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OLD INHABITANTS

An Investigation as to the Ages of the Patriarchs.

On a full examination of the question of patriarchal longevity, the disparity of their ages to those of latter times disappears. A very light error in the translation of the Hebrew numbers had led to all this apparent disparity. The age of the antediluvian was not to exceed 120 years; Genesis, vi. 3. "And the Lord said, my spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he is also flesh, yet his days shall be 120." This was the regular good old age of men, with special variations, both before and some time after the days of Abraham.

In reading concrete numbers the Hebrews gave the large numbers first, thus: Ninety and seven for 97, forty and seven for 47. The reversal of this rule in the translation of Genesis v. 3, 5, as an illustration, will show the error in all similar cases. "Adam lived 130 years and begat a son," etc. This is correct, according to the rule. Seth was born when Adam was 130 years old, and was his last child. But if the rule were here reversed, as it is in the authorized version, in the fifth verse, it would read thus: "Adam lived 3,000 years and begat a son!" This shocked the consciousness of the translator, and he was driven to the true rule of the Hebrew uses in case of concrete numerals.

In the fifth verse we have the force of the violated rule, thus: "And all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died!" A. V. The true meaning of the rule would be, "And all the days of Adam, which he lived, were a hundred years and thirty and nine years, and he died," making the entire age of Adam 139 instead of 930 years.

It will be seen on examination that concrete numerical adjectives in Hebrew, as in other languages, agree in number with their nouns. In the case cited in A. V. the nine is made to agree with hundred in the singular, and not with years in the plural. The error is seen at a glance, for the difference between "nine years" and "nine hundred years" is too great to be overlooked in any careful translation of a sacred book. The translator assumed that nine here agreed with the hundred, when it had no such agreement; hundred in the text is itself a concrete numeral, and agrees with years, meaning a hundred of years; at the date of this writing "nine hundred," or any number of hundreds above one, without repetition or circumlocution. There were none of the masoretic points in use. In the case of the age of Terah, the father of Abraham, the translators made the attempt to make two hundred out of one hundred in the word mathim, used in the plural, as it might be to agree with years, thus making Terah 205 instead of 105 years old at his death; holding the theory that the word mao (or 100) would in the plural, mathim, make twenty. This is contrary to all rules. The Hebrews could, by pluralizing a numeral less than 10, add tenfold to the unit thus: hemosh, 5, hemoshim, 50. This rule, applied in the case of Terah, would make him ten times 105 years old, or 1,050 years old. In the case of Terah the historic record conclusively contradicts the translation, and hence demonstrates the rule that pluralizing 100 does not, in the Hebrew tongue, make 200, while as to the numerals between 2 and 10 the rule might apply thus: Shelesh, 3, sheleshim, 30, and in like manner to 10. With these corrections, referring to the ages of the patri-

archs, before the Noachian deluge, the article of M. de Solaville would show a wonderful uniformity in the age of man since the dawn of history.

From Adam to the flood the ages would read as in the table below, subject to a few uncertainties in the numbers below 100, as the numerals are sometimes pluralized for purposes of agreement, when they are not increased tenfold. The cases are not always certain; the table to the flood is substantially true. The table is added, giving the ages of each at the time of his death:

1. Adam, 130 years, and not 930 years.
 2. Seth, 121 years, and not 912 years.
 3. Enos, 114 years, and not 935 years.
 4. Cain, 119 years, and not 910 years.
 5. Mahaleel, 122 years, and not 835 years.
 6. Jared, 117 years, and not 963 years.
 7. Enoch, 114 years, and not 365 years.
 8. Methuselah, 124 years, and not 969 years.
 9. Lamech, 117 years, and not 777 years.
 10. Noah, 159 years, and not 950 years.
- Average, 120 years.—Popular Science.

WILD CATTLE OF HUMPTULAP.

Mr. A. McCune, who has recently returned from the Chehalis valley and Gray's harbor country has given the Seattle Chronicle an idea of the "wild remoteness," as it were of the Humptulap river country. This river empties into Gray's harbor from the north, about six miles east of the coast. It is very sparsely settled, in fact there is only one man living on the river. The land is owned by non-residents. Mr. Damon, a stock raiser, has about 80 head of cattle ranging on the headwaters of the Humptulap. This range is so seldom visited by whitemen that the cattle have become wild and unapproachable. There are small patches of prairie on the tablelands in the upper valley, and these prairies are connected with trails leading through the dense forests. When the owners desire to secure any of their stock they are compelled to resort to strategic measures originated and devised by them for the purpose. Ropes are secured, and suspended from trees directly over the trails. A slip-noose is so arranged across the path that the unsuspecting "critter" will walk into it, and once within the trap, they cannot become disengaged. They are then secured with ropes and taken to the corral, where they are yoked up with a "bovine domestic" and in time become tame and manageable. When a beef is wanted the owner brings into service a Sharp's rifle, lays in ambush and shoots the animals. Even this must be done at long range, as their scent is very keen, and it requires the utmost precaution to approach nearer than 400 or 500 yards. These cattle are said to be far more wild than the deer and elk, more agile than mountain sheep or prairie antelope, and for fleetness will outstrip the fastest cayuse on the coast. Mr. Damon desires to dispose of the herd "as they stand," and, we are informed offers them at a bargain. Here is a chance for some enterprising capitalist. The herd is rapidly increasing and while they probably could not be utilized to any advantage for dairy purposes, yet the buyer could rest assured that the investment would be a safe one—nobody would ever steal them.

Reasons for not Advertising

Rufe Shoemaker, of the Grass Valley, (Cal.) Tidings, gives the following eight good reasons why people should not advertise:

1. Advertising costs money. The outlay for advertisement itself is generally very small, and the sum spent in advertising is never missed by a business man. But if a man advertises he has to buy new goods all the time, pay big freight bills, and keep a large number of clerks.
2. The liberal advertiser is sure to get tired every day; his advertisement makes him and his place of business known to so many people, who come around to trade with him.
3. The merchant who advertises sells his goods while they are new and fresh; and by so doing he loses the chances (which the non-advertising merchant has and improves) on making big bargains on old and shop-worn goods.
4. Advertising is bad, because it is liable to breed ill-feeling and jealousy. The merchant who doesn't advertise sees the trade going to those who do advertise, and he gets jealous and soured in disposition.
5. Advertising in a paper in your own town helps to keep the paper alive and to keep it strong, so that it will do a great deal of harm, perhaps.
6. If a man advertises folks will know that he is not dead. It is sometimes a great disadvantage to have it known that he isn't dead.
7. Advertising makes a man prosperous, and a prosperous man is always beset by people with subscription papers and by poor widows with children.
8. Advertising gives people the impression that you want to sell. This is very bad. It makes people think you are just an ordinary person. The true business man always stands on his dignity, and sells goods merely as an accommodation to the buyer. It is only the lively, common sort of storekeepers that really want to do business enough to make money, that advertise.

Condensed Wisdom.

- Cruelty to animals is the crime of cowards.
- Pride that dines on vanity sups on contempt.
- Every man is occasionally what he ought to be perpetually.
- To get rid of a bad friend, ask him for what you most need.
- Happiness is something to hope for, and something to love.
- A mind too vigorous and active serves only to consume the body.
- Great men and geniuses find their true places in times of great events.
- French may be learned without a teacher; but it is not half so nice.
- A politician once laid on the shelf should never be taken down again.
- Justice consists in doing no injury to any one; decency in giving no offense.
- Let no one overload you with favors; you will find it an insufferable burden.
- Acts, looks, words, steps, form the alphabet by which you spell character.
- There is a great art in knowing how to give without creating an obligation.
- He who has filled the measure of his days has only learned how to begin to live.
- Great things are not accomplished by idle dreams, but by years of patient study.
- They who presume most in prosperity are soonest subject to despair in adversity.

Furnished Rooms to Let

At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.

Notice.

Ice cream, ice cream, at Rose's refreshment saloon, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Occident block.

Notice.

The Astoria Shirt and On Clothing Factory has moved next door to O'Brien's Hotel. Persons wishing to keep the shirts dry will please call.

Take Notice.

On after this date an additional 10 cents per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood accompanied by the cash, at Gray's wood yard, July 1st, 1881.

What Makes You Sick?

A tooth is missing among the incisors, and you cannot help frowning. Go and get one put in, and then use SALADOLIN to keep the others right. You should have done this years ago, but it is better now than never.

Attention Fishermen.

Use Nicholas's Balm of Gilead oil for sore or chapped hands, for sale by Joe G. Charters. The tables free to all.

For the finest bath in the city go to the Orient bathing room, opposite Holden's auction store.

Joe G. Charters, Prop.

Shiny Men.

Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for nervous debility and weakness of the generative functions. St. at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.

"Bachapatha."

New, quick, complete cure 1 day, urinary affections, smarting, frequent or difficult urination, kidney diseases, St. at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.

Don't Die in the House.

Ask druggists for "Rough on Rats." It cleans rats, mice, bedbugs, fleas, vermin, flies, ants, insects. 15c per box.

War! War! War!

Water front offered free to any person that will build a saw mill in the city of Williamsport. Lumber we must have to build this city. We have one store in running order at present. Quite a number have already located here in this city, and yet there is room. Sold on time to suit purchasers. Located one mile south of Astoria, on the sunny side of the hill, on Yonah's bay.

J. WILLIAMS, JR., Prop.

Another of those fine A. B. C. organs at the City Book Store.

Have Wistar's balsam of wild cherry always at hand. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, whooping cough, croup, influenza, consumption, and all throat and lung complaints. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle.

A cough, cold or sore throat should be stopped. Neglect frequently results in an incurable lung disease or consumption. Brown's Bronchial Troches do not merely soothe the throat, but they cure the lungs, and act directly on the inflamed parts, allaying irritation, give relief in asthma, bronchitis, coughs, catarrh, and the throat troubles which singers and public speakers are subject to. For thirty years Brown's bronchial troches have been recommended by physicians, and always give perfect satisfaction. Having been tried and proved by wide and constant use for nearly an entire generation, they have attained well-merited rank among the few staple remedies of the age. Sold at 25 cents a box everywhere.

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