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"Do you consider that to be a proof of mental derangement?" asked the examining counsel.

"I should rather think so," confidently replied the witness, "seeing that I myself am the prophet Jeremiah,"



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SUNBURY.—Mr. J. H. Engel is agent for this paper in Sunbury and vicinity. We request all those who are in arrears for subscriptions to pay him. All who have not yet paid in advance for the present year should pay to him as soon as possible.

AN EARNST REQUEST is hereby extended to all who have not paid their subscription for the AMERICAN LUTHERAN this year to forward the amount without delay. We have been at great expense in removing our office and purchasing new material that we need all the subscriptions due us immediately. We shall be much obliged to all those who will send their backhanding subscriptions as soon as they read these lines.

AN ERROR IN LUCK.—Rev. A. R. Rude, editor of the *Lutheran Visitor*, has had the double honor conferred upon him lately of being dubbed with the title of D. D., and also elected to the professorship of Didactic Theology, in the Southern Theological Seminary. We hope the Doctor will bear his honors meekly. He will have his hands full, however, with the duties of an editor, pastor of a congregation, and professor in the Theological Seminary.

A doubtful compliment is paid to Rev. R. Weiser by pastor Brobst in his *Zeitschrift*. Brobst says: "Our old friend Rev. R. Weiser, a widely known preacher and an active member of the General Synod, inclines more and more to the decided Lutheran standpoint, as his articles in the *Observer* show. He was also present as a guest at the meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod in Pottsville, and the brethren were rejoiced to see him in their midst." Comment on the above is unnecessary.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.—Rev. B. M. Schmucker announces in the *Lutheran*, that Rev. C. F. Becker, a Danish missionary who had been sent to assist Father Heyer, died at Rajahmundry, on the 8th of May, aged 25 years. He had arrived only last February, and entered upon his work with great zeal. He was sent by the Danish Missionary Society, and was represented as a man of superior talents and unusual promise. Thus, after three months of labor he is called to his reward on high. Father Heyer writes:

"Mr. Becker was buried on the Lutheran portion of the Rajahmundry graveyard, alongside of Bro. Long and his two children. Bros. Groning and Cutler also have children buried here, awaiting the morning of the resurrection."

Who will take his place in India, and that of Bro. Carnell in Africa?

#### Photographs of the General Synod.

The Photographs of the General Synod which met in Harrisburg are all sold. Several applications recently made could not be supplied. During a recent visit to Harrisburg we called on the artist, who has the negative of this picture still on hand, and asked him whether he could make more of them. He is willing to print more of them if they are called for in sufficient quantities. The price will in that case be a trifle higher, namely \$1.25 instead of \$1.10, as heretofore. The picture of the General Synod in Harrisburg is the best that has ever been taken of that body. It contains about 175 likenesses. Of the most prominent ministers and laymen of the General Synod, with their names and residences. Such a combination of interesting likenesses can never be produced again. As there were only 700 copies made, the church is still very inadequately supplied with these photographs.

If orders in sufficient numbers are sent in to us within a month we will order a hundred or more copies to be printed, and send them free by mail to those ordering them at \$1.25 a piece.

Let all who desire to have this picture written to us without delay and inform us how many pictures they desire. The money must be sent immediately on the receipt of the picture.

#### A Present to Lutherbaum Church.

A piece of "Luther's Beechtree" was lately presented to the Lutherbaum church of Philadelphia. It was brought by a lady of the congregation who has just returned from a European tour, together with a German letter from the pastor of the Lutheran church at Salzenburg, and presented to the congregation as a token of love from a sister church in Germany. We translate the German letter for the benefit of our English readers:

"In the year 1521 Luther was called upon to answer for his faith before Charles V., and the States of the Empire. On this occasion he had uttered those ever memorable words: 'Here I stand, I can do otherwise, God help me. Amen.' After this he was excommunicated by the Pope, and declared an outlaw by the Emperor. Notwithstanding this imminent peril of his life he was not deterred, cheerful and fearless. He returned to Wittenberg by way of Mecklenburg, near Salzenburg, which was the home of his ancestors and where he hoped to see some of his relations. After this his way led him by the castle of Altenstein, in the forest of Thuringen, not far from the castle, in a lovely valley, he lay down in the shade of a Beech Tree, and drank from a fountain that sprang from the earth at that spot. Here, by the direction of his friend, the Elector of Saxony, he was surprised by two disguised knights, namely Hans von Berlepsch, and Burkhard von Wenkheim, apparently in a hostile manner, but really in order to bring him into a place of safety. They brought him, as is well known, to the Wartburg, where he remained eleven months, until the disturbance that broke out in Wittenberg about images caused him to hasten there again.

The above mentioned Beech Tree near Altenstein was devastated to such a degree by a terrible storm in the year 1841, that only a small part of the trunk remained with a limb pointing towards Worms. Out of the wood of the fallen tree various kinds of ingenious articles have been made, whose genuineness is guaranteed by the church seal of the pastorate of Steinbach, in the bounds of which the above named Beech Tree stood. The present herewith sent is also made out of the same material and sealed as genuine.

D. Hopp, Archdeacon.

Salzenburg, April 21, 1870.

#### Conversation in the Sanctum.

Peter.—What subject have you for discussion in the Sanctum this evening?

John.—On the 13th of this month the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope was adopted by the Ecumenical Council at Rome, by a vote of 450 against 88.

James.—That seems to be a large majority.

Peter.—In reality it is a very small majority. The Council at the beginning of its sittings was composed of over 900 members. Three or four hundred of them either did not vote at all, or went home before the vote was taken. Some of the American bishops also came home to avoid voting. It may be presumed that all who thus left, are opposed to the dogma of infallibility. If therefore they had all staid and voted their honest convictions like men, the infallibility would have been lost.

James.—Instead of manfully performing their duty they ignominiously skeddaddled!

John.—It is stated in the papers, that on the occasion of the public proclamation of the dogma, the Pope is to sit in the veritable chair of Saint Peter, which they say, has been kept in a good state of preservation for eighteen hundred years. Now, is there any reference at all in the Scriptures to such a chair in which Saint Peter sat?

Peter.—The only case that occurs to me is when he sat in the kitchen of Caiaphas, the High Priest and denied his Lord.

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tions on the continent and it may involve all Europe in a most bloody and devastating war. We shall now have daily telegrams about the progress of the war. It originates about the crown of Spain. It seems that Spain wants Prince von Hohen Zoller, who is a sprout of the royal family of Prussia, for its King, and Napoleon objects to this arrangement, because it would strengthen Prussia and give it the preponderant influence over all Europe.

Peter.—Well, there is one consolation, God rules over the destinies of nations, and He will cause even wars and the overturn of governments and nations to conduce to His glory and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

James.—My sympathies are with Prussia, and I sincerely wish that the French may be completely flogged and overwhelmed.

John.—God's will be done.

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## Household and Farm.

From the Hearth and Home.  
Mrs. Kate Hummel's Diary.

June 2d.—Mrs. Lillie came in this morning and found me canning cherries. "Now, Mrs. Hummel," said she, "let me tell you how I do mine. I took them all together in my large porcelain-kettle, and then put them right into the cans and seal them up." "But how do you keep the glass from breaking when you pour the hot fruit into it?" "Just place the jars on a towel folded three or four times, and very wet." "That will save a deal of trouble." After the cherries were disposed of, I made a trolly for my express-vice by peeling off a hoop from an old hoghead, which I laid just inside the circle of the vine. Then I took a small, round box, covered, punched holes half an inch apart, all around, near the edge, fastened it with tacks on to a long pole, tied in lapping twine to each of the holes; planted in the middle of the express-circle then tied the twine to the hoop on the ground; and my trolly was done. My sweet peas, which were planted in circles, eighteen inches in diameter, along one of the walks, are climbing over trellises made of old hoop skirt. The hoops are broken into strips three or four feet long, and stuck into the ground, at right angles to each other, forming an elongated half globe, trolley-vice is passed from one bar of the trellis to another, and the vines tied for a day or two to the trellis, till they learn to run in the way they should go. I think they will be very pretty thus, when they are all in bloom.

June 23d.—I have been reminded, within a day or two, of a wish expressed by an old friend of mine years ago. Her younger sister had gotten into the habit of indulging in fits of unreasoned passion, and these had grown upon her so as to produce great enlargement of the veins and arteries in the neck. They became fearfully swollen in her paroxysms of passion, so that the family physician advised that everything likely to excite her should be avoided, lest these veins should burst and cause her death. We were talking of this when her sister remarked: "I do so wish mother had made me control my temper when I was a child! It is such hard work now with all my efforts. I am often swept away by gusts of passion that I cannot control." I thought at the time I would take care to remember what she said. My little Minto, now twenty-two months old, is very fond of having her own way; and when she can't have it, of darning up and down, making two feet go so fast that they seem to be six—screaming at the top of her voice. What remedy? Sugarplums? They damage her stomach; and what sized sugarplum will quench her "noble rage" at sixteen and twenty? Shall I let this habit grow on her till it can scarcely be broken by any means she or I either may employ? All beginnings are small, and how much less will she suffer if this propensity is nipped now in the bud, and she learns, even before she can talk plain, that any crying cannot be indulged! Unquestioning obedience is the great lesson of this life. For want of it, Adam and Eve lost Paradise. When mamma says "hush," Minto must learn to hush. Every mother can easily tell the cry of pain from that of temper; for the pain—screaming, comfort, rocking, sugarplum, catnip; for the temper—nothing but—spanks! Is that cruel?—Is it not more cruel to let the fool weed grow till its roots infect every corner of the soil, and sap the vitality of every virtue? As the Father of us all chasteneth them who love him, as in love, with tenderness, wisely mingling correction with praise, shall we not train these children God has given us?

June 24th.—Mrs. Lee was in this afternoon, and we were looking over the file of letters received by the Club. So many of them with so many valuable suggestions too! "Here are some things I never noticed before," said Mrs. Lee. "This lady from Vicksburg proposes to send us some Southern modes of cookery. I wish she would do it. And here is an old letter from Mrs. Doolittle—what has become of her? With her decided turn of mind for invention and discovery, she ought to have some items of value for us. By the way, Mrs. Hummel, we had cucumbers for breakfast, and you don't know how nice they were. I brought you over the recipe, and for snow float, too, which was our dessert for dinner. Here they are:

**SANDWICH CUCUMBERS.**  
Fry well cutlets brown in butter or rice drippings, put the cucumbers, cut them lengthwise in slices a quarter of an inch thick, season with salt and pepper, fry a deep brown, then lay the fried cucumbers between the cutlets, place in a covered dish, and set in the oven for five or ten minutes.

**SNOW-FLOAT.**  
One third of a package of gelatine, two lemons, half a pint of white sugar, the whites of five eggs. Put the gelatine, rind and juice of the lemons and sugar in a bowl, pour over them a gill of cold water, and in an hour add three gills of boiling water, and stir till dissolved. Strain and add the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth, and stir until it begins to thicken, then set it on ice in a cool place. Then take the yolks, and with five table spoons of sugar, and three pints of milk make a boiled custard; place the float on it just before serving. It is nicer when made the day before it is used.

Mrs. Palmer came in and found our letters lying loose. "Haven't you a recipe," said she, "for making currant wine?" My currants were never better than this year, both in quantity and quality. "Oh yes," replied Mrs. Lee. "I'll give you mine." "And here are three or four more," I added. "Take your choice." So she selected two.

**CURRENT WINE.**  
1. To three gallons of currants add two of water. Press the currants to get out the juice, and strain through a hair-sieve. To each gallon of juice add four pounds of sugar, fill the keg nearly full, leaving the bung slightly open and covered with a piece of linden. In November rack off and bottle. Add one pint of best brandy or whiskey to seven gallons of wine, or use a wine-cask and this addition will be unnecessary.

2. Bruise the currants; to every gallon of pulp add half a gallon of soft water; let it stand a day, drain through a hair-sieve

and put in two pounds of white sugar to each gallon of liquor: stir it well and add one pint of alcohol to every three gallons of wine. In six weeks bottle, and in two more rack off into smaller bottles.

"Much obliged, and a slight return, I'll tell you how I make."

**LOBSTER-SALAD.**  
Boil the lobster five minutes; for every pound, in water to which have been added, for a five-pound one, four sprigs of parsley two of thyme, two cloves, four onions cut in slices, salt, pepper, and a tablespoonful of vinegar, leave the lobster in it till cold then take off and drain it. Chop the lobster fine after removing from the shell, and add two heads of minced lettuce, half a cup of melted butter, two tablespoonful mustard, salt and pepper to taste. Place in a dish, and over all pour a half pint of vinegar, into which six well-beaten eggs have been stirred and heated till it is thick. This should be cold when it is put on the lobster.

## Children's Department.

True and Obedient.

"Charlie! Charlie!" Clear and sweet is a note struck from a silver bell, the voice rippled over the common.

"That's mother," cried one of the boys, and he instantly threw down his bat and picked up his jacket and cap.

"Don't go yet!" "Have it out!" "Finish this game." "Try it again!" cried the players, in noisy chorus.

"I must go—right off—this very minute." "I told her I'd come whenever she called."

"Make believe you don't hear!" they all exclaimed.

"But I did hear." "She won't know you did." "But I know it, and—"

"Let him go," said a bystander. "You can't do anything with him, he's tied to his mother's apron strings."

"That's so," said Charlie; "and it's to what every boy ought to be tied; and in a hard knot too."

"I don't want to be such a baby as to run the minute she called," said one.

"I don't call it babyish to keep one's word to his mother," answered the obedient boy, a beautiful light glowing in his blue eyes.

"I call them manly; and his boy who don't keep his word to her will never keep it to any one else—you see if he does!"

And he hurried away to his cottage home. Thirty years passed since those boys played on the common. Charles Grey is now a prosperous business man in a great city, and his merchantile friends say of him that "his word is a bond."

We asked him once how he acquired such a reputation.

"I never broke my word when a boy, no matter how great the temptation, and the habit's formed then, have clung to me through life!"—*Child's Delight.*

**Kind Words.**  
"Buy a box, please, sir?" The speaker was a little boy, who, on a summer's afternoon, stood at the entrance of one of the large London railway stations. She was trying to find customers among the gentlemen who were hurrying along to catch the trains that would take them from busy, smoky London to their pleasant homes. Most of them never saw the little girl, or, if they did, took no notice of her. At length one gentleman, at the sound of the plaintive voice, "Buy a box, please, sir," stopped a moment. "No, I don't want any," he said, and was passing on, when the hungry look of the poor child arrested him, and he remembered a bag of biscuits which his little daughter had given him that morning for his lunch, and he took them out of his pocket, and gave them to her, saying: "Here, darling, here are some biscuits for you."

She took them without any thanks, which rather surprised the gentleman, and he turned to go; but, looking back, he saw her standing with the biscuits still in her hand, her eyes full of tears, and he heard her say to herself, "He called me darling, he did!"

Don't you think that my friend went home to his own darlings with a happier heart for the kind word he had spoken to that poor child? Perhaps it was the only one she had heard for many a day.

Dear children—your who live in happy homes, and have sunny smiles and loving words given you the day long—will you not think sometimes of those poor little outcasts who have no homes, and if you have no more to give them, at least give them kind words.

**LITTLE BROTHERS.**—Sisters do not turn off your younger brothers, as if they were always in your way, and any service which they might ask of you were a burden. Perhaps the hour may come when, over a coffin that looks strangely longer than you thought, and over a pale brow where often, half unwillingly and perhaps with a petulant pout, you parted the hair—your bond with blinding tears and sobs that shake your very soul, while remorseful memory is busy with the bygone hours. You will wish then that when he came and asked you to help him in his play, or to lift him on your lap because he was tired, or to take him out because he wanted to see, you had laid aside your book and made the little heart glad—*Alma's "Life at Home."*

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