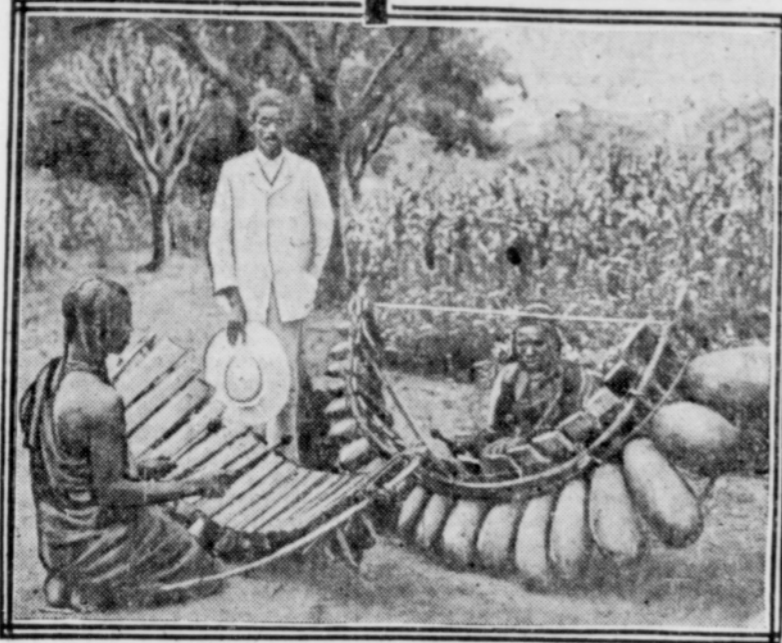


Angola's Prospects



Musical Instruments of Angola.

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THE latest rumor concerning the solution of Italy's great problem, the finding of an outlet for her too crowded and rapidly increasing population, alleges that negotiations have been under way for the purchase by Italy of Angola, Portugal's vast territory on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

Angola covers a large part of southwestern Africa. It stretches along the Atlantic ocean for a thousand miles and extends 800 miles or more inland. A comparable slice of territory in southeastern United States would have a coast line extending from southern Georgia to New York city and, excepting Florida, would include an area greater than all the states south of New York and the Great Lakes, and east of the Mississippi river.

This vast region, although it was discovered by Portuguese sailors in 1442 and although it has had Portuguese settlements since 1575, has not been developed to any great extent. It was really a victim of the discovery of Brazil and the opening of the water route to India, for into those more promising regions was poured all the colonizing energy of Portugal at a time when that country was the world's leader in colonization. The stream of energy and men passed Angola by, and it has been a sort of Portuguese backwater ever since.

Its Coast is Dreary.

But there are also potent geographic and economic reasons for Angola's lack of development. With the exception of former German southwest Africa, which adjoins it to the south, Angola has the dreariest and most forbidding coast of any section of Africa. Superficially it may be compared with the desert coast of northern Chile and Peru; and the comparison is heightened by the existence of a cool current that sweeps up the coast from the Antarctic as the Humboldt current flows northward along the west coast of South America.

Sand dunes cover much of the land, immediately along the coast, with here and there bare rocky promontories jutting out of the shifting grains. Where the sands are not in dunes a scrub grows, but it is so sparse that from the sea the coast appears utterly barren. Where water courses enter the sea there is often a luxuriant vegetation in their valleys. It is in such long, narrow oases that are grown the vegetables and fruits for the few coastal settlements.

Behind this worst foot which Angola thrusts forward is a region of surprisingly good potentialities. The coastal desert strip extends inland from 12 to 120 miles and then the country rises by a series of huge terraces to a broad plateau which extends eastward into the heart of Africa. On each higher terrace conditions are better than on that below. The transition is from aridity and lack of vegetation through semi-aridity to a reasonably well-watered park land of grass and scattered trees. Much of this plateau is an excellent region for Europeans, healthy, cool, reasonably productive and much of it free from the tsetse fly.

The grains flourish in the Angola plateau country, but they are grown by only a few natives and fewer Europeans. There are enthusiasts for this country, however, who insist that it is only a matter of time and the influx of more energetic farmers, until this vast upland region shall become another Argentina. It is pointed out, too, that the country is in much easier and less expensive reach of European consuming centers than New Zealand, Australia, or South America, and that it would have a marked advantage also in the production of cattle and the shipment of meat.

Portugal Has Improved It.

Since the World War Portugal seems to have taken an increasing interest in Angola. There were long ugly rumors of a continuance of slavery in the colony in spite of international agreements for its suppression. The sparseness of the population and the laziness of the natives made it

difficult for Portuguese plantation owners to operate, and in many cases they took matters into their own hands and forcibly put laborers to work. Government regulations against such practices were ignored. In recent years these conditions seem to have been greatly improved and a more forceful government established. The government, too, has made available large funds for physical development of the colony. In addition to fostering railway building, the government has itself constructed some excellent motor roads in the plateau country.

The big factor in appealing to Italy, if she were considering such a purchase, undoubtedly would be the sparse population. Less than 4,000,000 inhabitants dwell in the 485,000 square miles of Angola. It is estimated, while Italy, with only 118,000 square miles, has a population of about 40,000,000. In other words, although Angola is four times as big as Italy, it has only a tenth of the actual population, or one-fortieth the density of population. Perhaps one-half of the area of Angola at least is suitable for colonization by Europeans. It is obvious, therefore, that it would form an admirable outlet for Italy's surplus people.

In the southern portion of Angola's plateau is a sort of little Transvaal. Displeased with alien control from which ordinary treks did not seem to free them, a group of Boers took the wearisome journey across the great Kalahari desert and settled in this remote region. Many perished on the road, but those who won through have established solid communities in which the Portuguese officials have granted them the liberty and self-government in their communities which they so much desire. In their settlements, surrounded by houses of typical Transvaal architecture, and with the great heavy wagons in use, one might imagine himself a thousand miles away in the vicinity of Johannesburg or Pretoria.

Good Harbor at Lobito.

At several points railways extend from the coast of Angola to the most temperate zone plateau. The most important railway starts from the middle of the long coast and extends some 300 miles into the interior. It will eventually extend eastward across Angola and into the Belgian Congo to connect with existing Belgian and South African systems and with lines to the east coast of Africa. The Angolan port terminus of this railroad is Lobito, with a fine harbor. Lobito is an upstart among the ancient coastal cities, Benguela and Loanda and the middle-aged town of Mossamedes, having been born on a bare sand-spit only a few years ago. The excellence of Lobito bay's harbor is hidden as one steams toward it. The steamer seems headed for barren cliffs with a narrow, sandy beach at their base. As a matter of fact, however, it turns out when one approaches closer, that the beach is a narrow spit of sand a mile or more off shore. This sand-spit walls off the sea, and behind it lies one of the best harbors in Africa. It is three miles long and a mile wide, sufficiently commodious to hold easily ships to handle the sea traffic of an empire. The harbor seems protected in all winds and there is little tide. Plans for the development of Lobito bay call for a commercial port on the sand-spit and a residential town on the cliffs.

Loanda, capital of Angola, also has lines of steel extending into the interior, and from Mossamedes a "toy railway," with narrow-gauge track and tiny cars, runs across the desert strip and into the hills.

All of the Angola coast is indebted to the cold current that bathes it for cool sea breezes and in general a much more pleasant climate than its latitude entitles it to. But the current is especially beneficent to the Mossamedes and Porto Alexandre districts of the south. These are the healthiest portions of the coast with relatively low mean temperatures, dry, cool air, and freedom from malarial mosquitoes. The cool current also brings to the southern coast vast schools of fish like the cod and the chief industry is fishing.

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for December 5

RUTH AND NAOMI

LESSON TEXT—Ruth 1:14-22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Ruth.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Ruth a loyal daughter.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Ruth the Loyal.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Message of the Book of Ruth.

In order to grasp the matter contained in the lesson subject, there must be swept into view the whole book of Ruth. The lesson text which is to be printed has been confined to the first chapter, verses 14-22.

I. Ruth's Connection With Naomi (1:1-15).

On account of famine in Bethlehem of Judah, Naomi with her husband and two sons sojourned in the land of Moab. After the death of her husband her two sons married Moabish women. After a time her sons died also. After the death of her sons Naomi refused to return to her homeland, having heard that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. They went to Moab to escape trouble but only got into more. It was not until Naomi was thus chastised that she resolved to return. One purpose of God's chastisement is to cause His children to return. Naomi had the good sense to recognize that the hand of the Lord was upon her for good. When the time came for her to go, Ruth and Orpah accompanied her for a distance. This she permitted but determined to place before them frankly the difficulties which would necessarily confront them.

II. Ruth's Noble Choice (1:16-18).

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A small house with a number of large rooms in it is the desire of most housekeepers. The home illustrated fits these specifications nicely. Here is an attractive house, 27 feet, 6 inches, by 50 feet, that contains seven rooms, besides a large washroom adjoining the kitchen on the first floor, two bathrooms and sewing room on the second floor, and an unusually large amount of closet and storage space.

1. No chance to marry again. Naomi told her that she had no more sons for whom she could wait. In that day to be unmarried was the greatest disgrace. Society differed then from now. No avenues were left open by which a woman could earn her living and be independent. Furthermore, it was against God's law for the Jews to marry outside of their own people.

2. She must renounce her gods. Her idolatrous worship could not be carried on in the land where God's people dwell. This was delicately touched upon when Orpah went back (v. 15). Orpah went back when it was plain there was no chance to get a husband. Now Naomi puts an additional test upon Ruth, that of giving up her religion. Ruth was equal to the occasion. Her mind was fully made up. She was willing to accept as her God the one who was able to produce in His subjects the nobility of character she had observed in Naomi. Naomi's very frankness in dealing with her caused Ruth to be more determined to cast her lot with her. Ruth's position was so definite and unflinching that the very expressions have come down to us in words which "no poetry has outrivaled, and no pathos has exceeded, and which have gone through centuries with the music that will not let them be forgotten." She was determined to share Naomi's journey, her home, her God, her lot in life, and her grave.

III. Blessings Which Attended Ruth's Faithfulness.

Ruth was never sorry for her choice, because:

1. She found the true God (1:16).

Instead of her heathen god who was unable to help her, she now had the living God, the God of Israel.

2. She found human friends (ch. 2).

As she went to glean in the field she was led to the field of Boaz, a man of wealth and grace. The servants of Boaz treated her with consideration.

3. A good husband and a happy home (chs. 3, 4).

She not only secured a husband, but a man of God who had an abundance of this world's goods.

4. An honored place in the Israelite nation (4:13-17).

Though she had to forsake her own people she became one of a nobler people.

5. She became a link in the chain of Christ's ancestry (4:18-22; cf. Matt. 1:5).

The one who fully decides for Christ and gives up all for Him shall gain a hundredfold in this life, and in the world to come eternal life.

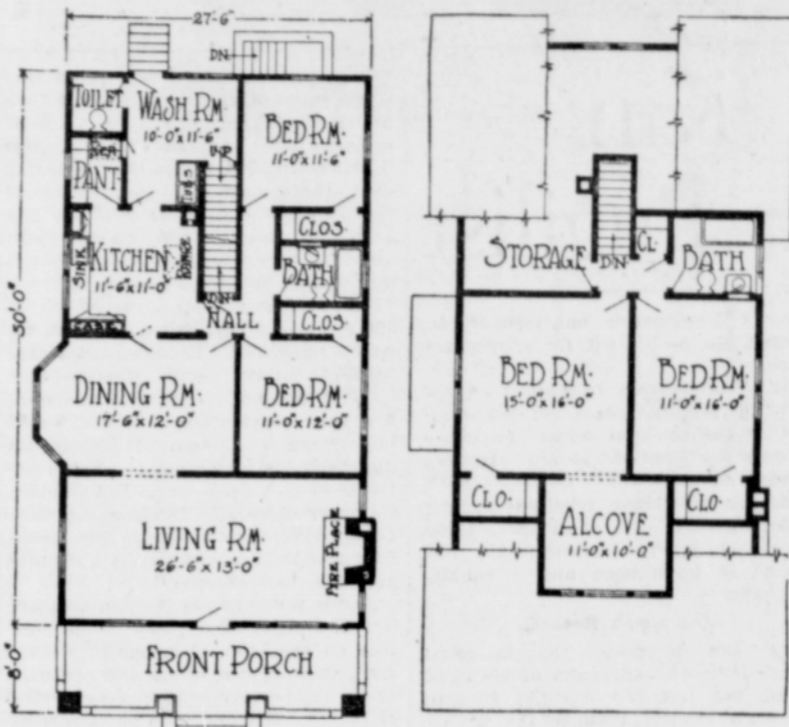
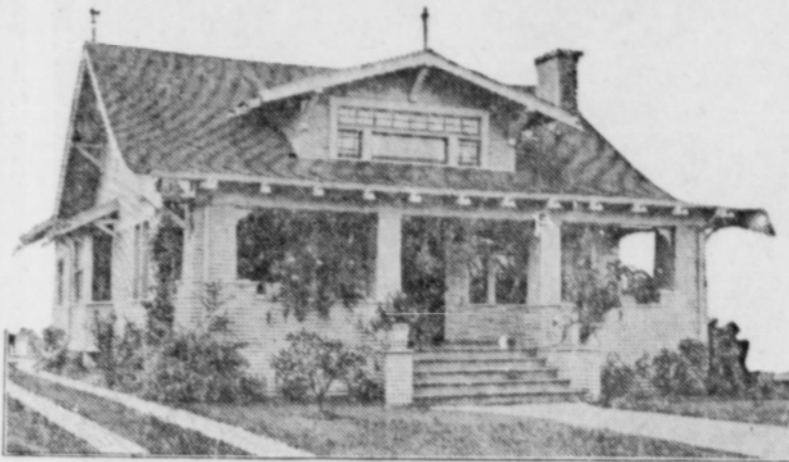
Depend on God

Remember that nothing can ever harm you when you have given your life into the keeping of God. Man is powerless against Him who is fortified of the Almighty. You are a child of God—immune, secure.—R. J. Campbell.

Jesus' Achievements

One is sure that a great deal that Jesus achieved He achieved because He was able to give this deathless hope to the hearts of those to whom He spoke.—Robert E. Speer.

This Attractive House Contains Seven Rooms and All Conveniences



First Floor Plan.

Second Floor Plan.

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The exterior of the home is made attractive by the wide front porch which extends the width of the house and is eight feet deep, the dormer in the roof and the exposed rafters of the porch roof. The house is of frame construction and has a large basement, which is of the same dimensions as the house.

The living room extends across the front of the house and is unusually large, 26 feet, 6 inches long, and 13 feet wide. Connected with it by a double-cased opening is the dining room, 17 feet, 6 inches, by 12 feet, exclusive of the deep bay window. At the back are the kitchen and washroom, while off a hall reached through the dining room are two bedrooms, with a bathroom between.

Upstairs are two good-sized bedrooms, an alcove room in the dormer and a bathroom.

Good Housing Elements in Modern Building

It is not so much the cubic feet of space in a house as the way in which this space is used, which is important in a house of average size. Hence it is difficult to say what should be the minimum space required for a family of given size. The extremely high ceilings of a few decades ago provided a lot of space which served no practical purpose. Modern housekeeping demands compact rooms, planned to make housekeeping easier.

In most cities combating dust and soot is no small part of the housework, and other things being equal, the smaller the surfaces to be cleaned, and the easier the particular type of surface can be cleaned, the better.

Plenty of closet space in all parts of the house is a great saver of work in housekeeping, and reserves important consideration in selecting a house plan or in purchasing a house.

Families that are rearing children ordinarily require three sleeping rooms. Where there are small children, many parents prefer to have the bathroom and one bedroom downstairs.

Every family wants to have an attractive living room; the need for a dining room is not so essential. Among the families that are able to afford only small houses an increasing number prefer to have a large living room, and to use one end of it for eating, with perhaps a breakfast alcove to be used at the morning meal and occasionally for lunch.

With a well-arranged kitchen (and it takes plenty of time and study to develop one) a mother can prepare better food for her children, feel less fatigued at meal time and have more time to spend with her children and for other activities.

"The more sunlight the better" is a good rule for a house. Many small houses are built nowadays with an enclosed sun porch, which is a valuable addition when it can be afforded.

Good ventilation in a small house is not hard to obtain during cold weather, when all that is needed in a single room is to open the window a few inches.

Set Hinges Properly

To do a good job of setting hinges place the hinge where it is to go and then trace the three sides with the point of a sharp knife, being careful not to get the space too large. Cut out the wood at this point just deep enough to permit the hinge to lie flush with the surface of the wood and drive the screws home.

Plumbing and Wiring Need Frequent Check-Up

What should be done to the plumbing system? The first place to look for trouble is in each toilet tank, as the little float valve which shuts off the water when the tank is full sometimes gets out of order and does not close properly. Take the top off the tank and see if the valve closes tightly; if not, call a plumber—or fix it yourself.

You may apply modern bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures in an old house easily, quickly and with economy. They can be attached to the old pipes with very little labor.

Look over the faucets carefully; those that drip should have new disks applied. Old-fashioned faucets can be deftly removed and new ones added without difficulty.

The electric wire system of the house should be gone over to see that it is in good order. Old wiring is sometimes in a dangerous condition because the insulation has dried up and dropped off, leaving bare wires exposed in places.

A modern system of wiring in metal tubes will safeguard your home. In most rooms the new wires can be "fished" in place and thus concealed in the partitions.

Wrought Iron Used More in Decorating

Wrought iron has become increasingly important in home decoration of late, and not only in the plan of the modern house itself—in lighting fixtures, grill doors, etc.—but in the furnishings of that home. Whole pieces of occasional furniture are now being developed in wrought iron; among them telephone sets, console tables, coffee tables and small chairs. Wrought-iron lamp bases, candelabra, smoking stands and plant stands, too, have refreshing notes to add to modern interiors.

Bathroom and Kitchen Need Special Attention

Too often, in planning a home, the bathroom and kitchen are neglected. Yet these rooms, almost more than other places, should possess an air of refinement and sanitation which will leave its impress upon every one who enters them.

You perhaps have admired and envied bathrooms and kitchens in the homes of friends, but did not realize that equally artistic and practical effects could be secured in your own home at comparatively little cost.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



THEY WERE

Mr. Conkerton, who had an irrepresible habit of boasting, was holding forth.

"Yes," he said, "I was hanging on the buffers and the train was going at 70 miles an hour. My arms grew tired, my hands slipped, and I remember saying as my head struck the rails—"

No Good

Customer—I want to return this book I bought, "Stories For All Occasions."

Bookseller—What's the matter with it?

Customer—It's a fake! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at 2 a. m.

SOMETHING IN OIL



Art Dept. Salesman—Madam, can't I show you something done in oil suitable for your dining room?

Mrs. Newrich—Oh, is this where you keep the sardines?

Reverses

The hunter had but little luck. For he was out to shoot a buck. He shot a farmer's cow instead; "Worth 50 bucks," the farmer said.

Then He Detoured

Parson Johnson (sternly)—Did you come by that watermelon honestly, Brudder Smith?

The Melon Toter—Deed Ah did, pabson, ebery day fo nigh on two weeks.

Slightly Mixed

Johnson—So you gave up trying to teach your wife to drive the car?

Williams—Yes. When I told her to release her clutch she let go of the steering wheel.

DONE ON TIME



Hubby—Dinner late again! You've done nothing lately on time!

Wife—Oh, yes, dear, I've gotten a piano and a new dress lately—both on time.

Utilized Resources

Samson was a man of brawn. Who wasted all his might. He had been luckier had he gone into a prize ring fight.

Sweet Sixteen

"It's bedtime, daughter. Where are you going tonight?" "I don't know yet. I'll tell you tomorrow, mother."

The Fatal Policy

Insurance Inspector (suspiciously) How did your husband happen to die so soon after getting insured for a large amount?

Widow—He worked himself to death trying to pay the premiums.

How He Felt

"Well, how do you feel today?" said the first man, greeting an old friend. "Like a total loss. My wife has just spent an hour telling me all the things that are wrong with me."

Queered the Whole Business

Landlord (exasperated)—I wish you'd pay me my rent.

Mrs. Jackson—Oh, Lawdy! Don't you know when you wish foh anything you must nevah wish out loud. Iee 'fruid you's goin' to be disappointed now.

The Returned Tourist

"And what did you think of the beauties of the Yosemite?" "I've seen just as pretty girls at home."