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The first surgical implements of which anything was known, said Dr. Sandwith, were splints found in the Nubian Desert. In one place a graveyard was found, and here were remains of bodies with fractured limbs that had been set with bark splints. One was a right thigh bone that had been broken, and was still held in position by a workmanlike splint and bandages. All the knots were true reef-knots, and the wrappings showed how the strips of palm-fibre cloth were set just as a good surgeon would set them nowadays, so as to use the full strength of the fabric.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, APRIL 6.

Lesson I.—Jacob and Esau.—Gen. 25. 27-34; 27. 1-45. Golden text, Isa. 30. 18.

The narrative intervening between the lesson for March 16 and this one records the death and burial of Sarah and of Abraham, the betrothal and marriage of Isaac and Rebekah, the birth of Esau and Jacob and the descendants of Ishmael. The longer passage assigned for to-day's study includes the account of Esau's sale of his birthright to Jacob, Isaac's increasing prosperity and the marriage of Esau to two Hittite women, who were "a grief of mind unto Isaac and Rebekah." Then in the opening verses of our lesson chapter are given (1) the request of Isaac to his oldest son to prepare for him a meal preparatory to receiving the solemn parental blessing and (2) the plotting of Rebekah to secure that blessing rather for her favorite, Jacob. The reading of the entire chapter is essential.

Verse 22. Jacob went near unto Isaac—to set at rest his father's suspicions concerning his identity.

Felt him—To discover whether his hands were indeed those of Esau. Isaac was almost blind and no longer trusted his sense of hearing; but his sense of touch was less impaired.

The hands of Esau—Hairy and rougher than Jacob's. Rebekah had taken "garments of Esau her elder son, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hand, and upon the smooth of his neck" (vs. 15 and 16).

23. So he blessed him—Not immediately, but after first partaking of the savory meal which Rebekah had prepared for the occasion.

24. I am—The writer of the narrative does not pass judgment nor comment in any way upon the falsehood; he simply records the fact.

25. Venison—The dish requested

27. The smell of his raiment—of Esau (v. 3).

The odor of the huntsman's garb, the smell of the field blessed of Jehovah with vegetation and game.

The poem that follows reflects not so much the personal history of Jacob as the fortunes of the nation Israel and these at a time when Israel was already in possession of the promised land, especially during the prosperous days of David and Solomon.

28 The dew of heaven—Of the utmost importance to crops in the land of sparse rainfall.

29 Peoples . . . nations . . . brethren—The descendants of Ishmael and Esau, Ishmaelites and Edomites, as well as other neighboring tribes, descended from Abraham and from Lot.

"The vividness and consistency of the early prophetic portraits of Esau and Jacob favor a personal interpretation, but there is much evidence to show that they represent more than mere individuals. . . . Both Jacob and Esau are clearly types of the two nations which were regarded as their immediate descendants. Esau's portrait is true to the character of the Edomites. Living on the borders of Canaan, they largely retained their early nomadic, roving habits, depending for existence upon the scanty products of the wilderness and the plunder which they extorted or stole from passing caravans."—Heores and Crises of Early Hebrew History, p. 105.

30 Made an end of blessing—Brought the solemn act of blessing to a close.

31 He also made savory food—Entirely unsuspecting the wrong that had been perpetrated upon him.

33. Troubled very exceedingly—In utter fear and astonishment.

He shall be blessed—The mere utterance of the solemn parental blessing, even though spoken under misapprehension and obtained by deception, was regarded as final and irrevocable.

34. The exceeding great and bitter cry of Esau was characteristic of his ingenuous and impulsive nature. The blessing given to Esau at his earnest request follows in verses 39 and 40. Like the blessing given to Jacob, it reflects the fortunes of his later descendants after they are become a nation.

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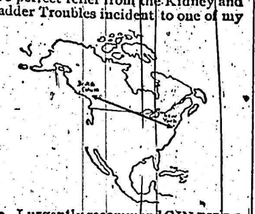

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BEWARE OF THE CYCLONES

EXCITING TIMES ON A BRITISH CABLE ISLAND.

Island of Rodrigues, in the Indian Ocean, Is a Lively Place.

For the keen young man eager to see the world few things offer better opportunities than the cable service. So far, my most exciting post has been the last—the little island of Rodrigues, in the Indian Ocean, where the cable to Australia comes up "to breathe," as it were—and I do not pine for anything more thrilling, says a writer in London Answers.

In two years we had several cyclones, a couple of murders by Chinamen, the beginnings of a native rising against the resident magistrate, and other happenings.

The native rising bid fair to be serious. The fact was that, although I personally managed to get on quite well with the natives, there was always friction between them and the resident magistrate, who was a kind of governor.

Late one evening came an urgent message, calling upon us, "in the King's name," to go to the aid of the magistrate. All the other members of our staff went off with guns; but shooting never was much in my line, so I went down to the village. I felt sure I was safe enough, though the excitement was tremendous. Murder was in the air that night, and I still believe firmly that we were very near to a grim tragedy.

As Battle's Light Went Out.

However, in the half-light of a lovely Indian night, I talked and talked to them, and, after a couple of hours, persuaded them to go home.

When morning came they were not nearly so ferocious, and we didn't need guns, after all. But the magistrate never thanked me for saving his life, and I am perfectly certain that I did.

The fact is that I think he never forgave me for a little financial incident. Hard cash, it must be understood, is scarce there, because the natives barter among themselves, and therefore rarely need money. But I, of course, had to have money, and the magistrate once declined to lend me some when I had run short. I didn't want to wait for two months, when the next ship was due, so I went to a storekeeper—a Chinaman—and said:

"John, do you owe any money in Mauritius?"

He did, and we arranged that he should pay me the money he owed, and I would cable our office in Mauritius to pay the account on my behalf. John, you observe, saved the magistrate's commission on the money-order.

I made similar arrangements with as many other people as possible, and soon cornered nearly all the ready money in the island. Then the magistrate wanted to borrow, and I doled him out small sums at a time. It was the first time the elements of modern finance had been introduced into Rodrigues!

Electricity versus Cyclones.

It was really not unpleasant living there. But the cyclones were appalling. One came soon after I landed, while my house was being erected. It took the new iron roof off as though it were paper, and for weeks after we were picking up bits of iron roof all over the island.

When a cyclone was coming, when we saw clouds like fine tufts of wool flying across the sky, and heard the dull roaring of the wind, we cabled immediately to Mauritius, "Ware, cyclone!" The wind never travelled at more than forty miles an hour, and Mauritius, being 400 miles away, would have ten hours in which to get vessels into harbor, and so on.

Electricity beats the wind!

The natives know all about cyclones from long experience. Accordingly, they build their houses without foundations, as slightly as possible on the level of the earth. Then the cyclone simply topples the houses over, and does no serious damage. You see, they don't go in for china ornaments in Rodrigues.

They don't go in for land taxes either. Indeed, you cannot buy land in the ordinary way, but only by undertaking to put in, when called upon, so many days' work—on the road or elsewhere, the number varying with the importance of the plot of land.

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