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His Record

"See that old feller tottering along on the other side of the street there?" asked the landlord of the tavern at Peeweeguddyhump. "That's Hod Durnitt, our oldest inhabitant." "H'm I" responded the hypocritical

quest. "What has he ever done of "Done !" Why, cat-fetch it, the's

lived here all his life."-Kansas City Star.





Type of Cart U_ed in Central Asiatic Landa

By degrees the veil-in this case, many feet of sund-is being, drawn Jway from the mysterious region of Central Asla whence some authorities assert came the ancestors of the peoples of all continents. As the sand is dug or blown from rulned cities and temples, history is being pushed farther and farther back and there is being disclosed evidences of the high degree of civilization and culture that existed in this mountain and desertgirt region thousands of years ago. Perhaps the most fascinating, and the most mysterious of these central Asian regions is the Lop or Tarim Basin, north of Tibet, which constitutes the heart of eastern or Chinese Turkestan. The entire central portion of the basin is desert but around its rim between it and the mountains that almost encircle it, is a string of oases that have figured prominently in history. In these cases today are towns whose names at least are familiar: Yarkand, Kashgar, Khotan, and many smaller ones to the north, less known but locally important.

It is only within the last half century that the West has become passably well acquainted with the Lop basin; but medieval Europe had Munchausen-like tales of the region in the celebrated letters of Prester John, a more or less mythical character, who was represented to be a powerful Christian emperor living in central Asia. In one of the letters it is stated that: "Among other things which are very wonderful in our country is a sea of sand without water.' For the sand moves and swells in waves in the manner of all seas, and is never still. This sea cannot be crossed either by boat or by any other method, and of what sort the land may be beyond it no one can know. And although water is absent entirely, nevertheless there are found on the shore on our side many kinds of fish more delicious and sweet-tasting than are ever seen anywhere else." Other wonders are related the same region. For in-stance: "Into the Sandy sea itself flows, three days of the week, a river of stones, without water, impassable while its flow continues. Beyond it

(Prepared by the National Geographic Bo-clety, Washington, D. C.). hundreds of feet in a year in the direction of the prevailing winds; the largest scarcely move at all. The sand is most beautiful, with its graceful sweep of wavy dunes and ripples, but the natives hate and fear it. It has proved the grave of many a native.gone mad with thirst in the valnsearch for the gold supposed to lie

hidden m.sand-buried ruins. A few rivers flow into the desert of Takla-Makan. Most of them soon wither to pothing. All are very variable, and some, such as the Vash Sherl, flow in raging, impassable torrents during sunny weather in summer, but dry up when cloudy days among the mountains prevent the melting of snow. The dry beds of these "Sabbatic" streams form veritable "rivers of stones." In certain cases one might almost say with the old chronicler that there are streams whose sands are mere precious stones." When the Khotan and Keriya rivers are low, crowds of natives go out from the cases to dig in the gravel of the river bed for jude, one of the most highly prized of Chinese precious stones. Gold also is found in the upper parts of the beds of the Kerlya and other rivers.

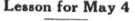
Sea of Salt is a Marsh.

East of the Sea of Sand there lies Sea of Salt, the bed of the ancient Lake of Lop-Nor. Today the lake is merely a marsh, fed by the Tarim river, and filled with huge reeds 12 to 15 feet high. Near the mouth of the river, where along the water is fresh enough to support life, the Lopliks have planted their villages of reeds. Formerly, according to their own account, they lived whoily on fish and birds caught in the open lanes and pools of the swamp, where the fishermen still paddle their canoes of hollowed poplar. They cannot go far to the east, for there the swamp grows more and more saline, until finally it merges into a great plain of salt, the bed of the expanded lake of former times,

The old bed of Lop-Nor is one of the most absolute deserts in the world. Even the hardy natives never venture into it. For five days a caravan of Western explorers recently stumbled wearily over a sea of rock salt broken

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ASSYRIAN EXILE OF ISRAEL

LESSON TEXT-II Kings 17:1-18. GOLDEN TEXT-"I will delight my-self in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word."-Ps. 119:16. PRIMARY TOPIC-How a Little Girl

Helped a Great Soldier. JUNIOR TOPIC-Israel Driven Into

Exile. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-

IC-A Nation Punished for Its Sins. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP IC-Lessons From Israel's Downfall.

I. Israel Taken Into Captivity (vv. 1-6).

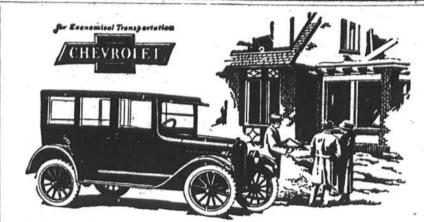
This was in fulfillment of that which Amos had predicted in the days of Jeroboam II at a time when the nation was at the height of its prosperity. The northern kingdom was ruled by nineteen kings, all of whom were wicked. Their wickedness was not because of lack of information or opportunity but in spite of it. God promised the first king His blessing if he would be loyal to Him. Jeroboam departed from God and the apostasy thus begun continued downward to the end. In the reign of Hoshea, the last king, the king of Assyria came and besleged Samaria and carried the children of Israel captive to Assyria, from which they never returned.

II. The Sins Which Caused Their Doom (vv. 7-18).

1. Conformed to the Ways of the Heathen (vv.7-9). God had commanded them not to follow in the ways of the heathen, but these Israelltes, instead of maintaining lives of separation, secretly did that which was displeasing to God. Secret sins, as surely as open sins, bring ruin, for all things are naked and open to Him with whom we have to do. The One who visits judgment upon the sinner knows all things.

2. Serve Idols (vv. 10-17). They not only compromised by "walking in the statutes of the heathen," but worshiped their gods. It was a short step from following in the statutes of the heathen to worshiping their gods. Before they worshiped idols they cast off the true God. Indeed idolatry came into the world because the race did not wish to retain God in its affections (Romans 1:21-23). Idolatry did not come in through ignorance but through willful perverseness. People today worshiping false gods have first cast off the authority of the living God. Man is a religious being. When he ceases to worship the true God he worships other gods.

3. They Were Rebellious (vv. 13-15). God by his prophets has said unto them, "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep, my commandments," but they stubbornly refused His testimony, even rejected His statutes. God in love tried to save them. He sent some of the noblest and best prophets who ever spoke to men to persuade them to turn from their sins, such as Elijah and Elisha, but they stiffened their necks and plunged deeper into wickedness. This they did in defiance God. 4. Caused Their Sons and Daughters to Pass Through Fire (v 17). This was the dreadful Molech worship, the most cruel rite of heathen worship. It was done by kindling a fire in a hollow metal image until its arms were red hot and placing live children therein to be burned to death. This was the depth to which the Israelites had



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lies another river, whose sands are mere precious stones; or sometime this River of Gems flows through the Sandy ses, and is indeed the Sabbatic river, flowing six days and resting the seventh, which keeps the ten tribes of the Children of Israel from crossing into the land of Prester John. And in one part of the desert where the sea lies is a people with round feet, like horses' hoofs; and in another part is the land of Femenye Itself." a land where none but women dwell, and they "very stark and cruel"; and no are man dare blde more than an hour.

Old Tales Not Far From Truth

Strange us these stories sound, they are only slight perversions of the truth. During a recent visit to the Lop basin facts were observed which may perhaps explain all of them. For instance, when first one sees Chinese women of high class their diminutive. feet are strangely suggestive of the hoofs of animuls. As to the fable of the laud of Femenye, there is nothing now to give rise to it directly. Marco Polo relates, however, that in his day in the region of Hami, not many hundred miles from Lop-Nor, none but women were found in the villages when caravans arrived. The men departed in order that the travelers be the more rendy to pay for enterbe a reminiscence of the ancient habit.

Asia, is a great depression, 14,000 miles long from east to west and 400 | tween it and the Sea of Salt. wide. Around it lies a ring of lofty high. At their base is a ring of pledand sloping gently inward like a huge beach from 5 to 40 miles wide. Then comes another mag, the zone of ves "a. tion, where alone there are plants and platenus. Finally within the zone of vegetation lies a vast desert area about smallest dunes offen move forward the Chinese come.

into huge polygons 10 or 12 feet in which had buckled up dlameter. around the edges to a height of from one to three feet. It was like the chopplest, sort of sea frozen solld. When what appeared to be soft places were selected in which to pitch tents, the iron tent pegs bent double. For 60 miles north and south and for nearly 200 enst and west there is absosunk. lutely not a sign of any living thing. It is relatively but a little while

since Lop-Nor was much larger than now and expanded to such a size that most, if not all, of the old bed was covered by water, as is proved by the location of ancient roads and beaches. At the time of Christ, the lake appears to have been of large dimensions. Then it diminished in size, and about five centuries later was probably as small or smaller than it now is. Later it expanded, and with varying fluctuations remained comparatively large until about 1600 A. D. Now It has once more diminished, and the people who formerly were supported by it have largely died off. A century or two ago they used to carry fish two or three hundred miles eastward to the Chinese citles where Nestorian Christians lived in the days of Marco Polo and earlier. Now the desert has bemight be more comfortable, and might | come so rigorous and the fish have so decreased in number that the traffic tainment. Even today the people of has been given up. The writer of the Haml possess customs which seem to letters of Prester John was almost right when he said that tish were pro-The Lop basin, in the very center of cured from the Sea of Sand. They certainly came from the border be-

In the last few years important finds plateaus from 10,000 to 20,000 feet have been made among the rulns of temples and citles in the cdge of the mont gravel, almost destitute of life, deserts of Chinese Turkestan, over which sand has drifted. Caves, too, have been found in cliffs rimming the deserts, in which are cluborately carved and decorated shrines. The an opportunity for human inhabitants evidence so far uncovered indicates other than the few 'noniads of the that the people who lived in the counter before the Christian era had Indo European languages and so are closely 1,000 miles long and 250 wide. Its connected with Europeans. The rewestern three-quarters consist of a ligion of these early inhabitants was veritable sea of sand, the Takia Kakan Buddhism, but later they were condesert, yellow or gray on the edges, quered by Moslems and Mohammedan pink in the inner portions. Row after ism is now dominant. The finds evet row of almost impassable sand dunes seem to indicate that it may have be t has been piled up by the wind to from this region with its an-ient thris beights of full 500 feet in places. The ing civiliz tion that the ancestors of

5. Resorted to Magical Practices (v. 17). When faith in the true God wanes men always turn to the magical arts. In this way the Israelites sold themselves to evil in the sight of the Lord and provoked Him to anger.

III. The Judgment Falls (v. 18).

At this stage of the drama the curtain dropped. God could not be inactive longer.

1. God Was Very Angry. His anger is not raving fury but the revulsion of His holy nature against sin. God cannot tolerate sin in His presence. His wrath must strike. Though He walts long, the debt must be paid and that always with compound interest. There is only one way to escape God's wrath; that is to turn from sin unto God through Jesus Christ.

2. Remove Them Out of His Sight. The land of Palestine is regarded as place of His manifested presence. These people are still scattered among the nations and as a political organization they will never return to their land. The judgment was severe, but not more so than the sins merited. God had waited long. The despising of His grace eventually works ruin. Therefore, what judgment mtist fall upon the people who in the light of this day reject His grace and His mercy.

Practical Christianity

"Go," never spells "Stay." We need more religion in the s-o-l-e, as well as in the soul-a walking as well as a talking religion. The trouble is not so much with non-church-going masses. as the non-going church. We need not only a lookout committee but a "Go-out" committee .- H. G. Gibbud.

A Christian

A Christian is one who follows "ian Heraid.

chauffeur in the kitchen?"

"I'm sure I don't know, ma'am, unless you were looking through the keyhole.

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