Sphinxes.

An American archaeologist is said to have solved the riddle of the sphinx by boring into its head and removing the sand. Many a sphinx would be one no longer after the head was subjected to a similar process. Not until after its head was bored into was it suspected that the sphinx-head in Egypt was hollow. It is so with many other sphinxes.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Heredity.

"That girl has such a metallic voice."

"That's because her father made his money in steel."

Cruel.

Chappy—I am going to try the mind cure.

Daffy—What's it got to work on?

Must Be.

"Is he making good?"

"No question of it. He can get coal on credit."—Detroit Free Press.

No, Cordelia, an ossified man isn't necessarily hard to get acquainted with.

Many a man saves money by not using tobacco, but it is doubtful if the money has the same soothing effect.

What a woman doesn't know about a neighbor is just what she wants to find out.

Women may look good without being accused of good looks.

CIRCUIT ARRANGED

STATE SECRETARIES MEET AND PLAN FOR HOLDING EXPOSITIONS THIS FALL.

OTHER STATES REPRESENTED

The Meeting Was Held in Greensboro Several Days Ago.—Mr. T. M. Arrowsmith is Re-elected Secretary of the Carolina-Virginia Circuit.

Raleigh.—The secretaries of the various fair associations of North Carolina met in Greensboro, and arranged the dates and the circuit for this state during the fall of 1913.

South Carolina sent a repersentative, but Georgia did not make her dates. There is a sort of tentative schedule by which the dates in some of the cities farther South may be kept in mind.

Secretaries G. E. Webb, of Winston-Salem; Garland Daniels, of Greensboro; Joseph E. Pogue, of Raleigh; Edgard B. Moore, of Charlotte, and Paul V. Moore, of Spartanburg, S. C., were present. They set September 30 to October 3 for Winston-Salem; October 14 to 18 for Greensboro; October 20 to 25 for Raleigh; October 28 to 31 for Charlotte, and November 2 to 5 for Spartanburg, Richmond having the advantage in supplying the missing link between Greensboro and Winston-Salem. Macon, Ga., may follow Spartanburg.

T. M. Arrowsmith, who has been the efficient secretary for the Virginia-Carolina circuit of fairs for several years, was re-elected. He was chosen again for his universally acceptable service.

Locally, Col. Pogue declares the outlook most promising. Large purses are soon to be announced. No prospect has been so good at this distance from the fair. And Fayetteville is to follow Raleigh, as she did last year, with a big exhibition.

Two Banks Closed By State.

Raleigh.—The Bank of Angier, Harnett county, and the Bank of Macclesfield, Edgecombe county, were ordered closed by the corporation commission. The bank examiner, S. A. Hubbard, and his assistant, H. D. Bateman, went over the affairs of the two institutions and issued statements to the commission upon which it gave the order for the closing. The order had hardly been made before Geto H. Smith and C. H. Bowalds, president and secretary-treasuerr of the State's Trust company appeared before the commission personally and asked to be allowed to rehabilitate the banks and open them again.

To Entertain Governor Craig.

Charlotte.—At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Charlotte Club details of the plans for the entertainment of Governor Locke Craig and the members of the special Freight Rate Commission appointed by the Governor under the special act of the past General Assembly were approved. The board was met by a special committee composed of Mr. W. R. Foreman, Mr. E. R. Preston and Mr. C. O. Kuester representing the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' Association.

Body of Man Found in Creek.

Matthews.—Willis Ennis was found dead in Four Mile Creek, near here, by L. M. Martin. Mr. Ennis sometimes had attacks of epilepsy, and it is supposed that he was sitting on the creek bank fishing when seized with one of these attacks and fell into the creek. Mr. Ennis left home several days ago and had not been seen until found by Mr. Martin. He was a young man about 25 years of age and lived with his father, Mr. Joe Ennis.

Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

Washington.—At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees, held in the school building in this city recently, Supt. N. C. Newbold tendered his resignation to the board, the same to take effect at the end of his term of office, June 30. Mr. Newbold has accepted the office of State Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

Thieves In Newland and Vicinity.

Newland.—From indications it would seem that a band of postoffice robbers are operating in Avery and Mitchell counties. The postoffice at this place was broken open and robbed of $116 in stamps and about $3 in cash. A small store in the village was also entered but nothing was missed but about 30 pennies, taken from the cash drawer. Just a few nights previous the store of W. S. Daniels at Vale, in which is located the postoffice was entered, stamps and money being taken.

Declaimers' Contest a Tie.

Oxford.—The fourth competitive declaimers' contest between Co. A and Co. B, of Horner School, took place in the barracks. Co. A was represented by Cadet C. A. Holding, of Wake county, and Edward B. Ballou, of Oxford. Co. B was represented by Arch Cottington, of Charlotte, and G. C. Dixon, of Aurora. There were four judges and the vote was a tie between Cottington and Holding. Col. J. C. Horner decided to have the two speak again before other judges, as the declamations were very fine.

CAR AND DEPOT THIEVES

Will Find Operations More Difficult as Result of Bill of Virginia Representative.

Washington, D. C.—Car and depot thieves will find their operations in the future more difficult than in the past and will have to face prosecution in the Federal courts as well as before state tribunals as the result of the bill introduced by Representative C. C. Carlin, of Alexandria, Va., passed by both houses of congress, and approved by the president. This act imposes a maximum fine of $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than ten years for any person convicted of unlawfully breaking into any railway car containing interstate or foreign shipments of freight or express, or of stealing or obtaining by fraud or deception from any car, depot, platform, vessel, or wharf anf freight, express or baggage which constitutes or is a part of any interstate or foreign shipment.

While the Carlin Act in no way infringes on the jurisdiction of the state courts, it puts the whole power of the Federal Department of Justice behind the detection and prosecution of persons guilty of stealing from cars or depots, since it will be practically impossible for thieves to distinguish between intrastate and interstate shipments. It is confidentially expected that this law will have a powerful effect in breaking up thefts of this character which not only involves a serious loss to the railways anad causes great inconvenience to shippers and travelers but are a constant menace to railway employees and the traveling public since it is notorious that car thieves do not hesitate to interfere with trains or resort to other expedients to serve their own purposes, regardless of the consequences.

Rheumatism Caused by Germ.

Chicago.—That rheumatism is caused by a germ was announced recently by Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, of Rush Medical College, who also asserted he has discovered the identity of the hitherto unknown bacteria. Dr. Rosenow made known his discovery for the first time to the staff of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, to whom he described his research work. He said it had been carried on by experiments with rabbits into which he injected rheumatic germs taken from human beings. Dr. Rosenow found the tonsils of several patients were inflamed. He injected bacteria from tonsils into rabbits and the identical symptoms developed. There is nothing to indicate the disease may be transmitted through air, said Dr. Rosenow, and it is believed the germs lurk in food and first lodge in the tonsils. Dr. Rosenow's discoveries will be the basis for experimental work in search for a cure for rheumatism.

Poincare Shows Democracy Too.

Paris.—Not to be outdone by President Wilson, President Poincare of France has issued instructions which mark him as the most democratic president France has ever had. When he is making his way through the streets of Paris, he commands his automobile must take its chances with other vehicles, stopping when the others stop at crossings, going on when they go. The only time when he will permit traffic to be interrupted for his benefit will be upon state occasions, formal parade and the like. During the regime of former presidents, an armed guard, with balled cartridges in his belt, slept just outside the chief executive's bedroom door. Poincare has done away with this custom.

Train Plunged Through Open Switch.

Toledo, O.—Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 6 crashed through an open switch at Hoytville, demolished the station and turned turtle. Firemar Jackson of Garrett was killed, Grant Mason, of Hoytville, who was in the station was fatally injured, and a score of passengers were seriously injured. Five others may die. The train was traveling at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Six of the seven coaches were overturned. According to Engineer Cost there was no ewitch light to give warning. The switch was left open by the crew of a local freight train, it is alleged.

"Dinner Pail" Necessitates Duty Free.

Washington.—Raw wool and sugar must be free of duty because they are "dinner necessities." This is the dictum of President Wilson. He outlined his views to three senators—Thompson of Kansas, Walsh of Colorado and Myers of Montana, who are against this administration tariff view. The president told the trio that he will insist that the congress place raw wool on the free list immediately and sugar within three years. He will veto any tariff bill not in accordance with this idea.

Reluctant to Recognize China.

Washington—At least one great power has declined to join with the United States in recognizing the new Chinese republic at this stage and there is no reason to expect some of the other powers to take a similar attitude. No protest has been lodged against the course taken but there exists so much doubt as to the success that will follow the attempt of the constituent assembly to organize a complete and stable government that some of the powers deem it prudent to withhold formal recognition for the present.

Shorthand Typewriter.

A new machine, called the stenotype, has been invented, which enables the shorthand writer to get from 400 to 600 words a minute upon paper in an absolutely correct and accurate form. The basis of operating a machine is phonetic spelling. It is but a shorthand typewriter. While the work done is virtually the same as done by shorthand it has the advantage of being recorded in plain English characters.

Glad to Move.

A small boy went to school the other day in a state of intense excitement because his family was going to move to Chicago.

"That will be fine, Joe," said his teacher. "And in what part of Chicago are you going to live?"

"Jutht theven blockth from where cubth play ball in the thummer," was Joe's enthusiastic reply.—Chicago Record Herald.

A Manager's Trials.

"I have to watch those players who were on the stage all winter," remarked the manager.

"Why so?"

"It's hard to get 'em to go nine innings after they have gotten used to a drama that only lasted four acts."

An Instance.

"There is nothing in analogy."

"Why not?"

"Because if there was, if a colt is a little horse, wouldn't a Colt revolver be a little horse-pistol?"

Not Pure Food.

"Madge looks good enough to eat."

"Be careful! They say she employs artificial coloring matter."—Boston Transcript.

The fellow who makes up his mind he is going to marry a certain girl in spite of all obstacles would rather be consistent than happy.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 13

JACOB AT BETHEL.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 28:10-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—"I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest." Gen. 28:15.

Esau, like the foolish virgins, became wise after his opportunity had passed. Though there was a partial subsequent reformation (28:6-9) it was not real repentance. Jacob was obliged to flee from his brother's anger. In order to get him off in safety Rebekah prompted Isaac to send Jacob to her brother Laban, ostensibly to seek a wife (27:46), but in reality "for a few days," that he might escape Esau's wrath.

Couch of Stones.

I. **The Refuge, vv. 10, 11.** Every wrong act entails retribution. Leaving the luxurious home in Beersheba, Jacob went towards Haran, which name signifies "a parched place." Out yonder in the desert at a certain place, not any particular one, this refugee tarried during the long cold hours of the night. Gathering a few stones as a rude couch, Jacob slept. There are three things to consider about him that night: (1) He was lonely, which gave him time to meditate upon his life and his actions; (2) he was in a great fear (27:43), which of course quickened his thoughts as to the ultimate outcome of these experiences, and (3) he was certainly weary. What a picture, a weary, troubled, sinful fugitive whose experience had brought him to a time and into surroundings wherein he was compelled to think on his ways.

If only men would think and not stifle conscience more of them would throw themselves upon the mercy of a loving father.

II. **The Revelation, vv. 12-15.** Jacob was not in reality alone. Both God and his angels were there in that lonely desert place, Ps. 34:7-139:7. It was not an accident that caused Jacob to dream that night. Undoubtedly this dream came from God. Dreams were frequently used of God as a means of revelation, a method that is not needful now that we have the holy spirit, John 76:13. Verily all heaven was at Jacob's right hand.

There are three distinguishing features about this revelation: (1) **The Ladder.** This might have been suggested to Jacob by the nature of the mountainous country over which he had been or was passing. A ladder is a means whereby we attain unto the higher things; (2) **The Angels.** They were first ascending, then descending; suggesting, in his extremity, Jacob's ascending prayer and God's descending answer thereto. In this the hour of Jacob's deepest trial God stood at the top of the ladder ready to reveal himself and to succor: see 35:3. There is in point of fact a close and a real connection between earth and heaven, only a veil intervenes. Jesus is our means of communication between a holy God and sinful men. John 14:6, Heb. 10:19, 20; (3) **God.** Jehovah introduced himself in a most gracious and comforting manner. He it was (v. 13) that had protected and guided Jacob's father and grandfather.

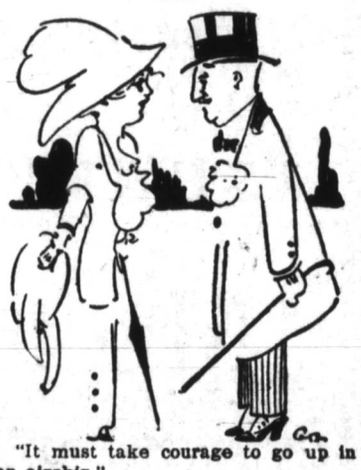
Jacob Arose.

III. **The Result, vv. 16-22.** Jacob awakened and the ladder was removed, but the revelation remained. The presence, the keeping power, the guidance and the ultimately finished work in Jacob's life remained after the dream had passed. So much was he impressed with this that he exclaims: "Surely the Lord is in this place." Jacob's fear (v. 17) is the beginning of wisdom, Ps. 111:10, see also 32:28. The words "gate of heaven," v. 17, signifies the gate to a populous city; in like manner we have the promise of an encamping host ever about us, Ps. 34:7, 2; Kings 6:16,17. Jacob went a step further, he arose, signifying action. It is not enough to have a vision. Godly fear is always accompanied by action. Taking of the thing at hand, a stone, Jacob erected a memorial, and pouring oil (consecration) upon it, he called the name of that place Beth-el, the house of God. In like manner God would have us to take of the common things of our every-day life and erect a holy memorial out of them to the honor and glory of his name. 'Twas not alone the place of vision, but also of prayer, and true prayer involves work.

This lesson is a wonderful revelation of the love, grace and patience of God watching over and dealing with one of his erring children. Jacob had forfeited his home by his folly. Note his surpriseful expression, "Surely the Lord was in this place and I knew it not."

Another great lesson is that of the close connection of God and of heaven with men and affairs here on this earth, man's nearness to God. Divine revelation and human humbling are always closely connected. Jacob recognized the divine revelation, and believed in the promise and purpose of Jehovah, another evidence of his superiority over Esau. Jacob, it is evident, had a desire to have some part in God's plan, and though unworthy, by discipline was brought into a large place in that plan. God has a plan for every life in the consummation of his larger purposes.

HARDLY.



"It must take courage to go up in an airship."

"It does, but not near so much as to come down in one."

Disproving the Charge.

It is a sharp emergency that can catch Pat, even when he is ignorant and ragged. An Irishman whose garments were in tatters was brought before a magistrate on the charge that he was a vagrant, with no visible means of support. Pat drew from the pocket of his torn coat a loaf of bread, the half of a dry codfish and several cold potatoes. These he spread upon the stand before him and coolly asked: "What do you think of thim, yer honor? Shure, an isn't thim visible manes of support?"

Better Give Up Fish.

Some people are always prepared for trouble which may not materialize, like the man who carried a raw egg wherever he went.

"Why must you always carry about a raw egg?" asked a friend one day.

"Because it is such an excellent remedy for fishbone in the throat."

Not Much.

"Do you believe in auto hypnotism?"

"Well, I've never seen one hypnotized yet."

The wife of a shiftless man excuses him on the ground that he means well.