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Num. xxxii, 23 - Commentary Pre-

earth, the rich and the poor, meet to-

gether, but there is a hereafter, as de-

scribed in Luke xvi, and the rich here

are sometimes awfully poor, and

worse than poor, when they leave this

world. It is certainly a pitiful phase

Ahab desire also a poor man's all and

act like a spoiled child when they can-

not get it. He was heavy and dis-

pleased when reproved by the Lord

for compromising with Ben-hadad, and

now he is the same because he cannot

have Maboth's vineyard, and he went

would not eat (xx, 43; xxi, 1-4). Many

a man in Naboth's place would have

been afraid to displease such a one as

Ahab, but Naboth feared the Lord and

evidently remembered that the land

was His and was not to pass from

tribe to tribe (Lev. xxv, 23; Num.

xxxvi, 7), and he would rather dis-

please Ahab at any cost than displease

the Lord. Such whole hearted people

for God are greatly needed-those who

will never bow to any, however

mighty, if thus they can glorify God.

The fear of man always bringeth a

snare. We must live in the fear of the

Jezebel, on learning what ailed her

husband, urged him to remember that

he was the king, that he should arise

and eat and be merry and she would

give him Naboth's vineyard (verses

5-7). The people who give what does

not belong to them, no matter who

suffers by it, are still to be found on

earth is mine; what right have you on

earth-unscrupulous, proud, selfish, the

it? There are also plenty to do their

bidding, no matter what it is, whether

to oppress and ruin a man or his fam-

ily or business or even to take a man's

life, as did these vassals of Jezebel

(verses 8-14). Some one has said that

if the servants of Christ were as ready

to serve Him as the servants of the

devil are to serve him many things

It seems to us strange that the Lord

should permit the devil to afflict and

kill His people, but He told His disci-

ples that they would be put out of the

synagogue and even killed for His sake

and that they must not be afraid to be

killed (John xvi, 1, 2; Matt. x, 28). In

the very next chapter we see a faith-

ful servant of the Lord, Micaiah, the

son of Imlah, put in prison and fed on

bread and water because he spoke the

Lord's message and feared no man's

frown and sought no man's favor (xxil,

8, 14, 27, 28). The time will come, aft-

ter the church is taken away, when

the saints then on earth, converts after

the rapture, the redeemed of Rev. vii,

the great tribulation saints, shall suffer terribly at the hands of the servants of the devil (Dan. vii, 21, 25; Rev. xiii, 5-8), but their victory is seen in Rev. xv, while the torment of those who prefer life and the favor of man

Word was brought by the murderers

to the murderess that Naboth was dead, stoned to death, like Stephen and

Saul, long afterward, but they did not

know the God of Naboth, who ever

liveth and cares for His own, though He often allows that which looks like

evil to come to them. It stands for-

ever true that all things work togeth-

er for good to them that love God (Rom. viii, 28). Ahab went to take

possession of Naboth's vineyard, but

an awful message came to him from

the Lord by the mouth of Elijah con-

cerning both himself and his wife.

"Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth

shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine,"

and "The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel" (verses 19, 23). See

the fulfillment of both of these predic-

tions in xxii, 3S, and II Kings ix, 10,

26, 30-37. There is a reaping for all sowing both here and hereafter, for

"whatsoever a man soweth that shall

he also reap," and "they that have

sown the wind shall reap the whirl-

Ahab called Elijah his enemy (verse

20), but it was Ahab who was the eneby of Elijah and of the Lord, for he

had sold himself to the devil to work evil in the sight of the Lord, being

stirred up to do so by his wicked wife,

Jezebel (verses 20, 25). He said to Eli-

jah, "Hast thou found me?" And Eli-

jah said, "I have found thee" (yerse

20). This reminds us of the words in

Num. xxxii, 23, "Be sure your sin will

find you out," and also of Matt. x, 26,

"There is nothing covered that shall

not be revealed, and hid that shall not

be known." Oh, the revealings of that

day, when there may be many works

of even Christians burned up because

of self (I Cor. iii, 11-15). It looks as if

Ahab might have been a different man

but for his wicked wife. And oh, how

gracious the Lord was to him! He

knew him thoroughly, and yet when

He saw some apparent repentance, hu-

mility and fasting He held off the evil

during his days (verses 27-29). The

alliance of Jehosaphat (who was one

of the eight good kings of Judah) with

Ahab, as recorded in chapter xxii, is

one of the strange combinations of the zodly and ungodly which prove so dis-

astrous always. Why not determine

to lay to heart II Cor. vi. 14-18, and

wind" (Gal. vi, 7, 8; Hos. viii, 7).

is seen in Rev. xiv, 9-11.

would be different all around.

Lord always.

pared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

THE BABY.

- I used to be the baby 'Fore the other baby came, I didn't know that maybe I'd have to change my name; But now I'm only "Brother,". He's "mother's precious pet" (I guess she's stayed my mother, But I haven't ast her yeth.
- I thought, though he was tiny And he looked so very queer, He'd get over being whiny, When he found that I was here. I thought before we knew it We'd be chummy as could be; But I ain't a-goin' to do it,
- 'Cause he isn't nice to me. I mustn't even hold him Less he drops onto the floor, An' it doesn't d oto scold him; It just starts him in to roar,
- I am goin' on to seven, And I go to bed alone; But I wisht he'd stayed in heaven Till he got a little grown.
- P'r'aps some day there'll come another,
- It would be another joke; Then he'd have to be the brother, An' be told his "nose was broke." It would start him yellin' maybe But I'd tell him just the same,
- That he couldn't be the baby When the other baby came. -Ethel M. Kelly in St. Nicholas.

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NOVEMBER JOE SUNDAY

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demanded Hopson Suddenly Atterson laughed.

"So you think I robbed the bank?" he said. "I've my own down on them, and I'm glad they've been hit by some one, though I'm not the man. Anyway, I'll have you and them for wrongful arrest, with violence."

November was fingering over the pack, which lay open on the ground, examining it and its contents with concentrated attention. Atterson had sunk down under a tree like a man wearied

Hobson and Joe made a rapid examination of the vicinity. A few yards brought them to the end of Atterson's tracks.

"Here's where he slept," said Hobson. "It's all pretty clear. He was dog tired and just collapsed. I guess that was last night. It's an old camping place, this. But where has he cached the bank's property?"

For upward of an hour Hobson searched every conceivable spot. But not so November Joe, who, after a couple of quick casts down to the river, made a fire, put on the kettle and I to bed, turned away his face and lit his pipe.

At length Hobson ceased his exertions and accepted a cup of tea Joe had brewed.

"There's nothing cached round here, and his trail stops right where he slept. He never moved a foot beyond that nor went down to the river, 100 yards away. The chap's either cached them or handed them to an accomplice on the back trail. I'm thinking he'll confess, all right, when I get him alone." He stood up as November moved to take a cup of tea over to Atterson.

"No, you don't!" he cried. "Prisoner Atterson neither eats nor drinks be tween here and Quebec unless he confesses where he has the stuff hid."

"He won't ever put you wise," said Joe definitely. "Why do you say that?"

"'Cause he can't. He don't know himself." "Bah!" was all Hobson's answer as

he turned on his heel. November Joe did not move as Hob son, his wrist strapped to Atterson's disappeared down the trail by which

we had come. "Well," I said, "what next?"

"I'll take another look around." Joe led the way down to the river, which though not more than fifty yards away. was hidden from us by the thick trees It was a slow flowing river, and in the soft mud of the margin I saw, to my surprise, the quite recent traces of a canoe having been beached. Beside the canoe there was also on the mud the faint mark of a paddle having lain

at full length. Joe pointed to it. The paddle had evidently, I thought, fallen from the canoe, for the impression it had left on the soft surface was very slight.

"How long ago was the canoe here?" "At first light-maybe between 3 and

4 o'clock," replied Joe. "Then I don't see how it helps you at all. Its coming can't have anything to do with the Atterson robbery, for the distance from here to the camp is too far to throw a packet, and the ab



"Cecil Atterson, I've got you!"

sence of tracks makes it clear that At terson cannot have handed the loo over to a confederate in the canoe

Isn't that right?" "Looks that way," admitted Joe. "Then the canoe can be only a coin

cidence." November shook his head. wouldn't go quite so far as to say that Mr. Quaritch."

Continued next week.

A RARE OFFERING.

Scene, improvised singsong in the relief camp, to which a number of German prisoners were atmitted as a special favor. Officer running it returns after a brief absence to find the Sergeant left in control of the programme an-

nouncing the following item: "Our friends Fritz and 'Ans will live accordingly, for wholehearted sepnow oblige with the 'Ymn of Ate.' | aration anto the Lord is the only way. -London Nation.

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Use paper bags for covering pitchers with food in them.

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A mixture of half a teaspoon tartar emetic, one teaspoon sugar and three tablespoons water in a Ahab and Naboth side by side on dish where ants congregate will speedily drive them away.

A simple potato salad is made with slices of cold boiled potato, some chopped chive or onion leaves, salad dressing and a of sinful human nature when such as sprinkling of fine parsley.

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