at dinner," and again in January, 1665, he got another cold by sitting too long with his head bare, to allow his wife's maid to comb his hair and wash his ears, and Lord Clarendon, in his essay, speaking of the decay of respect due the aged, says "that in his younger days he never kept his hat on before those older than him-self, except at dinner." In the thirteenth century Pope Innocent IV al-lowed the cardinals the use of the

were under the tree.-Mary Shine, in

My Flying Squirrels. When I was a little girl a friend of mine brought me one of his forest findings—a mother flying squirrel and her three baby squirrels, little things, hardly larger than a girl's eye-lids, and exactly alike.

After admiring them for awhile I hastened to the shop to buy a cage, leaving my pets in a paper box, through which I had riddled a number of holes, that the squirrels might have air. But, when the prettiest and roomiest

of cages were ready, and well supplied with nuts and cool water, the little creature could not be found-they were not in the box where I had put them.

I searched every nook and corner I searched every nook and corner of the room, and finally opened the top drawer of a high, old-fashioned bureau, where I kept a small girl's small belongings. There was no sign of anything unusual—no squeak, no scamper of gray, fluffy figures. Just as I was about to close the drawer, the moust of my nastaboard ribbon box cover of my pasteboard ribbon box tilted to one side, and there, motion-less as the dead, was the mother squirrel, her babes cuddled close to her side, all massed into one gray fluffy ball.

They were easily removed to the pretty new home, and the cage door was fastened.

The next morning the cage was

empty. The squirrels had gone. Without waiting to dress I began a search for the runaways. Every drawer in the chamber was rumaged, but the wise mother knew better than to hide in a drawer a second time. The waste basket I turned upside down, the contents of my work basket -scissors, thimble, needle case, un-finished doll clothes-were turned out on the floor, but yet no sign of the

missing squirrels. Then I tackled my bed. Lifting a pillow, I felt warmth and movement.

pillow, I felt warmth and movement. I stripped off the case and brought to view the dear little fugitives. The devoted, liberty-loving mother had brought her babies, one by one, from cage to pillow, creeping under my shoulders and very face with such gentleness that my sleep had been un-disturbed. The innocents had not disturbed. The innocents had not reckoned on the morning shaking and 'airing" of pillows.

When the squirrels were once more back in their cage I tied netting over it, but this was a mere cobweb to the mother's free spirit. In an hour she was out. Then began a hunt, abandoned and resumed, off and on, until every drawer, every bag-holder, every crack and crevice large enough for a cricket's body to pass through had been examined, and the bed had been three times unmade, but no squirrels were to be found. That evening I put on my best frock, and, in providing a fresh handkerchief for pocket, I found out the hiding place of the mischiefs. They had taken a fancy to the pocket of that particular dres

But the flying squirrel wouldn't stay "put." The most alluring house that I could construct with water and food at hand she condemned, and de-serted for some queer thing of her own contriving. Once the little plagues domiciled in my slipper. Again, we found them all in a clock that stood high up on a shelf. To this day I cannot understand how the mother engineered her helpless family into the closed clock case. It must have been through the holes made at the top for the weights.

suffer under the shadow of God's sym-pathy. To be unconscious of His presence makes life very heavy and ladon, but to be consolous of it is like catching a glimpse of the distant how is when the weary traveler is ready to drop by the wayside. Yes, a soul, an immortal soul, with heaven and heavenly things all about, is a magnificent mystery. It must live up to its desiting, and put under its feet the foars and doubts which are so intrusive and so persistent. Think of yourself as God's dhild, to whom no real harm can possibly come, and the clouds will part and your depression will be lightened. There are still stars overhead, and a blue sky. It will be all right by and by. In the menn-time be patient, and, above all, keep your faith bright and pure. time be patient, and, ..... faith bright and pure. GEORGE H. HEPWORTH.

#### DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

An Impressive Discourse Entitled, "Meas-ured by Your Own Yard Stick."

Text: "With what measure you mete, it all be measured to you again."-Matt.

and be measured to you again."-Matt. vii., 2. In the greatest sermon ever preached— asormon about fifteen minutes long, as-cording to the ordinary rate of speech—a sermon on the Mount of Olives, the preacher, sitting while He spoke, accord-ing to the ordinary rate of catory, the people were given to understand that the name yard stick that they employed upon them would be employed upon them-esives. Measure others by a harsh rule. Measure others by a charitable rule. Measure others due a charitable rule. Measure others, and no merey will be measured by a charitable rule. Measure others due of undirnessin crit-cism in human conduct. It was to smite and you will be measured to you again." There is a great desi of undirnessin crit-tism in human conduct. It was to smite a mete, it shall be measured to you again." There is a great desi of others, we must also be of the text, and my sermon will be a secondo of the divine sentiment. In estima-ing the misbehavior of others, we must also be as me degrees of culpability. When measures are degrees of aliseriminately to tumble them all over the bank of on-manific the text and my sermon will be a second of the divine sentiment. In estima-tabe one degrees of culpability. When measures are degrees of outsting stand suffer invalue, but in a difference of degree. The dreat Britain and in the United Sintes, measure the text he would the text of the updae of persons, who are fully developed

t, but in a difference of degree. It Britain and in the United States, winamation, there are tens of theor-persons, who are fully developed and incarcented. I say in every m. Than I suppose there are tens ing orininals, nevertheless have a tendency. Any one of all these a, by the grace of God may become and resist the anevertal influ-logen a new chapter of behavior; ministers of religion, judges of ministers of religion, judges of mathematical influences of the sources of the the source of the sources of the source of the sources of the sources of ministers of religion, judges of the sources of the sour and Pacific surger of

Labor Statistics, of North Carolina, devotes much attention to the cotton industry. The number of cotton mills in operation in the State in 1370 was thirty-three, equipped with 618 looms and 39,397 spindles. Ten years later there was a small increase in the number of mills to forty-nine, but the capacity of many old ones had been in-creased, and there was an increase of over 100 per cent, in the equipment, the looms numbering 1790 and the spindles 12,385. Five years later there was another increase of 100 per cent, in round numbers, the number of mills being eighty, with 4071 looms and 199,000 spindles. On January 1, 1398, there were 207 cotton mills, with nearly 25,000 looms and 1,045,385 spindles The number will soon be increased. Ten new spinning or weaving companies have been formed and expect to be in operation by the time the new cotton crop appears. Nine additional mills are nearing comple-tion, and ten hosiery and knitting mills are being constructed.

LEITERS SORROWED \$9,000,000. Now Prepared and Determined to Carry

## Through Their Wheat Deal.

Through Their Wheat Deal. L. Z. Leiter and his son. Joseph, the Chicago grain speculators, have borrowed \$5,000,000, and are now prepared to carry through their big wheat deal. They didn't actually need the money just at present, but thought it better to make the loan when the money market was ensy. Every bushel of contrast wheat now at Chicago will be on its way to Europe within the next four weeks, Up to the middle of March the railroads were loading Leiter wheat out of only one system of elevators-the Armour. The closing of ad-ditional shipping contracts with the east-bound roads for \$,600,000 bushels started loading at every elevator system in Chicago.

NOVEL TEST CASE.

#### Chinaman Arrested For Using His Mouth as a Sprinkler.

as a Sprinkler. For years the Chinese laundrymen of San Francisco have sprinkled clothes for iron-ing by spraying the water from their mouths. Last March a city ordinance was adopted, prohibiting this primitive and disgusting method, and several Chinese handrymen were arrested for violation of the decree. A test case was made, and the oulprit tried to secure a writ of habeas scorpus on the ground that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it was special legislation. Judge Cook this week decided that the law justifies such an ordinance, as it is designed to check the spread of dis-case. He remanded the Chinese to jail, and the case will be tried.

A Unique Agricultural Feat.

Baparintendent J. W. Mills, of the Po-mons (Cal.) Agricultural Experiment Sta-tion, has succeeded in a most unique and interesting experiment-the grafting of a morning giory on a sweet potnic vine. As a result both pinns attained an unsaually arresticated. The sweet potnic vine area

elothed in a long white garment, and they were affrighted." By comparing the ac-counts it is clear that there were two an-geis-some saw one inside and one out-side, and, again, both were inside. There is no discrepancy or contradiction. To send two is generally His way. Two went with Him to visit Abraham and to rescue Lot. Two were sent to the heavenward gazing disciples. The twelve and the ser-enty were sent by twos. Sometimes He sends but one, as when He sent Gabriel, or when He sent Philip from Samaria to the Ethiopian.

or when He sent Philip from Samaria to the Ethiopian. 6. "And the faith unto them, Be not at-frighted. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Behold the place whore they laid Him." They sought ignorantly, but sincerely, and those who seek find. The word even to such is, "Fear not." There is no ground of fear to those who are in Him, and from Gen. xv., 1, to the end of the story it is one oft repeated "Fear not." The of a faraid, only believe:" "Have faith in God." The ground of all peace, however, is Jesus eru-cified and risen.

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# The civil list for the English sovereign is settled by an act of Parliament at the commencement of each reign. That arrangement was come to in the That arrangement was come to in the reign of George III., when Parliament revenues of the Crown. Victoria has took possession of the hereditary only control-and it is absolute-over her privy purse, which is £60,000 per annum, and voted by the House of Commons annually, together with the other sums which make up the sum total of the royal civil list, which is 1955000. 1 925,000

The observatory on Mount Blanc, built by M. Joseph Vallet, after weathering some seven winters in its present exposed position, is to be re-moved placement to a new site, where it will no longer be subject to certain inconveniences, such as being walled

shot himself to death a few days ago at the home of Benjamin Trow, a Washington township farmer who had taken him in as a farm hand. It has been learned from his father and brother that he was married and had been a fugitive from a writ issued at the in-stance of his wife. The body has been taken to Middlefield for interment. By the hursting of a liter for wheal

By the bursting of a 14-ton fly wheel in the Green Ridge from works the other morning at Scranton, Owen Davis, a laborer, was instantly killed, two other men were slightly injured. and the mill structure and machinery were damaged to the extent of \$30,000. One piece of the wheel, wighing three tons, was found on the Delaware & tons, was found on the away. -Hudson tracks over 100 feet away. -

William Hamilton, aged 70, Cherry-tree township. Venango county, was instantly killed by the premature ex-plosion of a dynamite cartridge, has week while blasting stumps. His head was blown completely of

week while offsting strings, fits head was blown completely off. Mayor Wagoner, of Johnstown, has vetoed the ordinance annexing Coop-ersdale to Johnstown. He recently vetoed the annexation of Morreliville, and the matter is now in the superior court.

Court. A meeting of the capitol commission was held at which it was decided to at once readvertise for bids for the pro-posed state house and award the con-tract Again 18

posed state house and award the con-tract April 18. At Howard, near Bellefonte, Mrs. Mary Miller was found hanging with a rope around her neck. She was cut down and with great difficulty brought

William Hamilton, aged 70, a farmer of near Oil City, was killed by a pre-mature explosion of dynamite while blasting stumps a few days ago.
 H. F. Fredricks, of York, has been held for Court for soliciting four per-sons to gamble.
 The trial of Peter E. Smith, Philadel-phia, charged with bribery, has been continued to the next term of court.
 The 3-year-old son of John Engle at Williamsport, got a piece of raw ham in his windpipe and choked to death.

In his windpipe and choked to death. Joseph Losche, aged 50, a prominent hotelkeeper, of Williamsport, shot him-self through the body the other morn-ing and died almost instantly. Despon-dency over the failure to raise \$500 for his license, was the cause. James W. Buchanan, a grand nephew of President Buchanan, was killed in the Pennsylvania railroad yard at Altoona the other day. Mrs. George H. Cole, who sued the

Mrs. George H. Cole, who sued the city of Johnstown for 235,000 for in-juries from a defective sidewalk, got a verdict for \$3,475. Hankers al Chambersburg any far-

Bankers at Chambersburg say far-mers have more money than for 2

scarlet cloth hat. The hats now in use are the cloth hat, leather hat, paper hat, felt hat, opera hat, spring-brim hat and straw hat. - Detroit Free Press. . .

#### Story of Brave Little Lottle.

Once I knew a little girl and her name was Lottie. She went to school each day, and her teacher loved her very much. So did all the little girls boys who went to school with ie. She loved them all too, and and Lottie. the teacher as well, but most of all loved her little lame brother she Robbie. He was seven years old, and she dragged him to school in a cart sometimes, when his leg was real bad. But one day there came a great snow-storm, and Tom Briggs, a big boy, took hold of the cart to drag Robbie through the snowdrifts. But it grew worse and worse when they turned off from the main street, and they had still a long ways to go.

"I will go and get father's sleigh," said Tom, "if you will wait under this big tree, Lottie, with Robbie." Then when they were alone Robbie began to cry and say that he was cold and that his leg ached. So Lottie, like a good, brave little girl took off her shawl and wound it around her little brother.

But all the time Tom Briggs did not and the wind howled and come. shricked and bent the branches of the great tree.

Just how long before the sleigh came I cannot say, for Tom and his father, who started with him, both got lost in the great drifts. But at last they found the two dear little children. Lottie had her arms around Robbie, and both were just going to sleep, and it was dark, and Tom and his tather had lanterns. But five minutes later they were at home, where mamma and papa were awfully frightened. But the two children were taken to the fire and warm dry stockings put on their feet, and after stockings put on their feet, and after supper four little bright eyes, two black and two blue, were laughing as they told the story of being lost in the snow. And the next day a gold pen-holder was given Lottle by the teacher and scholars for her bravery in giving her shawi to little Robbie when they

But the queerest happening was in connection with our baby's rag doll, a beauty created from a cradle pillow, and girt about with a pink sash.

It had been sitting all morning in its tiny chair looking on with expressionless countenance as we searched for the ever-missing squirrels. Our baby came along and caught up the rag doll in a loving embrace. Then with a flying leap out came the mother squirrel from the rag brain. For days the plague and the play went on, while I delayed the liberty I had promised my mother I would give the interesting wood folk. In the meantime, the heroic, undiscouraged mother squirrel made a sufreme effort to be free. Before I had discovered her absence from the house I found the family in the cleft of an apple tree, which I was attempting to climb.

At sight of the little creature under God's great, great dome, my heart had a touch of pity and tenderness from which it hasn't yet recovered.

"Oh, you darlings!" I cried. "You are the dearest, the cunningest things that ever were made. I hate to give you up, I love you so. But you love the outdoors, and you shall never, never be taken into the house again. I wish you would stay in this tree or out in our nice woodpile. But go to the woods if you would rather, and make your own home, and do your own nutting, and drink from the pretty springs among the ferns and rocks.

And I know that the mother squirrel and her three little children were happier after that day, and I think I was happer, too, --Sarah Winter Kel-log, in Little Men and Women.

### Walnut Tree Sold for \$60

Walnut Tree Sold for \$600. Colonel Tom Middleton of Shelby-ville, Ky., has sold to the representa-tive of a German syndicate a walnut tree on his place for \$600. It was a bird's-eye walnut, which variety is extremely rare. The tree will be shipped to Germany, where it will be used in the manufacture of furniture for royal families.—Cincinnati En-ouirer.