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Four posts, four feet high, are required. Arrange them either in a square or a rectangle. Nail on a bottom of wood, and put four shelves of either wood or wire, about four feet apart. The top should be of solid wood and should hold an enamel pan. Over the framework put a covering of rust-proof wire screen, and resting in this frame put four short legs, resting in a second enamel pan. Around this framework fasten cloth, stretched tightly. It should be long enough to reach the bottom of both enamel pans. The closing down the side of this cloth should be made with snap fasteners, so that it can be easily opened.

Heavy flannel can be used, or white cotton blanket that has outlived its usefulness will do. The water from the first pan is carried to the tightly drawn cloth of the sides, maintaining a low temperature within, even on the hottest days. — *Mrs. J. M. T.*

It is hard to judge a man by his clothes, and impossible to judge a woman that way these days.

S.S. LESSON

July 4—Israel Enslaved in Egypt
Exodus 1: 1-14. Golden Text—The Lord will not cast off his people.
Psalms 94: 14.

ANALYSIS.

- I. THE FIRST GENERATION OF ISRAELITES IN EGYPT, 1-6.
- II. INCREASE OF THE PEOPLE AND OPPRESSION BY A NEW EGYPTIAN DYNASTY, 7-14.

INTRODUCTION—The book of Exodus continues the history, in brief summary form, through the long period of the Israelites' residence in Egypt, and then, in much greater detail, tells of the subjection of the people to a very oppressive kind of bondage, their deliverance by Moses, and their journey through the wilderness to the encampment at Mount Sinai in the second year of their departure from Egypt. The latter part of the book (chaps. 19-40) tells of a number of important events which happened at Sinai, including the giving of the law and the building of the tent sanctuary, or tabernacle. The name "Exodus" is the Latinized form of two Greek words which mean "departure" or "outward journey." The great central theme of the Book is that of God's care for his people, delivering them from bondage, leading them through the wilderness, providing for their many wants, giving them good laws and the beginning of a national constitution, and dwelling himself in the midst of them.

The last chapters of Genesis tell the remarkable story of Joseph, Jacob's son, who rose to great power in Egypt, and who settled his father and his brothers, and their dependents there, in the northeastern part of that country, in a time of famine. It seems practically certain, from our knowledge of Egyptian history, that the Pharaoh who made Joseph his prime minister and welcomed Jacob and his sons was one of the so-called Hyksos, or Shepherd kings, who ruled in Egypt in the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries before Christ. They were themselves Asiatics, not native Egyptians, and of a race akin to the Hebrews, a fact which may account for the kindness which they showed and the welcome which they gave them. Early in the sixteenth century B.C., these shepherd kings were driven out of Egypt, and were succeeded by Egyptian kings of the eighteenth and nineteenth dynasties, one of whom was, no doubt, the "new king over Egypt" who knew not Joseph.

There is some difference of opinion as to whether the king mentioned in our lesson was Thothmes III of the eighteenth dynasty, whose reign extended over the first half of the fifteenth century (about 1503-1449 B.C.) or Rameses II of the nineteenth dynasty (about 1275-1208 B.C.). The former opinion is supported by the statement in I Kings 6:1 that Solomon began to build the temple in Jerusalem "in the fourth hundred and eighth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt." Solomon's reign began about B.C. 970, and this would fix the date of the departure from Egypt under Moses shortly after B.C. 1450. Against this view is the fact that Thothmes III conquered western Asia, including Palestine, and established an empire which endured until the time of Rameses II, and, therefore, that if the Hebrews had settled in Palestine during this period, they would have been still subject to Egypt, or in conflict with that empire as still holding power in Palestine. The whole matter is still in doubt, and the course of events may have been much more intricate and involved than that shown in our history. The commonly held view to-day is that the Pharaoh of the oppression was Rameses (or Raamses) II, and that the Exodus took place under his son and successor, Merenptah, about B.C. 1200.

A new king, v. 8. The fact that one of the "treasure cities," built by the forced labor of the Israelites, was called Raamses, would seem to point to the king as bearing that name. But compare Gen. 47:11, which may be held to prove that the name was given at an earlier time to that part of the country. The site of Pithom, and probably that of Raamses, has been identified, and the bricks used in the walls are found to have been made of Nile mud and chopped straw. Both cities were in the northeastern part of Egypt.

These treasure cities, v. 11, or "store cities," were, probably, strongholds on or near the eastern frontier for defense, and as depots for the supply of provisions and arms in time of war. Service in the field, v. 14, must have included not only the making of bricks, but also the digging of canals for irrigation, the making of dykes and embankments, and the lifting of water from the river and its branches in the dry season. The great dams, or barrages erected by British engineers in recent times, for the control of the Nile water, have made unnecessary much of this burdensome toil, and have enormously increased the wealth and productivity of the land.

With what rigor the system of forced labor was employed may be judged from the fact recorded by Herodotus that one hundred and twenty thousand workmen lost their lives in the construction of a canal connecting the Nile and the Red Sea in the time of Pharaoh Necho (seventh century B.C.). In modern times Mohammed Ali's canal from the Nile to Alexandria cost twenty thousand lives.

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I. THE FIRST GENERATION OF ISRAELITES IN EGYPT, 1-6.

These are the names, v. 1. Compare the last given in Genesis 46:8-27. If we add to these who are named as the direct descendants of Jacob, all those who had become attached to them by marriage, or who were their servants or dependents, the total number will appear to have been considerably more. This is implied in the phrase, "Every man and his household." All that generation. The total period of the residence in Egypt is given by the historian as four hundred and thirty years (Exod. 12:40; compare Gen. 15:13). In Exod. 6:16-20 there are just four generations from Joseph to Moses. If these passages all come from the same original source, a generation must have been reckoned as about one hundred years. If Joseph and his people settled in Egypt about B.C. 1800, or earlier, we can reckon on this basis the Exodus as taking place about 1200 B.C.

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To Keep Dust Off Shoes.

It is amazing how much dust will collect in a day or so on a pair of shoes that has been thrown carelessly into a corner of the closet. In the case of shoes for ordinary wear it makes not quite so much difference, for they can be brushed off or polished in a few minutes, but those intended for dressy occasions should receive especial care. Dust is never good for shoes, and they do not look as well after being cleaned with any preparation as they did before this was necessary, so it is best to keep them like new as long as possible.

A good way to protect them from dust is to make a number of pairs of Canton flannel "overshoes" with which to cover them. Cut these in two pieces the shape of stocking feet, with the seam lengthwise through the centre of the foot. These covers should be large enough for the shoes to slip in easily, and should fold over at the tops. If wished, a snap or two may be attached to keep them fastened.

If the covers are made of different colors, it will be easier to identify the shoes within.

If shoe trees are not used, when shoes are taken off, catch the heel in one hand and the toe in the other and straighten each sole, then smooth the vamps with the fingers.

If there is room in the closet, keep a part of one shelf for shoes; it is better for them to be up off the floor. A closed box is a good place for them, but the top should be made of wire and covered with some material that will keep out the dust, but allow ventilation. When putting shoes away, be certain they are clean and perfectly dry.

If there is not room in the closet for a shoe shelf or box, get a piece of wood 4x4 inches and, as long as needed, drive nails in it, stand it up against the wall and straighten the heads. The heels of the shoes can be caught over the wood, and the possibility of their falling can be prevented by small loops attached to the heels of the covers and caught over the nails.

To Remove Rust.

When any part gets rusty put kerosene on it, but be sure to wipe it off after it has stood awhile. Kerosene is useful in removing rust, but it will also cause rust. After wiping off all of the kerosene very carefully, put oil on the parts, or wipe with an oily rag. Crude oil is also very good to remove rust.

BIRDS AND BUGS

BY CHARLES P. SHOFFNER.

We pay much attention to many things that are in reality of little in relation to bird life. We have care-value, and neglect other matters which lessly, thoughtlessly and arrogantly killed our birds, and have allowed the insects to increase enormously.

THE BIRD'S APPETITE.

We have seed-eating birds and insectivorous birds. The seed-eating birds do much good by destroying weed seeds. The insectivorous birds feed principally upon insects and these birds are now protected by law.

All birds at times will eat cultivated fruit. Generally this is caused by lack of their natural food (wild berries, etc.) or by one species increasing to above the normal limits.

Some birds seem to do more harm than good. The crow, both fish and common crow, and the English sparrow, an imported bird, are not protected on account of the damage they do.

Insectivorous birds eat an enormous number of insects. The food of meadowlarks consists of 72 per cent destructive insects and 20 per cent weed seeds. Fifty-one species of birds eat hairy caterpillars and 38 species feed on plant-lace. Most hawks and owls are great destroyers of mice, rats and other rodents.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

First of all, do not begrudge a few cherries or a few of your berries to the birds. They work for you faithfully. How long would you auto run without gas?

Second, teach the children the value of bird life. Put up bird-houses, eliminate the enemies of bird life, feed the birds in winter and plant trees, shrubs and vines to supply the birds with their natural fruit foods.

Remember that from the beginning of time man has been the greatest natural enemy of birds and exterminator of the various species. Man, with his gun trap, cat and dog, has been directly or indirectly responsible for the great decrease in bird life during the past century.

We are up against a stern condition. Bugs are increasing. The human race is fighting for its food, which is its life.

Will you become an ally of the birds?

Beehives should not rest directly upon the ground. Bricks, timbers or special stands six inches high can be used for supports. Place a board from the ground to the entrance so that heavily laden bees that drop near the hive can crawl up.