

Synonyms.
The French Canadian always has trouble with the aspirate "th." At a debating club in the Province of Quebec members were required to draw a slip from a hat and debate upon the subject they received. A young countryman arose.

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TRIED TO HIDE CRIME

HIGH POINT SECTION WROUGHT UP OVER THE ARREST OF ED HODGIN.

CHARGED WITH THE MURDER

Killed John Lovett Whose Mangled Body Was Found on Railroad Track—Sensational Developments Are Expected.

High Point.—As he was bringing his two young daughters to town to go to their daily work, Ed Hodgin was arrested by Chief B. C. Ridge and Deputy Sheriff J. L. Parrish of this city on a charge of the murder of John Lovett, whose body was found in a terribly mangled condition by a section master on the morning of the 18th near Mendenhall's crossing, on the main line of the Southern Railway, several miles northeast of High Point.

It was known for over a week that Hodgin was under strong suspicion, and that circumstantial evidence, it was said, seemed to point strongly to his guilt. For some reason or other the authorities were a little slow to take the initiative in the matter. This may have been for want of evidence which they thought was lacking when the mangled body was found. Evidently Lovett was run over during the night. But it was also apparent that the man must have been dead for several hours before being placed on the railroad tracks, as there was scarcely any loss of blood. This, and several other very suspicious circumstances, led Chief Ridge and his associates to the conclusion that there was foul play. And, when all the evidence—circumstantial and otherwise—is in, it will no doubt prove that they were correct in their surmises.

The motive for the murder of Lovett, if murder it was, was the robbery of \$138, which was known to have been on the person of the dead man, and which was missing when his body was found.

Discharged Two Deputy Marshals.

New Bern.—W. J. Benton, of Whiteville, N. C., and J. L. McLaughlin, of Maxton, N. C., both United States Deputy Marshals, were discharged from the service in this city for becoming intoxicated while they were in their performance of their official duties. Benton and McLaughlin came to this city from Wilmington with some prisoners whom they were bringing over for trial in Federal Court, which is now in session in this city. En route they became intoxicated and while on the train used such indecent language in the presence of several ladies and the other passengers, and otherwise conducted themselves in such an offensive manner that they were reported to the federal authorities.

Goodman Guilty of Manslaughter.

Concord.—After being out three hours, the jury in the case of state vs. Robert Goodman, charged with the murder of Sidney Barrier, which occurred at Bad Goodman's near-beer stand last January, returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. The trial lasted three days and attracted great interest. A large number of witnesses were examined on both sides and a remarkable feature of the trial was the fact that not an objection was filed by either counsel. The defendant, who is only 18 years of age and has been under a \$10,000 bond, was remanded to jail until Judge W. J. Adams passes sentence.

Aviator Narrowly Escapes Death.

Fayetteville.—While making a trial flight at the Fayetteville fair grounds in a Strobil biplane Aviator K. Belton, of Chicago, fell thirty feet to the ground and narrowly escaped death through the fortunate landing of his machine on the edge of a ditch which threw the aeronaut forward on his head, otherwise the weight of his engine might have crushed the nervy aviator, who arrived here to fly the machine which Harry Levan had abandoned on account of the perilous circumstances surrounding the flights, which were to be made here.

Contract For Dormitory Awarded.

Winston-Salem.—The contract was awarded to Fogle Bros. Co., of Winston-Salem, for the erection of a fine new dormitory class room and office building for Salem Academy and College. Work will be started immediately. The new building is made necessary because of the increased number of boarding students. The accommodations were increased 14 per cent. during the summer, but this session President Rondthaler had to refuse admission to 18 per cent. of the new applicants.

One of The Most Noticeable Things.

Marshville.—One of the most noticeable things for men who were looking for something of real worth at the state fair at Raleigh was the exhibit of the Boys' Corn Clubs and tomatoes and other canned goods exhibited by the girls of the Tomato Club. These clubs are of real worth to boys and girls of the South, because they instill into their young natures a liking for the improved methods of agriculture, and at the same time stimulate interest among older people.

Esther Pleading For Her People

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 5, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Esther 4:1-5. MEMORY VERSES—4:13, 14. GOLDEN TEXT—"The Lord preserveth all them that love him."—Psa. 145:20. TIME—Accession of Xerxes, B. C. 480. Xerxes conquers Egypt, 1st and 2d years, B. C. 485, 4. He prepares to invade Greece, 2d to 8th years, B. C. 484-481. Vashti deposed in his 2d year, B. C. 483. Invades Greece, B. C. 481. Defeated at Thermopylae and Salamis, B. C. B. 480. Esther becomes Queen, B. C. 479. Haman's plot and defeat by Esther (occupying nearly the whole year), B. C. 474. PLACE—Susa (Sus) the winter capital of the Persian Empire, about 200 miles southeast from Babylon and 125 miles north of the Persian Gulf.

There are two principal theories concerning the historical nature of the Book of Esther: one, that it is a veritable history; the other, that it is a historical romance founded on fact, like Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and Henry VIII, or like Scott's novels, or Homer's great epics. While there are a number of serious difficulties, yet there are few if any unanswerable arguments against its being a true history. Xerxes is the Greek shortened form of the Ahasuerus of Esther, as York, for instance, is a shortened form of the Latin Eboracum. He began to reign B. C. 485 and ruled for 20 years. We can best understand Esther by means of those parts of his history which reveal his character. Xerxes at the very beginning of his reign completed the conquest of Egypt which his father Darius had begun. On his return he immediately began to prepare for the invasion of Europe, and especially of Greece.

Xerxes sought a queen in place of the deposed Vashti. The one selected from the most beautiful women of the empire was Esther, a charming Jewess, a descendant of one of the exiles, her great-grandfather being among those carried captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 598. Her Hebrew name was Hadassah, the myrtle, a beautiful and favorite shrub in the east. "Esther" means "a star," and many think it the same as Ishtar the Babylonian equivalent of Venus. She must have been quite young at the time of her marriage, not over 15 years. Four or five years pass, and then begins the tragic story of Haman, his rise as a king's favorite, his pride incensed at the conduct of Esther's cousin Mordecai, his attempt to bring vengeance upon the whole Jewish race on Mordecai's account, his success in obtaining a decree "to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish all Jews, both young and old, little children, and women, in one day."

Great mourning and terrible distress came upon the Jews all over the empire as they learned of the decree. Mordecai sent word to Esther, now about 20 years old, asking her to go to the king and request the deliverance of her people. Esther replied "Whosoever shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death. Except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter." There was, therefore, a possibility of Esther's reaching the ears of the king, but with the greatest uncertainty as to how such a capricious king would act, especially as his love for her had cooled. The mission Mordecai committed to Esther was one of great danger and difficulty. It required the utmost heroism.

Esther put on her royal apparel. She was a sensible, practical woman, and used her beauty and charm of person and of dress to accomplish her object.

She waited for the fitting time. The king held out the golden scepter. The sign that he received her, and that the most dangerous part of her mission was over. Instead of asking her favor, where she would be surrounded by spies and possible enemies, she invited the king to a banquet in the seclusion of the Harem gardens. She invited Haman her enemy to join with the king and thus ward off all suspicion and at the same time have him where he could not escape.

Esther presented her petition in wise words and pointed out Haman as the enemy who was seeking her life and the life of her people. The king was very angry and immediately deposed Haman, and had him hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.

The result was a counteracting decree, permitting the Jews to stand up in their own defense, and large numbers of their enemies were slain. The Jews were saved from destruction, and exalted before the people. Mordecai took Haman's place in the government. The feast of Purim was instituted with great feasting and joy, and has been celebrated annually ever since on the fourteenth of Adar, February-March, one month before Esther.

One of the most interesting studies in the story of Esther is to trace the ways of divine providence, and see how God makes all things work together for the good of his people. God's sovereign grace and man's free will are here seen in perfect harmony.

Heroism in Every Day Life is the expression and cultivation of the heroic spirit in our ordinary daily living. We cannot all be heroes in great things, but the field of heroism is everywhere, in every home, in every town. There are great enemies to overcome in our own hearts.

POULTRY

PASSING OF POPULAR FOWL

Tremendous Demand for Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Others Crowding Langshans Out.

The Langshan, or, as its admirers like to call it, "the Lordly Langshan," apparently has been losing ground in popularity, like the other Asiatic fowls. It may be that as many Langshans are bred and sold as ever, but it is very certain that not so many are exhibited as formerly. The tremendous demand for Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds may make the demand for Langshans appear, relatively, small, while suffering no actual diminution, says a writer in the Country Gentleman. Still, as the poultry show is a tolerably safe trade barometer, I am inclined to believe that the demand to some extent has really diminished.

When the Langshan was first introduced, it appeared to many fanciers of Asiatic fowls as an under-bred or poorly-bred Black Cochin. It lacked the compactness, full cushion, soft feathering, small tail and heavy foot feather that the Cochin fancier so highly prizes. It was predicted that it would not succeed as a breed, but the prediction, like many another, proved worthless. It did succeed. It put the Black Cochin badly in the shade. It became very popular. Its number became legion.

If we seek a reason for its success our search need not be long. It was



Black Langshan Cock and Hen.

an excellent layer of large eggs. It made a good table fowl, though its white skin and black plumage hands capped it somewhat.

Value of Air-Slaked Lime.

Not enough importance is placed on the value of good air-slaked lime for use in the poultry house and on the runs. Properly used, the lime is of great sanitary value. It will counteract disagreeable odors. A free use of air-slaked lime on chicken runs where gaps prevail is exceedingly beneficial. Its use no doubt also destroys other germs and bacilli. The wise poultryman will always have a good supply of lime on hand and use it both inside and out of his poultry houses.

Cause of Infertile Eggs.

Too many hens with the male bird frequently results in infertile eggs, and if it is found that germless eggs are being produced the number should be reduced. Breeding stock which are the progeny of related parents are usually rather apt to produce sterile eggs; this is one of the several reasons why it is a mistake to inbreed.

POULTRY NOTES

Fresh air and sunshine are the best germicides.

Do not keep eggs near kerosene or anything that will taint them.

Feed breeding duck a crumbly mash twice a day, morning and evening.

It is not necessary to candle good eggs before taking them to market. If any farmer is in doubt concerning his eggs, he should then candle them. The Spanish hen's eggs, weighing seven to a pound, are the largest produced.

A warm poultry house tends to make the fowls sluggish and unproductive.

Indian Runners will lay from 150 to 200 eggs a year while common ducks lay only from 25 to 50.

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A very common mistake made in keeping poultry is crowding the fowls into too limited a space.

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Cold eggs can be beaten stiffer and lighter than warm ones. Before breaking them, drop in a pan of very cold water for a few moments.

While pigeons are always considered a nuisance by most farmers, if any at all are kept, keep only Homers, Carriers, Antwerps, or some pure breed.



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