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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 3

JEREMIAH, THE PROPHET OF COURAGE

LESSON TEXT—Jeremiah 35:1-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Watch ye, stand fast
in the faith, ye like men, be strong.
—1 Corinthians 16:13.
CONFERENCE MATERIAL—Jeremiah
35:1-18; Matthew 2:17, 18.
REVIEW TOPIC—Sons Who Honor
Their Fathers.
NEW TOPIC—The Story of the
Rebabitest.

EXPLANATORY AND SENIOR TOPIC
—Jeremiah, the Courageous Prophet.
FOR THE PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC
—Jeremiah's Service to His Nation.
Jeremiah was one of the last proph-
ets of Judah. He saw the nation go
into the Babylonian Captivity and Je-
rualem destroyed, after which he
went into Egypt. He was a lonely,
understood and unpopular prophet.
He was most bitterly hated and per-
secuted. His own countrymen turned
against him. He was placed in stocks
and then thrown into a horrible dun-
geon from which he narrowly escaped
in his life. The teacher should give
a little sketch of his life. The fol-
lowing is suggested:

- 1. His Call (1:2-10).
- 2. His Commission (1:11-19).
- 3. His Sympathetic Heart (4:19).
- 4. His Great Sorrows (10:15-21).
- 5. The Divine Power Which Urged Him Forward and Sustained Him (20:7-9).

because he was called upon to
oppose against his own nation and
the command of God urged them to
render to the Babylonians, he was
regarded as a traitor guilty of treason
against his own nation.
6. The Rechabites' Test (vv. 1-5).
In the days of Jehoiakim, the Lord
urged Jeremiah to bring the Rechab-
ites into the house of the Lord and
to them regarding the drinking of
wine. This he did in a place where
the people might behold them, the aim
being to teach Judah by example.
The father of the Rechabites had
been commanded that they should not
drink wine. Their filial obedience
to shame the children of Judah
for their lack of obedience. Jonadab,
the father of the Rechabites, was only
man but the one whose commands
were disregarded was the Almighty
God, their Creator and Savior. It is
His plan that every man be tested.
Being a free agent, he can have char-
acter only through testing.

7. The Filial Loyalty of the Rechabites (vv. 6-11).
Though they were out of their own
country in the midst of a foreign peo-
ple they refused to drink wine, de-
claring that they had been true to the
instructions of Jonadab all their lives.
It is a fine thing when children re-
member their fathers and render
obedience to their commands.

8. The Loyalty of the Rechabites
Contrast With the Disloyalty of
Judah (vv. 12-16).

1. The Appeal (vv. 13, 14). He
made the appeal on the basis of the
filial loyalty of the Rechabites. He
so reminded them that he had
spoken to them in person, rising up
early to do so.

2. The Ministry of the Prophets (vv. 15, 16). When the people failed
to render obedience to God, he sent
them the prophets, who pleaded
with them to amend their ways by
turning away from their idols. Mat-
thew Henry indicates the points of
contrast somewhat as follows: (1)
The Rechabites were obedient to one
who was but a man; the Jews dis-
obeyed the infinite and eternal God.
(2) Jonadab was dead and could not
now of their disloyalty or correct
them for it. God is all-knowing and
lives forever and will punish for dis-
obedience. (3) The Rechabites were
ever reminded of their obligations,
but God sent His prophets to speak
to His people. (4) Jonadab left the
charge but no estate to support the
charge, but God gave the people a
poorly land and prospered them in it.
(5) God never assigned His people a
task as hard as Jonadab's, but God's
people disobeyed Him while the
Rechabites obeyed their father.

3. Judgment Upon the Jews for
Disobedience (v. 17).
God declared that He would bring
judgment upon them according to
that He had said. Judgment is laid
upon those who disobey and rebel
against God.

4. Reward of the Rechabites for
their Loyalty (vv. 18, 19).
Because they had been true to the
commands of Jonadab, they should
days have a representative before
God. God has such a regard for filial
obedience that He lets no act go un-
rewarded.

5. Be Sure of Happiness.
Before we passionately desire any-
thing which another enjoys, we should
inquire as to the happiness of its pos-
sessor.—Rochefoucauld.

6. History.
History is little more than the regis-
ter of the crimes, follies and misfor-
tunes of mankind.—Gibbon.

7. Great Secrets.
The great secrets of being courted
and to shun others and to seem delight-
ed with yourself.—Bulwer.

LIVE STOCK

INCREASED VALUE OF LAMBS

Docking and Castration of Young Ani-
mals Destined for Market Im-
proves Quality.

(Prepared by the United States Department
of Agriculture.)

Docking and castration of lambs des-
tined for the market materially in-
creases their market value because of
improved quality, according to the
United States Department of Agricul-
ture.

There are several reasons for this. Docking makes the hind-quarters of lambs appear more blocky and deep, and it also adds much to the cleanliness of the animals. Thus they appear more attractive to the buyers when they reach the market. Ewes which are to be kept in the breeding flock should also be docked as a very large portion of the undocked ewes will fall to breed.

Ram lambs over three months of age tend to grow thin and develop coarse shoulders and neck. Thin-fleshed, coarse, open-shouldered lambs are not of a desirable quality, and when they reach the market they are discriminated against by the buyers because of these features. If the lambs are castrated and docked when they are a few days old their growth will not be retarded. On the other hand they will present a better appearance, and if they have been properly fed, will have a smooth, desirable finish at four months of age. Lambs of good quality in this condition command a premium over bucky and undocked lambs at the markets. Often-times during the period when the Jersey City market is receiving large numbers of lambs from the eastern states, lamb prices at that market fluctuate sharply because of the high percentage of undocked and bucky lambs which are discriminated against by buyers seeking a high-quality product.

MAKE ALL BROOD SOWS WORK

Properly Managed Animal Should
Produce Two Litters Each Year
Roasters in Demand.

The properly managed sow should produce two litters a year if the farm is equipped for fall pigs. Under such a system the sow should farrow in March and again in the early part of September. A sow that was bred about November 15th will farrow March 6th to 9th. By weaning the pigs at eight weeks of age, the sow may be rebred late in May to farrow in September.

In states where the winters are severe, good houses are necessary for the young pigs born in March. Those coming in September will almost take care of themselves until cold weather. They are then in need of good care, or a large number of runts will result. A good demand exists during Thanksgiving and Christmas for small pigs for "roasters." A farmer in northeastern Iowa has raised pigs for this special market a number of years, and finds it a profitable means of disposing of his fall pigs.

CALCIUM NEEDED FOR STOCK

Cows, Horses and Sheep Must Look
to Roughage for Needed Supply
—Silage May Answer.

The cow, together with the sheep and horse, must look to its roughage to supply the needed calcium. Frequently there is not sufficient calcium in the roughage or the vitamin needed to make it available to the body is not present. This vitamin is present in green pasture at all times. If silage has been properly made it is possible that there will be enough of the vitamin in it also to cause the assimilation of calcium. It is not well to count on this, however, for much of the silage made at the present time is not properly made.

LIVE STOCK HINTS

Poor feeding is keeping brood sows on hundreds of farms from paying a profit.

Feed alfalfa hay to brood sows. It pays a greater return in this way than any other.

Damp beds are responsible for pneumonia, bowel trouble and skin diseases among pigs.

The responsibility of animal disease control rests with the veterinary profession, says Dr. R. A. Craig, head of the veterinary department of Purdue university.

A good ration for a sow with pigs is 6 parts corn, 3 parts middlings and 10 parts tankage, when on full feed.

Mixed shipments show a greater number of killed and crippled hogs and a greater shrinkage than straight shipments.

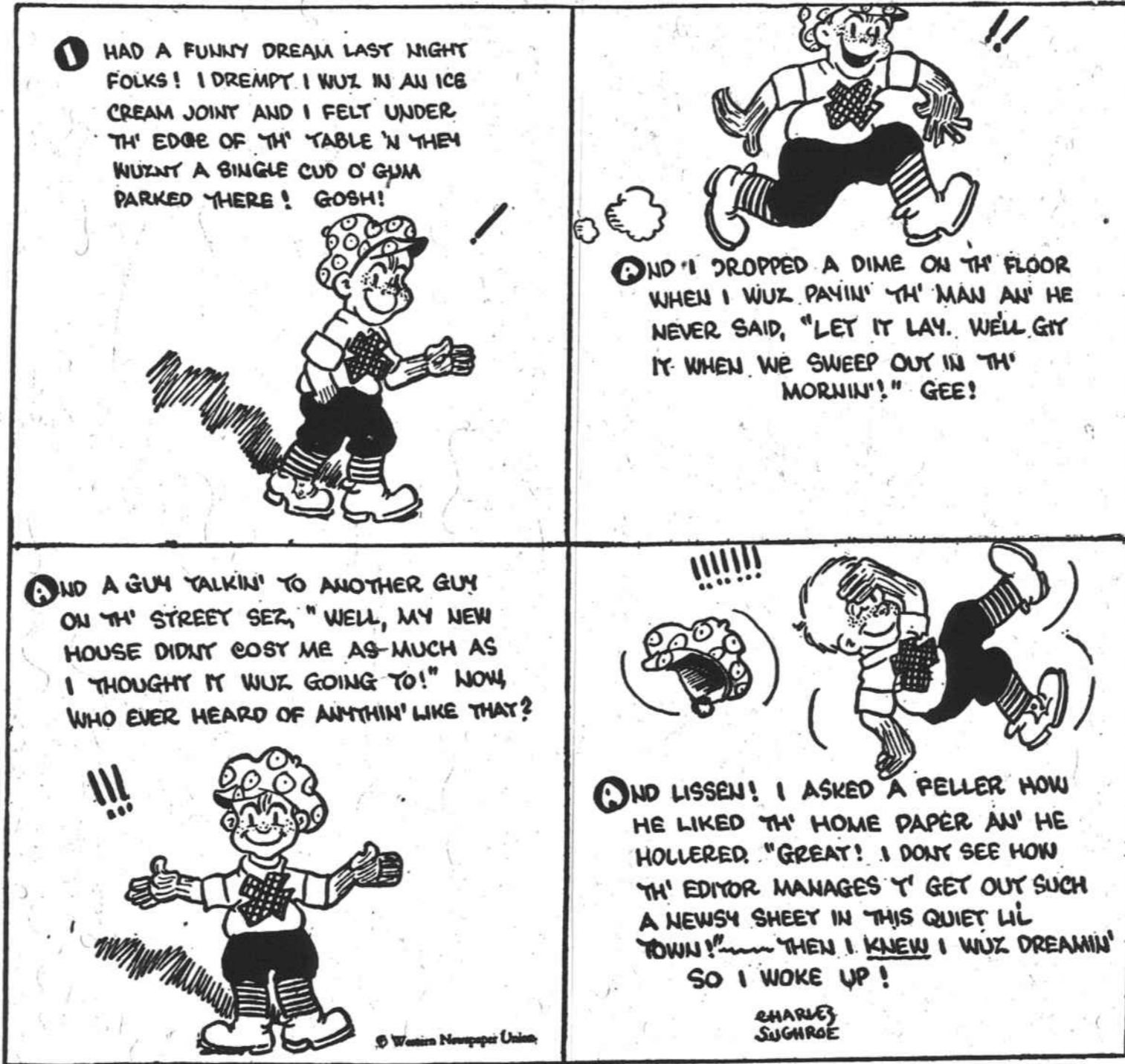
The man who consistently follows a well established live stock system on his farm is more prosperous than the man who tries to be in when conditions look good and out when they look bad.

OUR COMIC SECTION

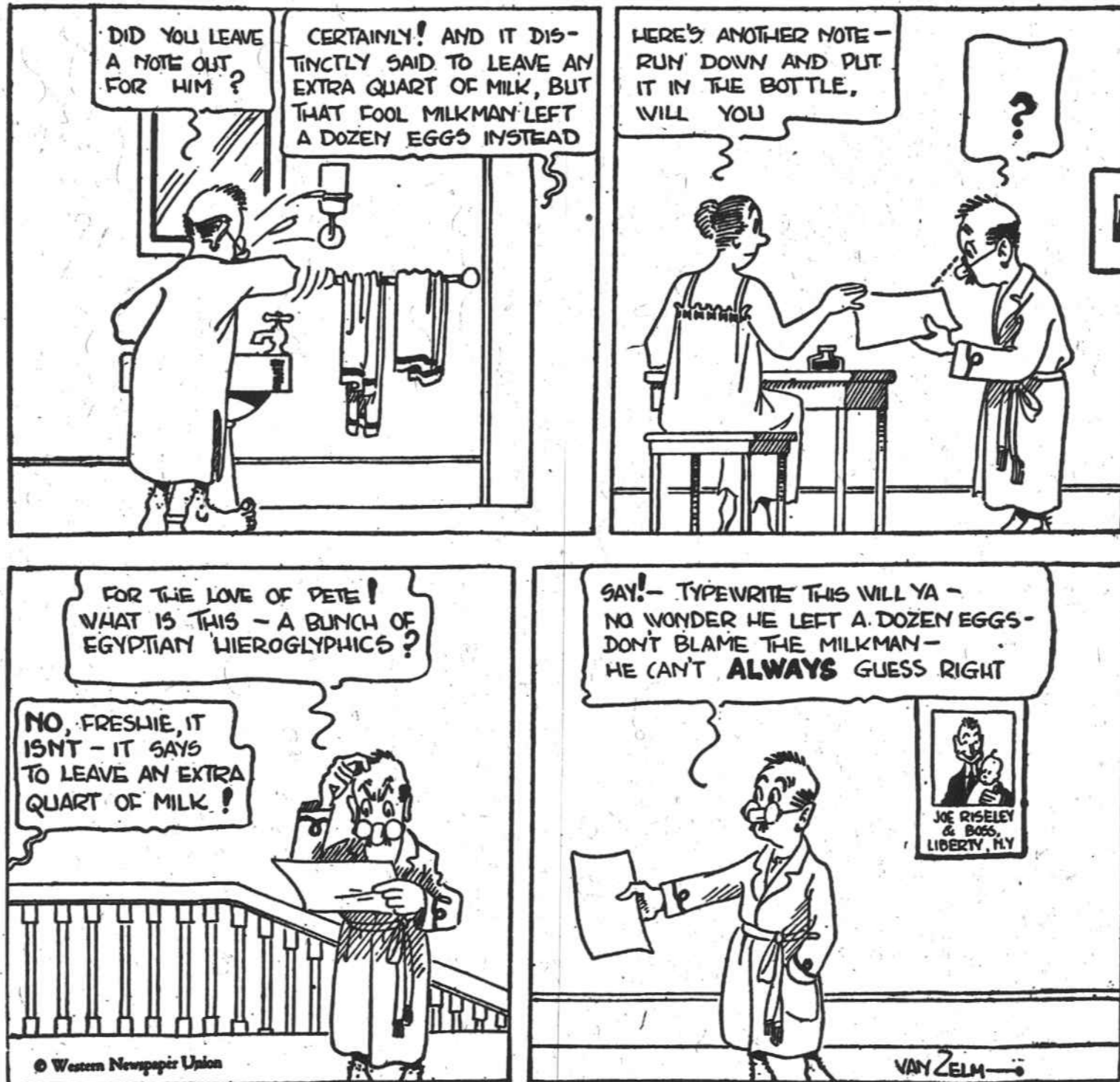
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Too Late to Recall It.
Blake was talking with his friend Scribbler, the well-known English journalist of Fleet street.
"Do you believe in writing anonymously?" he asked the hero of the pen.
Scribbler looked to see that the door of his study was shut ere he replied in a confidential whisper:
"Well, I've often wished that one of my productions had been anonymous."
"What was that?" asked Blake.
"A letter proposing to Mrs. Scribbler," groaned the famous writer.—London Answers.

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