

Family Reading.

The Sleepers.

Stern Winter, white bearded guest, Mailed like a warrior bold, Has wandered in the forest, And robbed it of its gold; Has frightened every songster, Torn nests and leafy bowers, And thrown a snowy cover Over the leaves and flowers.

Select Serial.

THE KING'S SERVANTS.

BY HESBA STRETTON.

CHAPTER V.

THE LAST STEP.

How the days sped I do not know; but they seemed to pass by like the rushing of a river just before you come to a deep, dreadful waterfall, down which you must plunge into a flood that will drown you.

I was sorely bewildered and beset. Had the Lord been deceiving us all these years? Had He brought us to old age, and to the very gates of death to forsake us at last?

Transome, for I knew how sorely he would miss his pipe when we were parted. The long, long night wore away too soon; and then I went to the relieving officer and got an order to go into the house.

sobbing, 'promise me faithfully, you'll be careful of yourself, and keep up, so as we can get out again in the spring, when the warm weather is come.

Boutch's Department.

Scripture Enigma. No. 155. INITIALS AND FINALS. 1. "Haste, for thy life escape! Look not behind!"

Be as thorough as you can. Whatsoever you find to do, Do it, boys, with all your might! Never be a little true, Or a little in the right.

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THE BRITISH POST-OFFICE.—Mr. Fawcett, the British Post Master General, who is blind, in a recent speech at Hackney, gave some interesting facts as to the working of the new features in the Post-office:

"The 'postal orders,' of which it was estimated that two millions would be issued annually, are now being issued at the rate of considerably more than four millions a year.

CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

- 293. Cross of words: Place four words in this form which when read from the centre up is the name of an quadruped; down, is to regard; to the right is an action; to the left is a sad end.

Answer to Scripture Enigma.

- No. 154. 1. Fir, 2. Elias, 3. Abstain, etc. (1 Thess. v. 22), 4. Ramoth, 5. Go, etc. (Luke x. 37), 6. Obedience, 7. Dathan.

ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

- Word Squares. 289. T H I N H A R E I R I S N E S T 290. B L I N D L E V E R I V O R Y N E R V A D R Y A D 291. 1. E-den. 2. N-ode. 3. C-row. 4. Pie. 5. S-ash. 292. Singular.

Here is a true story of a little girl, three years old, who was charged with breaking a flower from its stem. She said, "No, I didn't break it."

(To be Continued.)

THE BOOK FOR ALL.—A Dutch farmer at the Cape, seeing a poor Hotentot reading the Bible, scornfully remarked, "That book is not for such as you."