FARMER EASY FOR THIEVING BEARS

ROBBED OF APPLES, CORN AND HONEY BECAUSE HE FEARED A FINE IF HE SHOT.

COSTS HIM HIS DOG, TOO

When He Discovers His Right to Kill Marauding Bruins Suddenly Vanishes—Has Not Seen Them Since.

Trout Run, Pa.—Michael Cromister, an aged farmer in the wild Bobst mountain district, has suffered severely from the ravages of a family of black bears, which he was not permitted to kill under the game laws.

Cromister is past 70 years of age. He and his aged wife live alone on a small farm, their house being nearly two miles away from the nearest neighbor, while just beyond their place begins the wild wooded scope that extends far away into southeastern Tioga county, embracing the famous Blockhouse and Nauvoo hunting territory. Cromister has been a hunter and trapper all his life, and has many a nick in the butt of his old-fashioned rifle to show the number of deer and bear slain. He is still a sure shot, despite his years.

About two months ago he read in his county newspaper that a farmer in the Nauvoo country had been arrested, and fined $50 under the provisions of the new game law for killing a black bear. This bear was believed to be one that had killed two sheep belonging to the farmer in question, but as the farmer had no proof of identification he could not have the fine remitted. Old Mr. Cromister did not know that the law permits the killing of thieving bears when caught upon the premises.

Three weeks ago, one night, the Cromisters were awakened by the loud barking of their dog, which was chained to a kennel in the yard. The old man, lighting a lantern, went down to investigate, and found that a family of black bears, three in all, had taken possession of a red astrakan apple tree just over the fence from the house, and while one of the thieves was up among the boughs shaking the fruit down the other two were greedily devouring it. He started for his rifle, then thought of the Nauvoo farmer who was arrested and fined for killing a bear, and concluded that he hadn't $150 to waste on three bears, though he and Mrs. Cromister had reckoned on making five dollars clear off the apples on that red astrakan tree. He set the dog loose, but the bears turned on the animal. Next the bear in the tree broke a fine limb from the trunk and practically ruined the

The Cowardly Dog Wouldn't Go Near Them.

tree in its hurry to get down to join the fight.

Cromister, by this time almost beside himself with anger at the audacity, thievishness and destructiveness of the bears, resorted to frightening the animals by tying a lantern on a bean pole and poking it toward them. This had the effect of putting them to flight.

Two nights later the bears were back on another foraging visit, and the old dog, this time thoroughly cowed, whined in fear instead of barking. Again the old man and his lantern went out. This time a fourth bear had joined the party, and the quartette was in a patch of sweet corn, not a stone's throw from the house. The roasting ears were in prime condition, and the bears seemed to appreciate them, for in their greed to help themselves they were destroying stalks and all. Cromister got the bean pole, tied his lantern thereon, and again put the marauders to flight. The corn patch in the morning looked as though a half dozen cows had been in it. It was practically ruined.

Cromister roundly denounced such a law as would prevent an American citizen from protecting his own property from thieves, be they men or beasts. For nearly a week the Cromisters were permitted to rest in peace. Then, about 12 o'clock one night they were awakened again by the dog's whining. This time Cromister armed himself with both rifle and lantern. He told his wife that unless Rover spunked up and gave fight to those bears he would shoot him; that he had to shoot something, and, if the law wouldn't let him shoot the bears, he would shoot the dog. And he did. He found that two of the bears had upset a hive of honey back of the house and were devouring it at a lively rate, except for the time that they had to stop to cuff each other. The cowardly dog wouldn't go near them, and a bullet from the old man's gun laid him low for good. Then the bean pole and the lantern were rigged up and the thieving bears put to flight. The next day he came to town, eight miles, to get a justice of the peace to tell him the law about bears. When he learned that he had a perfect right to kill bears when they were discovered on his premises in the act of stealing, Cromister used language not found in the spelling book. He went back home, loaded his rifle anew—and since then not a single bear has shown itself around the Cromister premises.

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OLD DICKENS FAKE TO GO.

Spurious "Old Curiosity Shop" in London Will Be Torn Down.

London.—Who knows how much money has been made out of that venerable London fake, "The Old Curiosity Shop," in Lincoln's Inn Fields, with the spurious legend, "Immortalized by Charles Dickens?" It has reaped a rich harvest out of its bogus reputation, but all speculations as to the exact amount would be mere guesswork. Despite the obvious fact that it is not what it pretends to be, and may in no way resemble the shop of "Little Nell's" grandfather, the old building can truthfully lay claim to upward of 300 years of life. And while the thousands of enthusiastic Americans who have been in the habit of visiting it every year may have been under a delusion in supposing it

The Fake "Old Curiosity Shop."

to be the identical building described by the great English novelist, nevertheless they had the satisfaction of seeing one of the oldest buildings in this very old city.

But a few weeks hence will see an end of it. Already bright red bills are plastered all over the little shop announcing the removal of the waste paper business, which at the present moment occupies the front room, and of the souvenir business which prospers so greatly in the stuffy low-ceilinged room in the rear. Irrespective of the question of its authenticity, one may sincerely mourn its approaching disappearance, for it is such old places that go far to make the English metropolis so interesting and popular with the American tourist.

"The Old Curiosity Shop" is one of a trio of fakes in London which have made a lot of money out of foreigners, Americans chiefly, through their claim to ancient lineage and historical associations. The "Cheshire Cheese," in Fleet street, where you can see Dr. Johnson's alleged favorite chair and the smudge on the wall, head high, supposed to have been left by his greasy wig, and the barber shop at No. 17 Fleet street said to have formerly been the palace of Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey, are the other two of this interesting trio.

Charles Dickens himself disposed of the real Old Curiosity Shop before he finished the book of that name. For does he not tell us that many years after the death of Little Nell Kit visited the site of the old shop, which had then given place to the march of improvements and was occupied by a broad thoroughfare? Charles Dickens the younger has also declared that there is no truth in the claim of the building which is now to disappear.

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Jesus the Saviour of the World

Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 2, 1908

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LESSON TEXT.—John 3:1-21. Memory verses 14-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

TIME.—Sometime in April, A. D. 27, during Jesus' visit at Jerusalem for the Passover. John was still preaching in the wilderness. Early in the first year of Jesus' ministry, he having five or six followers at that time.

PLACE.—Some room in Jerusalem at a house where Jesus was a guest. Reached by an outer stairway.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

What Is the Kingdom of Heaven?—It is that condition or state where God reigns as king, where he is the supreme object of love and service, where his will is the law, and men obey it as naturally as they breathe, and where all his subjects are formed in his holy image and inspired with his spiritual life. It is that for which we pray in the first petitions of the Lord's Prayer. He belongs to God's kingdom

Who recognizes God as his Father;
Who hallows his name;
Whose supreme desire and aim is that his kingdom shall come;
Who does God's will on earth as it is done in heaven.

And when all men have this supreme choice of God, then this world will have been transformed into the kingdom of heaven.

Paul expresses the essential meaning when he places the "fruits of the Spirit," whose source and inspiration are the Holy Spirit, in contrast with the "works of the flesh."

This kingdom naturally required some form or organization to best accomplish its work. But the two ideas however closely allied, are distinct, as are body and soul. One may have the form without the spirit; and one may have the spirit without the organization.

What Was Jesus' Teaching About Belonging to the Kingdom of God?—V. 3. "Verily, verily." Repeated for the sake of emphasis. "I," the teacher sent from God, "say unto thee." This is my message. "Except a man be born again." Greek, anothen, "again," or "anew," as in R. V. and Am. R., from above." Whosoever is born again is born anew and born from above. Except a man have a new spiritual life imparted by the Holy Spirit, in addition to his natural life received through his parents, "he cannot see," understand, know the meaning of, feel the motives, realize the presence of, "the kingdom of God."

What Is It to Be Born Anew, from Above?—We have a natural physical life. We live in a world of sense. Our supreme choice may be to enjoy this life, to make its pleasures and desires supreme, to possess the things that minister to it, at any cost, at the expense of conscience and duty and love. This is the life of the flesh of this world. A thousand good, lovely, and charming things may come into this life. But the test of the life is "what is our supreme choice."

This life is imparted by the spirit of God, enabling one to choose God and gain the victory over the lower nature. It is by this power, through this inspiration, under this influence that we are enabled to bear the fruits of the spirit which are the virtues of the kingdom of heaven.

V. 5. "Except a man be born of water and of (the) Spirit."—(There is no article in the Greek before "Spirit.") To understand this, note several things in the circumstances: (1) John was baptizing with water as a symbol of repentance. (2) Baptism symbolized the cleansing of the soul from sin. (3) Baptism symbolized the outward profession, the entering into the visible kingdom. (4) Nicodemus was familiar with the rite with this signification.

Water may denote either or both of two allied meanings. (1) The Lord here declares that there are two elements or factors in the new birth; putting away the old life and receiving the new. Water was the natural and familiar symbol of cleansing from sin, of putting away the sinful past, of confession of sin. This act the Pharisees were not inclined to believe as applied to themselves. They refused to be baptized by John, and thus confess their need of forgiveness.

What Was Jesus' Authority for This Teaching?—It was, first, the authority of the Scriptures. To Nicodemus' exclamation (9) "How can these things be?" Jesus refers him to the Scriptures.

V. 10. "Art thou a Master," a teacher, "of Israel," your business being to study and explain the Scriptures. "And knowest not these things?" You will find this truth in the Scriptures you teach, as, for instance, in Ezek. 11:19; 18:31; 36:26; Jer. 24:7; 31:33.

It was, secondly, the authority of personal knowledge and experience.

V. 16. "God So Loved the World."—Not merely heavenly beings, angels and seraphim, and saints, but this poor, sinful, unworthy world, so far from him in character.

"Let us quietly ponder the great deep utterance. First there is

"The Lake—'God so loved the world;' next

"The River—'that he gave his only-begotten Son;' thirdly,

"The Pitcher—'that whosoever believeth on him;' and lastly,

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1:05 a. m.	3:21 p. m.	12:13 p. m.

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		6.10	Richmond lv.	11.15		
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8.22	7.32	2.40	Powhatan	12.23	6.46	6.2
8.26	7.45	3.05	Macon	12.08	6.42	6.1
8.50	8.00	3.29	Pelsona	11.52	6.28	5.5
9.02	8.12	3.45	Rolleville	11.34	6.09	5.3
9.07	8.17	3.52	Whitesville	11.17	6.04	5.2
9.19	8.29	4.06	Sunny Side	11.04	5.52	5.1
9.32	8.37	4.14	Cumberland	10.51	5.33	5.0
10.00	8.50	4.30	McRae	10.38	5.20	4.4
10.04	8.54	4.34	Kohelie	10.34	5.14	4.3
10.17	9.00	5.21	Hawk	9.50	5.00	4.1
10.28	9.31	5.35	Ruther	9.36	4.50	3.5
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8:02 A. M. No. 17. For Danville, Greensboro, Charlotte and intermediate points. Connection at Danville with No. 11 for Lynchburg and Washington. Connection at Greensboro with No. 17 for Asheville and Hot Springs. Through pullman sleeper to Charleston, S. C.

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