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Man Who Carried Christ

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LONG ago in the land of Canaan there lived a man called Reprobus. He was a big man, strong and powerful, almost fearful to behold.

This strong man was in the service of the king of the Canaanites when the idea came to him that he should go in search of the most powerful king on earth, so that he could serve only the greatest king of all. Therefore, Reprobus left the Canaanite king and joined the court of another king, of whom it was said that no other king on earth equalled him in power.

One day, in the presence of this king, a minstrel sang a song in which the Devil was mentioned several times. The king, who was a Christian, made the sign of the Cross each time he heard the Devil's name. When Reprobus heard that the king did this as a safeguard, to keep the Devil from harming him, the big man said, "If you fear that the Devil may harm you, he must be more powerful than you are. I will serve only the most powerful. Therefore, I shall seek out the Devil and take him for my lord and give myself into his service."

TRAVELING THROUGH the desert, Reprobus met a great host, whose leader was a soldier fierce and terrible to see. When Reprobus said he was seeking the Devil that he might serve him, this warrior said, "I am he whom thou seekest." The big man rejoiced and bound himself over to serve his new master.

As the group journeyed along the road they came upon a cross. The Devil, terrified, took flight through the wild desert. Reprobus followed and asked why his new master seemed afraid.

"A certain man named Christ was once nailed to a cross," the Devil answered, "and since that time, at the sight of the cross I take fright and flee."

"Farewell, then," said Reprobus. "This Christ must be greater and more powerful than you. I have not yet found the most powerful king on earth. I go now to seek Christ that I may serve him."

AFTER A LONG search, Reprobus found a hermit who instructed him in the faith of Christ. In order to serve his master, the new follower of Christ took up his dwelling near a swift-flowing river in order to help others who were not so strong and mighty as he to cross without harm.

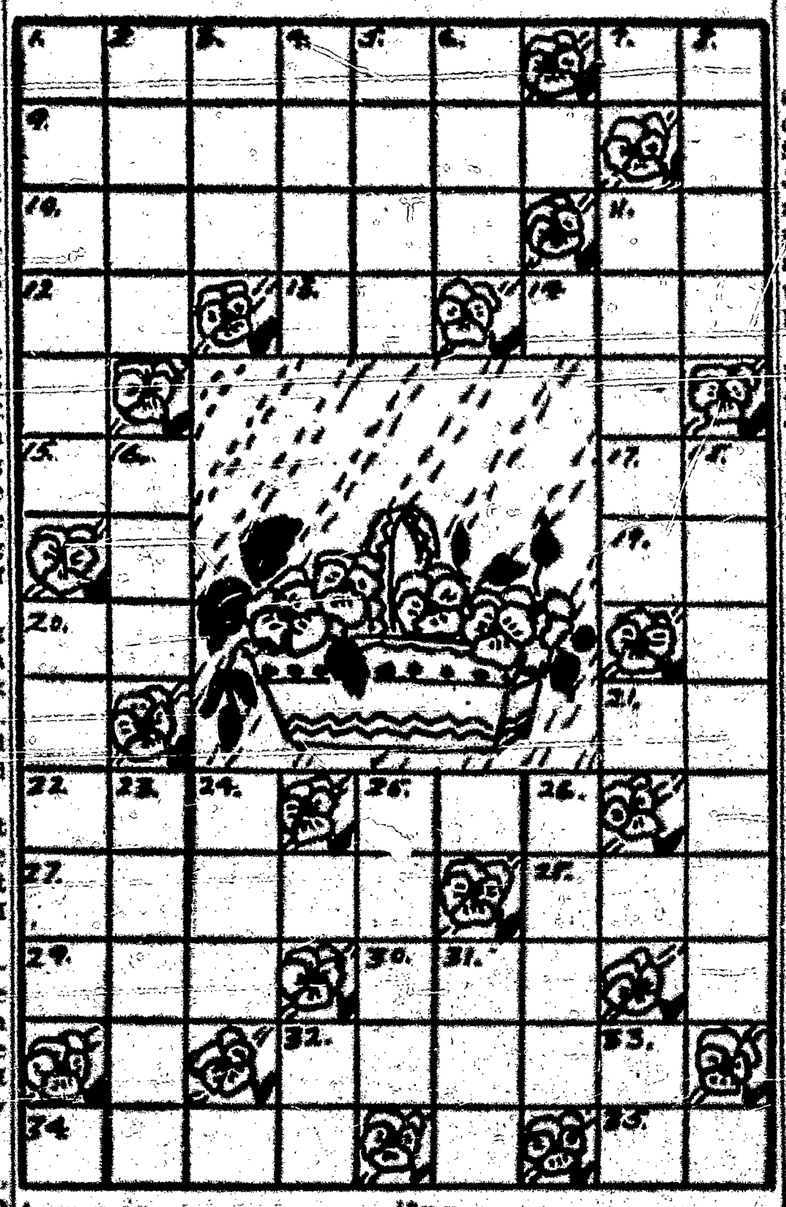
Many days had passed, when one night Reprobus lying asleep in his hut, heard a child's voice calling him and asking to be carried across the river. The big fellow took the child on his shoulder, and taking up his staff set out through the water. But little by little the water rose, and the child became heavier than a leaden weight, until it seemed they could never reach the other side in safety. When at last he made his way to the other bank, Reprobus said:

"Child, thou hast put me in dire peril, and hast weighed so heavy upon me that if I had borne the whole world upon my shoulders it could not have burdened me more heavily!"

THE CHILD answered, "Wonder not, Christopher, for not only hast thou borne the whole world upon thy shoulders, but Him Who created the world. For I am Christ the King, whom thou servest in this work! And as a sign that I say the truth, when thou shalt have returned to the other side of the river, plant thy staff in the earth near thy hut, and in the morning thou shalt see it laden with flowers and fruits."

The Child disappeared. The man whom He had called Christopher returned to his hut and planted his staff in the earth. In the morning he found it had indeed blossomed, as the child had foretold.

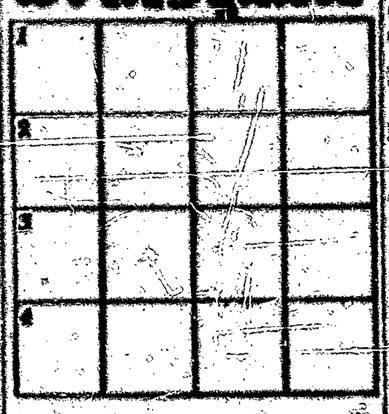
FLOWER BASKET CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Blossom
7—Opposite of down
9 Compounds with iodine
10 Bowed
11 Proceed
12 Part of verb to be
13 Body of type
14 Practical skill
15 Canonized person (Abbr.)
17 A direction (Abbr.)
19 Doctor of Divinity (Abbr.)
20 Therefore
21 Time before Our Lord (Abbr.)
22 Purpose
25 Equip with weapons
27 Splendid
28 Towards the stern
29 Organ of hearing
30 The common viper
32 Pile up
34 Crooked
35 Perform

Down
1 Deciding games of athletic contest
2 Frame for weaving thread into cloth
3 Queer
4 Opposite of narrow
5 Garden of Paradise
6 Color
8 To devise
11 Tedious work
16 Also
18 Instruct
20 Elevated platform
23 Angry
24 Damage
26 First man
28 Sketches or plans
31 Behold
32 In
33 State (Abbr.)

Word Square



1 Musical measure of sounds
2 Mental picture
3 Animal food
4 Takes food

St. Anne

July 26

Saint Anne lived at Nazareth, a town of Lower Galilee, a short distance from Mount Carmel. She married a just man, named Joachim, of the tribe of Juda and of the race of David. Their prayer for a child was unanswered until they were quite advanced in years. Then Mary was born.

Twenty-four days after the birth of her child, Anne went to the Temple, as the law ordered. There she offered her dear Mary to the service of God. Three years later Anne returned to Jerusalem to fulfill her vow. Mary was solemnly consecrated to the Lord and left in the Temple of Jerusalem. It was hard for Anne to leave her little daughter.

Mary had been in the Temple about nine years when Joachim died. Saint Anne soon followed her husband. Some pious writers have thought that before her death, Saint Anne saw in a vision the great glory which was to be her daughter's. Mary was to be the Mother of God. Saint Anne would be grandmother to the Infant Jesus.

Word Scramble

Your Victory Garden should be giving good things to eat by now. Can you unscramble these names of some products of home gardens?

NOOGIN	ROCN
SEEET	EMOTOAT
DIRSHASH	ASPE
TECLUTE	ORCBILOC

WORD LADDER

Begin this word ladder with the name of the month of JULY, and climb down to DOLL, a toy girls like. Change only one letter at each step.

JULY

DOLL

Your Manners

Fill in the missing words, then ask yourself if your manners in church are all they should be.

HAVE FUN on the playground or
out on the walk,
But in church you ought never
to laugh or talk.

THE CHURCH is God's house,
on the altar He'll stay.
When you come there, remember
you come there to ——.

TO AN earthly king you'd show
careful respect.
It is Christ Whom you honor
when you ——.

IT IS great disrespect for you to
come late,
And unless you are sick you
should kneel up quite ——.

IF YOU sing in the choir, then
sing with great care,
With the priest and the servers,
God's service you ——.

USE A prayerbook and follow
the priest as you should.
Mind your manners in church, if
you want to be ——.

Life Work

The Jesuit leader, Francis Borgia (sixteenth century), said on his death bed:

"When I was a young priest, overflowing with the love of God, I wanted to convert the whole world. Then my goal shrank to my own country, later, to my city, still later to my own circle of those nearest to me, and finally I confined my efforts to converting myself. Whether I have fulfilled my life-work, the great and holy duty of serving God and my Church in deepest truth, I shall soon find out before the highest judgment seat."

Answers

YOUR MANNERS
1 TALK 4 STRAIGHT
2 PRAY 5 SHARE
3 CONFLICT 6 GOOD

WORD SCRAMBLE
ONIONS CORN
BEETS TOMATOES
RADISHES PEAS
LETTUCE BROCCOLI

WORD SQUARE
T I M E
I D E A
M E A T
E A T S

WORD LADDER
JULY — DULY — DULL — DELL
DOLL

CROSSWORD PUZZLE