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—Tennyson.

The International Sunday-School Lesson.

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THE REPORT OF THE SPIES.

The wilderness of the Sinaitic Penin-
sula, "great and terrible," was God's
schoolhouse for his people. There he
taught them his law and worship. The
course of study covered a whole year.
The graduation was to have occurred at
Kadesh. Sin and folly marred it all.
The "Commencement" of Israel in
Canaan was set back a generation.

The appointment of the spies was a
gross insult to Jehovah. He had assured
the people that the land was good. He
had promised the possession of it to
them. That should have been enough.
In the Lord's name, they ought to have
set up their banners, and gone up at
once to possess it. The long vista back to
Egypt was studded with the memorials
of God's faithfulness and power. The
fact that he had been so mindful of them
in the past should have been to them a
pledge of future blessing.

They should have reasoned, "If God
could take us out of the invincible clutch
of a great world-power, Egypt, what
prevents his planting us securely in
Canaan?" But in the epidemic of fear,
the breaking of Pharaoh's inflexible will,
the plagues of their cruel oppressors, the
deliverance at the red sea and at Rephid-
im, sweetened waters and manna, the
wonders of Sinai—all were forgotten.
Israel conferred with flesh and blood in
preference to taking counsel of the Lord,
with the invariable and miserable out-
come of such a course.

By this very deed the people showed
their unfitness to enter the land of prom-
ise. A more palpable exhibition could
scarcely be conceived of. The Lord
acceded to their request, but knew that
in doing so Canaan was as effectually
closed to Israel as Eden was to the first
guilty pair.

Moses, with the consent of the Lord,
proceeded to choose, with the greatest
care possible, a prince from each tribe.
No doubt he strongly hoped that their
report would restore the *esprit de corps*
of the wavering host.

To this day Palestine is sort of bridge
between Asia and Africa, on which there
are always strangers passing back and
forth. This little company would not
necessarily attract attention, especially
as they were probably attired as Egyp-
tians, and likely spoke the language of
that country fluently. If ever they got
into close quarters they might be trusted
to get out by their wits. They belonged
to a race notorious for finesse.

For the sake of greater security and
more thorough exploration they may
have gone by twos or threes. They
crossed the south-land, which borders
Canaan between the Mediterranean and
the Dead Sea, and then probably thread-
ed their way up the Jordan Valley as
far north as snow-capped Hermon, re-
turning by the lowlands along the sea,
with occasional side-trips into the high-
lands.

What memories and emotions must
have been stirred in their minds as, here
and there, they came upon places indis-
solubly associated with the names and
lives of the patriarchs, until at length
they stood at Hebron, where, four hun-
dred years before, Abraham had pitched
his tent and reared his altar!

After an absence of forty days, they
returned to the camp of Israel, bringing
with them samples of fruits that would
have put to shame the best exhibit of a
modern horticultural society. The peo-
ple had waited exactly as long for the
return of these explorers as they had for
the return of Moses from Mount Sinai,
and much more patiently. Their report
was listened to with avidity.

The exordium of the report was grac-
ious. It pictured in the lavish language
of the Orient, the phenomenal fruitfulness
of Canaan. The whole congregation
of Israel had a striking confirmation of
their words in the huge purple cluster
from Eschol, besides the pomegranates
and figs.

But the exordium was short. It was a
mere ornamental fringe to a body, the
war of which was unbelief and the
woof distrust. "The land is desirable,
of course, but its possession is impracti-
cable." The towering stature, the in-
vincible prowess, the vast number of in-
habitants, are pictured with most dispir-
iting effect. The Hebrews were ac-
customed to see the sight in Egypt of
ponderous fortifications. But these
were on the dead level of the Nile Valley.
To see such walls lifted upon the top of
inaccessible cliffs would produce the
extreme effect of impregnability. They
could hardly tell where the natural base
left off and the artificial superstructure
began. The cities seemed walled to the
very heavens.

They name five fierce nations inhabit-
ing the land, who would at once form a
league offensive and defensive against
any invaders. And the Hebrews,
dwarfed by four hundred years of cruel
servitude, would only appear like grass-
hoppers before these stalwart and free
sons of the highland and lowland.

Two men hang that jury of spies.
Caleb and Joshua, dauntless souls, full
of faith, demand a hearing. They hush,
for a moment at least, the ever-augment-
ing murmur of disappointment, distrust,
and incipient rebellion. They admit
the difficulties, but at the same moment
sound the bugle-call of faith: "Let us
go up at once and possess it; for we are
able to overcome it!"

But infidelity is now rampant. The
ten faithless explorers reiterate the in-
ability of Israel to cope with the gigantic
Nephilim. They also interpolate a
sinister hint against the land itself as if
it were impregnated with some deadly
plague that consumed all who set foot
upon it.

Demoralization is now complete. The
whole congregation spent a night in
weeping. On every side the exclaima-
tion is heard: "Death in Egypt would
have been better than this!" Treason
and revolt are in the air. The propo-
sition is openly made to elect a captain to
lead them back to Egypt. In vain do
Moses and Aaron prostrate themselves
before the assembly and Joshua and
Caleb rend their clothes.

The people have said: "Would God
we had died in this wilderness," and
God takes them at their word. He an-
nounces death in the wilderness as the
very penalty of this their tenth revolt
against Him. But in evidence of His
power, which they had so mistrusted, He
assured them He would bring their little
ones, whose cruel fate they had depre-
cated, into the land which they them-
selves should never see.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN

The *invariable* irruption of sin at ep-
ochal moments in national and personal
history, with all its train of disastrous
consequences, is well calculated to em-
phasize and illustrate its damming na-
ture.

While Moses was bringing the law
down from Sinai, the people were mak-
ing and worshipping a golden calf in the
plain. When the beautiful tabernacle
was completed, the priesthood instituted,
and the ritual prescribed, two drunken
young priests went reeling into the
sacred place and Presence with strange
fire in their censers. So in this instance,
when Israel stood at length on the
threshold of Canaan, fully equipped to
enter, there was a cowardly halt, the
use of a human expedient which dis-
counted the truthfulness, fidelity, and
power of God. The lapse was complete.

Caleb and Joshua had a close call to
martyrdom. The stones were uplifted.
God and His servants were openly and
grossly insulted. The election of a new
captain, and a return to Egypt were
proposed.

How insidious the approaches of sin!
The Hebrews had no idea of going to
such lengths when they began.

"Quick as the apple of an eye,
O God, my conscience make;
Awake my soul when sin is nigh,
And keep it still awake."

Again Moses appears in the lovely role
of mediator. Humble and disinterested,
forgiving and patriotic, his mouth was
full of arguments for God in behalf of
sinners. He prevailed.

Too late, Israel repented their refusal
to enter the land of promise. They added
the sin of presumption to that of un-
belief and rebellion. The next day, with-
out the ark or presence, or their leaders,
they hurled themselves against the
Amalekites and Canaanites. As well
might Adam and Eve have thrown them-
selves upon the angels' cimeter, flashing
every way, at the gate of a lost paradise.

VERNAL VOUCHINGS.

A thorn in the hand is worse than
two in the bush.
Presents make the heart grow fonder.
Where there is a kid there is a squeak.
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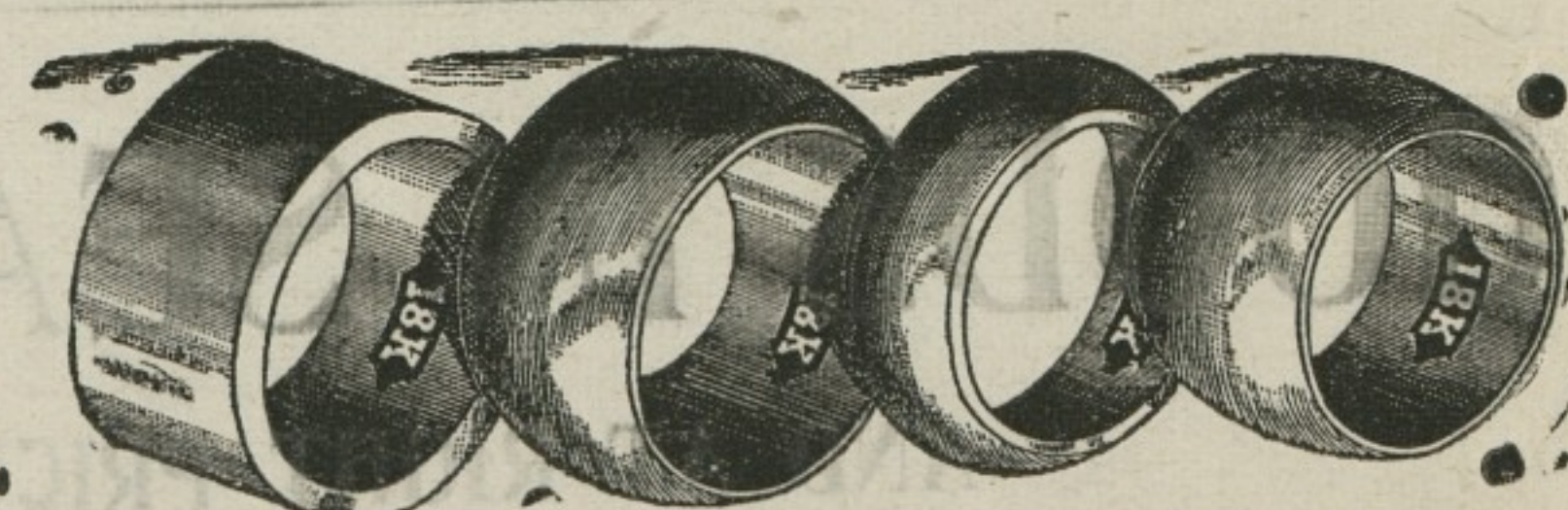
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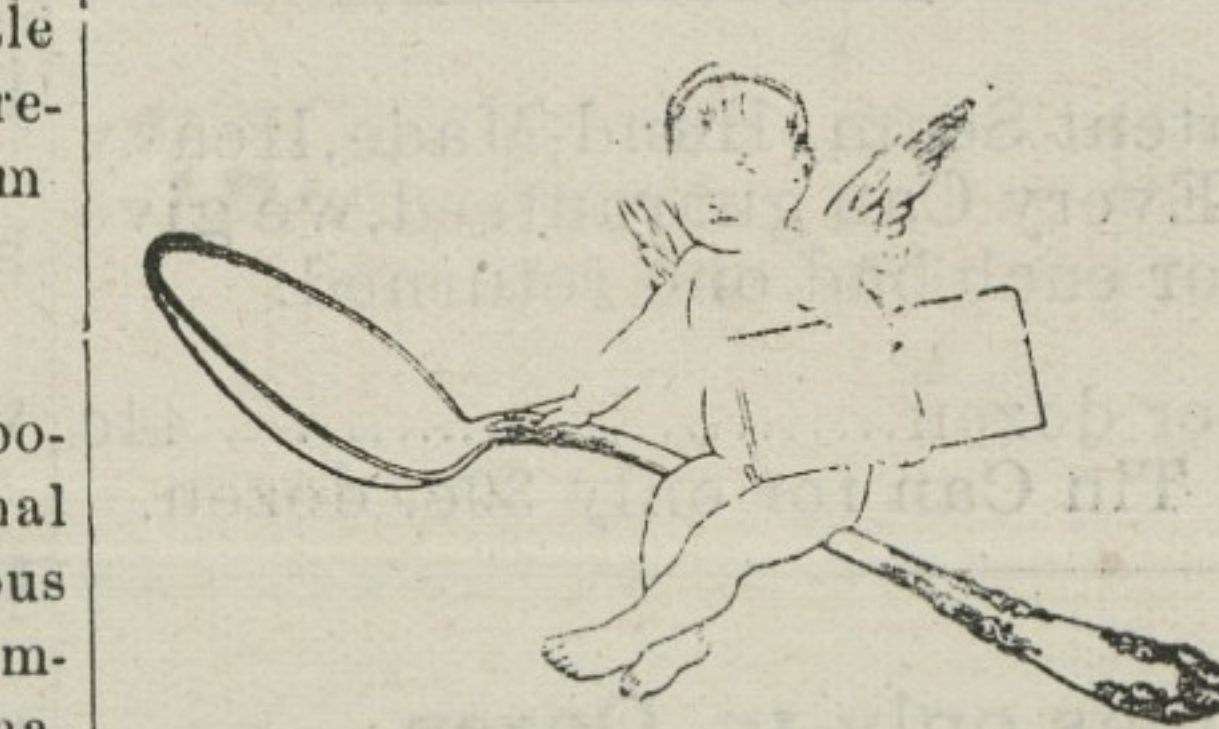
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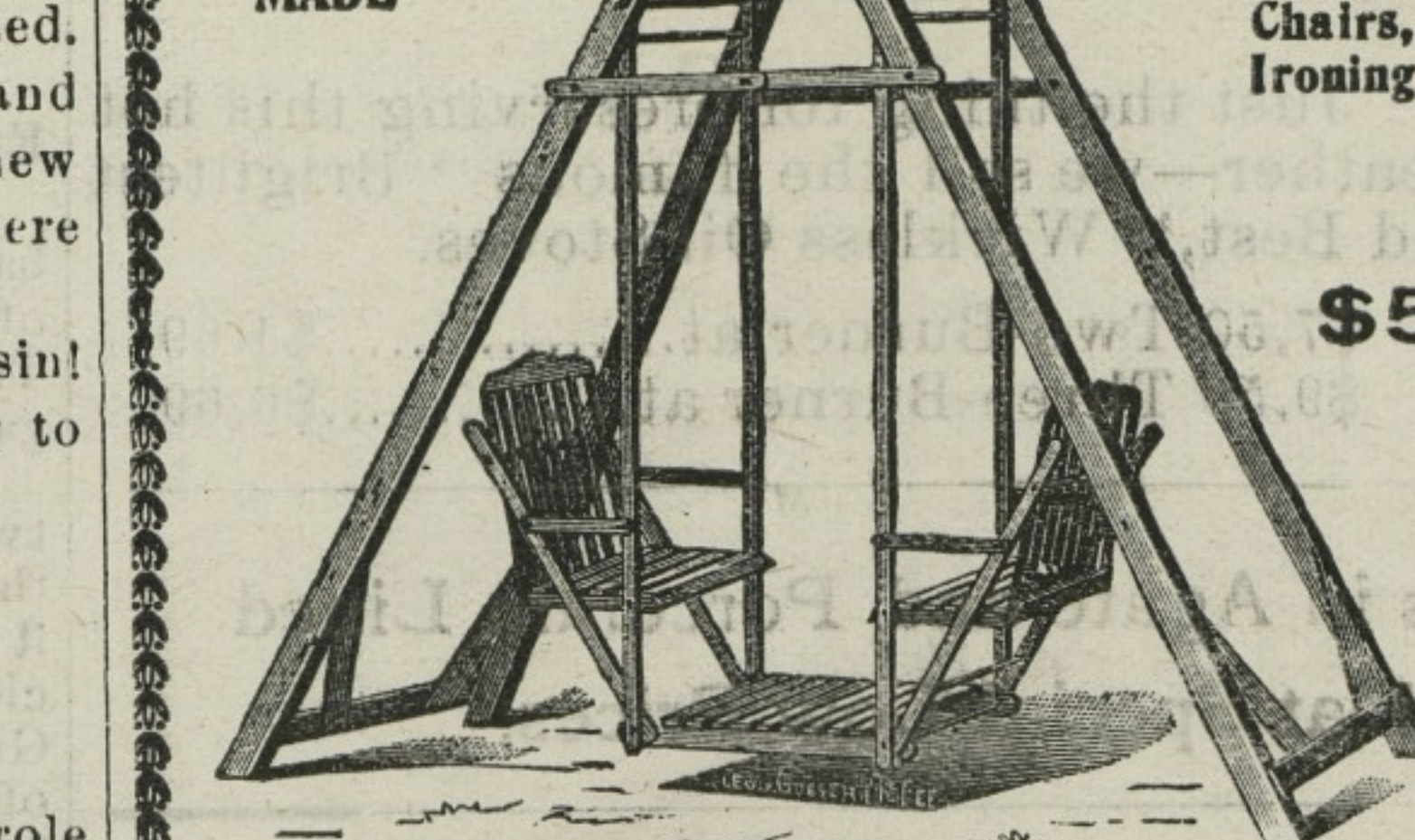
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