

Youth's Department.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Sunday, January 22nd, 1865.

LUKE xii. 22-40: Worldly care reproved. I SAMUEL xxx. 21-31: David taketh and divideth the spoil.

Recite—MATTHEW vi. 33-34.

Sunday, January 29th, 1865.

LUKE xii. 41-59: Watchfulness enforced. I SAMUEL xxxii. 1-6: Saul's defeat and death, and triumph of the Philistines.

Recite—MATTHEW vii. 1-6.

Adventure with a Boa Constrictor.

At the earliest possible moment after our camp had been pitched a hunt was set afoot, and Capt. Grant, myself and some attendants were soon making our way to "the path."

We were not delayed long, for presently a long column of animals, from the elephant to the hoo-doo, appeared in view, trotting at a good pace to the river.

At this juncture, however, occurred an unexpected adventure that finished our sport, at least for that day. I had sprung forward immediately after firing, in order to obtain a fair shot at a huge elephant that I wanted to bring down on account of his immense tusks.

In a moment I comprehended all. The huge serpent had struck a young buffalo cow, between which and him I had unluckily placed myself at the moment of firing upon the elephant.

Presently the serpent began gradually to relax his folds, and retightening them several times as the crushed buffalo quivered, he unwound one fold entirely. Then he paused.

I struggled to command myself! I glanced at Grant and saw him handling his rifle anxiously. I glanced at the negroes and saw them still gazing, as though petrified with astonishment.

When I fully recovered, Grant and the overjoyed negroes held me up, and pointed out the boa, who was still writhing in his death agonies.

Improvements in Carpets.

The following hints from All the Year Round may be valuable to some of our readers who desire a little variety in their homes, and to others who find carpets an expensive luxury in these days of high prices.

Of all the expensive things in a modern English house of the ordinary class, perhaps carpets are the dearest. In case of removal they become almost useless, and have to be sacrificed at almost any price that can be got for them.

"Come and see me."

Never take "come and see me" as a phrase meant in earnest, unless it is accompanied with a date. All invitations "without circumstances" is no invitation at all.

The terror of being thought poor has been the ruin of thousands.

A Parrot called as a Witness.

A late English paper, the West Sussex Gazette, states that a man lost a favorite parrot, which was discovered in the possession of another person, who refused to give it up.

An Old Smoker's Advice.

Major Howard, when recently addressing the annual meeting of the hands employed at the large chemical works of Messrs. Howard and Sons, at Stratford, in the course of his interesting remarks said, "One word to the boys.

Old Proverbs about Women.

As the good man saith, so say we; but as the good woman saith, so it must be. The French express the last idea more strongly—Que femme veut, Dieu le veut.

"Russian Scandal."

A favorite game with Dr. Whately was pencilling a little tale on paper, and then making his right hand neighbor read and repeat it, in a whisper, to the next man; and so on until everybody round the table had done the same.

HOME LIFE.—The People's Journal of Health says:

"Even as the sunbeam is composed of millions of minute rays, the home light must be constituted of little tenderesses, kindly looks, sweet laughter, gentle words, and loving counsels.

HOME COURTESIES.—In the family the law of pleasing ought to extend from the highest to the lowest.

You are bound to please your children; and your children are bound to please each other; and you are bound to please your servants if you expect them to please you.

DISEASE IN THE WHITES AND BLACKS.—

In the various departments of the South are a number of regiments of colored troops, and it is stated by Dr. Gross, in the American Medical Times, that it is a well-ascertained fact that they are more liable to disease, and that the mortality is greater than among the white regiments.

GOOD-LOOKING.—

Temperance and religion have a wonderful power in adorning people or improving their appearance. It gives them a meek and quiet spirit; and this the Bible calls an "ornament which is in the sight of God of great price."

GEN. HAVELOCK.—

Sir H. Havelock had been conducting a devoted service in company with his household, among whom was an Irish servant girl. She was melted to tears by the fervency and unctious of his prayers, and as she arose from her knees addressed him with much emotion.

PATIENCE.—

Nothing teaches patience like a garden. You may go around and watch the opening bud from day to day, but it takes its own time, and you can not urge it on faster than it will.