

A HOLIDAY LESSON.

It was late of a chilly December afternoon. The leaden clouds hung low with their promise of a speedy snowstorm. Even now, an occasional frozen drop struck against the window-pane, and each gust as it swept through the streets of busy L—, had the breath of the storm in it, and drove all pleasure-seekers rapidly home.

She found a poorly-furnished room, two or three children and a discouraged-looking woman dressing one quite young. "Mrs. White will not need you next week," said Lois, after speaking to all around.

It is very odd that the Bible never says a good word for dogs; I suppose the breed must have been had in those Eastern parts, or else, as our minister tells me, they were nearly wild, had no master in particular, and were left to prow about half-starved. No doubt a dog is very like a man, and becomes a sad dog when he has himself for a master.

John Muir, the geologist, who accompanied the Corwin exploring expedition, writes in the San Francisco Bulletin: "On the terminal moraine of the ancient glacier that formed the first main tributary of the Flower Bay glacier, some four miles from the extreme head of the bay, we noticed two small skin-covered huts, which our guide informed us belonged to the reindeer people we were seeking."

water and poured a little on its mouth and tail and on the wound. While this ceremony was being performed all the family were serious-looking; but as soon as it was over they began to chat and laugh as before. The flock all the time of the killing and dressing were tranquilly chewing their cud, not noticing the smell of the blood even, which makes cattle so frantic.

must have the palm leaf of its original color. Some have permission to cover the wide surface with pink or green satin; others, more honored, may add a fringe. A golden umbrella is given by special grace to the highest Woots and the Royal Princes. A white umbrella belongs to the King alone, and not even the King's "agent," the heir-apparent, when such a person, as occasionally happens, exists, is allowed to use it.

Mr. So's Progress.

John Chinaman is improving the shining hour which several benevolent persons in Philadelphia have caused to dawn upon him. He is attending school, and the Times reports the progress as fair, though Mr. So is rather slow.

Beware of the Dog.

Firstly, let us beware of a dirty dog—or, as the grand old book calls them, "evil workers"—those who love filth and roll in it. Dirty dogs will spoil your clothes, and make you as foul as themselves.

Reindeer Farming in the Arctic.

"In the meantime we ate luncheon and strolled about the neighborhood looking at the plants, the views down the bay, and at the interior of the huts, etc., and chatted with the Tschukchis about their flock, the wild sheep on the mountains, the wild reindeer, bears, wolves, etc."

BURMAN YAZAGEING.

In Mandalay the sumptuary laws are exceedingly strict and most elaborate in their character. Out of the capital the regulations are equal in force, but never, as a matter of fact, come into action.

CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

At present more than 600,000 lives are insured in the United States alone. Five hundred thousand tons is said to be the annual production of coffee.

Bill Arp's View of Preachers.

I like preachers. They hold us back from going to extremes. They are the conservatives. They are good citizens and set us a good example. They are the balance-wheels of society, the scotch to the wagon, the air-brakes to the train, the pendulum to the clock.

The German Proverb.

"If I rest I rust," applies to many things besides the key. If water rests, it stagnates. If the tree rests, it dies, for its winter state is only a half-rest. If the eye rests, it grows dim and blind. If the lungs rest, we cease to breathe. If the heart rests, we die.

Let Dogs Delight to Bark and Bite.

But I cannot make such an excuse for the two-legged dogs I am writing about, for their own vile tempers, and the devil together, have made them what they are. They find fault with anything and everything. When they dare they howl, and when they cannot do that they lie down and growl inwardly. Beware of these creatures. Make no friends with an angry man; as well make a bed of stinging nettles or wear a viper for a necklace.

Fourthly, beware of a greedy dog, or a man who never has enough.

Folks who are greedy are not always honest. See how cleverly they skin a flint; before long you will find them skinning you, and as you are not quite so used to it as the cels are, you had better give Mr. Skinner a wide berth.

Fifthly, beware of a yelping dog.

Those who talk much tell a great many lies, and if you love truth you had better not love them. A lion's jaw is nothing compared to a tale-bearer's.

Lastly, finally, and to finish up, beware of a dog that has no master.

A fellow makes free with the Bible, and the laws of his country and common decency are it is time to make free and tell him we had rather have his room than his company.

After walking through the midst of the flock, the boys selected a rather small specimen to be killed.

One caught it by the hind leg, just as sheep are caught, and dragged it backward out of the flock; then the other boy took it by the horns and led it away a few yards from the flock, no notice being taken of its struggles by its companions, nor was any tendency to take fright observed, as would, under the circumstances, have been shown by any of the common domestic animals.

After it was slain they laid it on its side.

One of the women brought forward a branch of willow about a foot long, with the green leaves on it, and put it under the animal's head; then she threw four or five handfuls of the blood from the knife-wound back of the shoulder out over the ground to the southward, making me get out of the way, as if this direction were the only proper one. Then she took a cupful of

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