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organize false companies and print

lurid literature telling of the wonderful

prospects in this line of fortunes

that have been made in it and of the

opportunity they are giving to small in-

vestors to secure a generous income.

So we have had automobile, oil, mining,

real estate, hotel, plantation, and

now there are several new schemes,

in which the credulous public is invited

to put all its loose change.

Why doesn't the public realize that in

all these lines of business the old,

well established and dividend paying

concerns offer the best opportunities

for investment? They never print lurid

literature, guaranteeing fortunes and

promising extravagant dividends. They

are managed by men whose characters

put them above this, yet the public will

only bite on a bait that is made ex-

traordinarily attractive by promises

impossible of performance.

Hence the fog of companies, that sell

their shares as low as 1 cent each.

The man with \$10 who can buy a cer-

tificate for 1000 shares jumps at the

promise held out to him that some day

his \$10 may grow into \$10,000. To him

it is a lottery, nothing else. And when

he loses, as he always does, he goes out

on the street corner and denounces the

"sharks of Wall street."—Jasper in Los-

Angeles Weekly.

UNGATHERED MONEY.

Billions of Dollars' Worth is Lost by

Waste Every Year.

An editorial in the *Farm and Fire*

side says:

The present concentration of attention by

economists on food waste is showing

that one of the most unnecessary losses

of a valuable food product is the

ungathered sector of flowers.

Speaking in a broad way, there are

few farms in America that do not

annually produce several hundredweight

of honey over and above the honey re-

quired to sustain the bee harvesters of

this appetizing staple food product.

The farms on which the owners sys-

tematically plan to save their bees at

present are less than one in a hundred.

On several million American farms

where this honey goes unharvested

year after year this wastage aggregates

billions of dollars.

A Minnesota scientific bee culturist,

Francis Jager, is authority for the

statement that 100 colonies of honey-

bees suitably located and properly care-

d for can be expected to average a

net production of profit twice as great

as that of the average 100 colonies

of his state can show, with the equip-

ment and overhead are less. Of course

100 colonies of bees cannot be pastured

on an average sized farm, but there

are innumerable farms where a dozen

hives of bees could gather \$100 worth

of honey annually.

The Supreme Court.

For the supreme court of the United

States there is no exact precedent ei-

ther in the ancient or the modern times.

In making the great constitution the

"fathers" availed themselves of all

past knowledge and experience, but it

was probably from the French philo-

sophist Montesquieu that they got their

idea of the supreme court. In this

book, "The Spirit of the Laws," Mon-

tesquieu, after making a masterly anal-

ysis of all forms of government, uses

these words: "There is no liberty if the

judicial power be not separated from

the legislative and the executive." The

framers of the constitution knew Mon-

tesquieu's book well, and there is not

any room for doubt about their getting

the idea of the supreme court from

that source.—New York American.

Monkeys in Boots.

In tropical countries the natives have

many unique ways of catching mon-

keys. One of them, as explained by

a traveler, is this: The hunters walk

about in short boots in sight of the

monkeys. Then they take the boots

off, place some gum in the bottoms

and leave them on the ground, with-

drawing themselves to a great dis-

tance. Presently the monkeys come

down from the trees and try on the

boots, and when the hunters, who are

or then the boots stick to the feet of

the monkeys, and they are unable to

climb. Thus the initiative little an-

imals are captured.

Bay City—Automobile robbers stole

10 bushels of beans, several bushels

of rye and vegetables from the farm

of Charles Jones. Other Bay farmers

have been robbed in similar manner.

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 28

EZRA RETURNING FROM BABY-

LON.

LESSON TEXT—Ezra 1:1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT—The hand of our God

is upon all them for good that seek him.—

Ezra 1:2.

An interval of some fifty years in-

tervenes between the dedication of the

temple and the journey of Ezra to Pa-

lentine. Some stirring events in the

world occurred in this time which

greatly helped the Jews. It was dur-

ing this time that the episode of

Esther's being made queen and the el-

evation of Mordecai occurred, which fa-

vorably disposed the Persian govern-

ment toward the Jews. The time was

auspicious for Ezra to make his re-

quest unto Artaxerxes. The supreme

aim of Ezra was the restoration of the

worship of Jehovah, for it is evi-

dent that the work done by Zerubbabel

had largely failed of its aim. In order

that Ezra might be an efficient in-

strument of this purpose, he "pre-

pared his heart to seek the law of the

Lord and to do it, and to teach in Is-

rael the statutes and judgments" (1:5).

There are three stages in the

experience of every true teacher. First:

to seek the law of the Lord. Second:

to do it. Third: to teach it to others.

The last is impossible without the first

two.

The royal commission granted to

Ezra embraced—

(1) The return of all whose free will

prompted them to do so (1:13).

(2) Ezra's being given magisterial

authority over the district "beyond the

river" (1:23, 28).

(3) Exemption from taxation to the

Levites (1:24).

(4) Conveyance of offerings from the

king and his officers (1:15, 19).

I. Register of Ezra's Companions

(1:1-4). Doubtless this is a representa-

tive list of those who joined Ezra.

There is clear justification for the

twelve tribes are represented among

those who returned. (See 2:70; 6:16,

17).

II. Ezra Sends to Iddo for Ministers

for the Temple Service (vv. 15-20). Be-

fore the journey to Palestine was ac-

tually begun, Ezra gathered about him

his companions who were to accom-

pany him, to see whether they were

disinterested. In this review he dis-

covered that none of the sons of Levi

were in the company. So he sent chief

men to Iddo, who was doubtless the

president of the school of the Levites,

for ministerial work at God's house. In

response to this appeal, 38 Levites and

220 Nethinims joined him.

III. Ezra Seeking the Guidance of

the Lord (vv. 21-23). The journey was

full of deadly peril. It lay through

a region infested with Bedouin mar-

auders. Ezra, fully conscious of these,

and ashamed to ask help of the king,

proclaimed a fast, in which he de-

clared that they were to seek the guid-

ance and protection of God. This is a

fine illustration of the independence, and

yet dependence, of the men who for

trust God. His chief concern was for

the honor of God's name. He had so

confidently and repeatedly spoken to

the king of the divine sufficiency that

now he had asked for a guard of sol-

diers would require him to show dis-

tance. In this critical hour they com-

mitted themselves to the care of Him

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